

**ST PETER**  
—  
DE BEAUVOIR TOWN

# THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

3 January 2021



## **Welcome to St Peter's...**

St Peter's has been at the heart of De Beauvoir Town since 1841. The congregation today is a lively mix of people of all ages from all parts of the world.

An inclusive church in the liberal catholic tradition, faithful to the Anglican Communion, in the Diocese of London - whatever your experience of church, you are welcome here.

While our *Communion in Community* is restricted by the Covid-19 pandemic **Home Worship** is offered weekly online or by signing up for postal mailing.

**St Peter's Church** is open for **Private Prayer** on **Wednesdays 9-11am** and **Sundays 3-5pm**.

Please watch out for updates to public worship and private prayer while the pandemic surges.

**St Peter's Community Partnership** has reopened the crypt for restricted community events and activities in line with government guidelines. Please contact the Parish Office with any enquiries.

For restricted funeral, wedding and baptism/christening enquiries, please contact the Vicar *-be aware when planning ceremonies that restrictions can suddenly change!*

With blessings

Julia Porter-Pryce

Vicar

**Gathering** *while music is played*

## **Greeting**

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

*Isaiah 60.1*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.  
**From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord of glory be with you.  
**The Lord bless you.**

## **Prayers of penitence**

*Silence is kept*

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Collect**

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### **Readings**

#### **Isaiah 60.1-6**

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses'  
arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to  
you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

## **Psalm 72**

Of Solomon.

Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.  
May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.  
May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.  
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.  
May he live while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.  
In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.  
May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles  
render him tribute,  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba  
bring gifts.  
May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations give him service.  
For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.  
He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.  
From oppression and violence he redeems their life;  
and precious is their blood in his sight.

*Hymn to be played while words are read silently/ the  
tune is hummed*

We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,

King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign. [Refrain]

Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising,  
worshiping God on high. [Refrain]

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]

Glorious now behold him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

## **The Gospel *all stand***

### **Matthew 2.1-12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.” ’

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Sermon to be posted online*

**Prayers for the church and the world - *all sit or kneel***

*The response to each petition*

Lord, in the silence  
**Hear our prayer**

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

*Solo Schlafe mein Liebster* from Bach's Christmas  
Oratorio sung by Barbara Hoefling, soprano

## Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks and praise for all God's gifts

*Silence is kept*

For birth and life and strength of body,  
for safety and shelter and food,  
we give you thanks:  
**we praise your holy name.**  
For sight and hearing and the beauty of nature,  
for words and music and the power of thought,  
we give you thanks:  
**we praise your holy name.**

For work and leisure and the joy of achieving,  
for conscience and will and depth of feeling,  
we give you thanks:

**we praise your holy name.**

For grace and truth in Jesus Christ,  
for the gifts of the Spirit and the hope of heaven,  
we give you thanks:

**we praise your holy name.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **The Peace**

Christ is our peace.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

The old has passed away: behold, everything has  
become new.

The peace of the Lord be always with us  
**and also with you.**

## **Closing Prayers**

Christ the Son of God perfect in us the image of his  
glory

and gladden our hearts with the good news of his  
kingdom;

and the blessing...

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**We go in peace**  
**Amen**

**Instrumental** played by Romee Day, organ

## **SAVE THE MUSIC FUND**

St Peter's *Save The Music Fund* has been set up to support professional musicians struggling to work. We provide employment with live sessions in weekly Sunday services and recorded sessions for Home Worship and online events. We also offer space in church for rehearsals and recording.

To make a donation - click on **Donate to St Peter's** on Home page and select *Save the Music*

# **OPEN CHURCH**

**Wednesdays 9-11am**  
**Sundays 3-5pm**

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to Open Church  
& public worship  
during January

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