



# CHALFONT ST. PETER PARISH CHURCHES



Welcome to this service, a time to encounter God as we gather together to worship. If you are new to the Church, please introduce yourself to somebody involved in today's service.

## Today's Services – 21st January Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am	Holy Communion <i>All Saints' Church</i>	WG
9.30am	Contemporary Service with Foundation and Ignite <i>St Peter's Parish Church</i>	JG/ LM
11.00am	Sung Eucharist <i>St Peter's Parish Church</i>	WG/ JG
4.00pm	Evensong <i>St Paul's Church</i>	WG
6.30pm	Sung Eucharist <i>All Saints Church</i>	JG

## Weekday Services around the Parish

### Wednesday 24th January

10.00am	Holy Communion <i>St Peter's Parish Church</i>	WG
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## 9.30 Service and Foundation

During January we will be continuing to merge our 9.31 Contemporary Service and our Foundation Service into one combined service in the Parish Church. The same friendly, relaxed atmosphere that we all know and love. See you there!

## Ladies Group Service and Lunch

### Wednesday 24th January

A belated Happy New Year to everyone.

The Ladies Group Advent Service, which was postponed in December, will take place on Wednesday 24th January at 12 noon in the Parish Church. This will be followed by lunch at 1.00pm in the Church Hall. The AGM will follow at 2.30pm. Any prizes for the raffle will be very welcome.

Please contact Ann Middleton 01494 874287 or Eileen Turnham 01753 380851 if you require any further information.



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## Home Groups News

The Graham Home Group will start again at 10.00am on Monday 22nd January at The Box, Hillfield Rd, where they will be continuing their study on Angels. All are welcome. If you would like to join us please contact the Rev Wendy Graham on 01753 885066.



The Baxendine Home Group will meet again on Thursday 25th January at 7.45pm at 1, Pond Cottages, Gold Hill East. Contact Elizabeth Baxendine on 01753 882792 for more details.

## All Saints' Music Festival 2018 'Come and Sing!' Sunday March 18th



Come and join in 'Stainer's Crucifixion' under the direction of Richard King at All Saints' Church, Oval Way on Sunday March 18th.

Rehearsals will take place from 3.00pm to 5.00pm, followed by tea in the hall and then the service at 6.30pm.

Tickets are £13 (to include music hire).

For more information and to buy tickets please call 01753 883384 or 01753 882425.



The Men's Group's first event for 2018 will be breakfast on **Saturday 27th January** (8.15am for 8.30am) in the Parish Church Hall. If you would like to join us for a renowned Full English, please sign up on the sheets in church. Why not take the opportunity to introduce a friend or neighbour to our fellowship? This session the talk will be on: 'Is religion a crutch?' Our speaker is the Revd. Dr. Jonathan Jong who will speak to us about his research into the connection between anxiety about death and religious belief across cultures and faiths, he will also facilitate some discussion.



## Women's World Day of Prayer – Friday, 2nd March 2018

Planning has begun for this years' event celebrating creation with the women of Suriname. The service is at St Joseph's Church at 10.30am. Sheila is looking for two readers this year; anyone willing to help please contact Sheila Johnson on 01494 871679. Also, please pop the date in your diary as its always a good morning.

## Accord Choir Taster Evening

Ever thought you might like to join the Accord Choir? Accord is organised by local churches singing popular pieces for mixed voices in an informal, friendly way. February 5th is a taster evening for new people at St James Church, Gerrards Cross at 7.30pm. If you would like to know more or would like someone to go with that evening, please speak to Sheila Johnson on 01494 871679. You can also find out more by visiting their Facebook site [www.facebook.com/accordcommunitychoir](http://www.facebook.com/accordcommunitychoir)



**Q.** How do Russian Orthodox Christians mark Epiphany – the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi?



## Academy Prayer Group

This group meet in the Lady Chapel at St Peter's Church to pray for the school, its teachers, pupils and governors between 8.45am and 9.30am. Their next planned meetings are:

Mon, 5th February  
Mon, 12th March

All are welcome to come along – and hot drinks are available on arrival if desired.



## Wednesday Toddler Group Help

Luke is looking for some help with serving teas and coffees at Toddler Group on Wednesday mornings between 9.30am and 11.30am .

If you may be able to help out occasionally, he would love to hear from you! You can contact Luke on 01753 206172 or [luke@csp.church](mailto:luke@csp.church). Thank you!



## Lost Property

There are quite a lot of lost property items which have been left in the Parish Church over the past few weeks. These will be left on the Welcome Desk. Please come and check if any of these items are yours, as anything not collected by the end of February will be disposed of. Thank you!

## Love your Church

We have now hired a cleaner every Monday to clean the church.

However, we are still looking for volunteers to take a turn with a tidy up on Fridays ready for the weekend. Are you able to help out? Please contact the office or Bob Older if you might be able to help.

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## FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNINGS

These take place on the first Wednesday of every month.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**7th February**

**10.00am – 12.00 noon**  
**In the Parish Church Hall**

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## Fairtrade Big Brew Coffee Morning

Look out for the Fairtrade Big Brew happening on Wednesday, 7th March! Put the date in your diary now so you don't miss out!

## Sunday 28th January Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am	Holy Communion <i>All Saints' Church, Oval Way</i>	WG
9.30am	Contemporary Service with Foundation and Ignite <i>St Peter's Parish Church</i>	CD/LM
11.00am	Sung Eucharist <i>St Peter's Parish Church</i>	JG
4.00pm	Holy Communion St Paul's Church	JG

### Church Breakfast is back!!!

Join us on Sunday, February 4th between 8.30am and 9.15am in the Parish Church Hall for a yummy breakfast. All congregations and ages are welcome. Just bring hungry tummies!



#### CLERGY

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**Open Monday – Friday: 9.30am – 12.30pm**

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#### New Fairtrade Cards

As well as the usual delicious Fairtrade chocolates, some beautiful handmade cards have now arrived (priced at £3.50 each) and are on sale from the Church Office or pick up on a Sunday and leave your money in the Honesty Box on the welcome desk.



#### A.

It is a Russian Orthodox Christian tradition to celebrate Epiphany by a dip in freezing water "with reverence and if their health allows"!



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# Readings for 21st January 2018

## Epiphany 3

### COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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**

### FIRST READING

**Genesis 14: 17 – 20**

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

17 After Abram's return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). 18 And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. 19 He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; 20 and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

### SECOND READING

**Revelation 19: 6 – 10**

*A reading from the book of Revelation*

6 I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. 7 Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; 8 to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure' – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. 9 And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' 10 Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

### GOSPEL

**John 2: 1 – 11**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John*

1 There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' 4 And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' 5 His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' 6 Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. 8 He

said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. 9 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 10 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

### **POST COMMUNION**

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

## **Readings Sunday 28th January 2018**

### **Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

**Malachi 3: 1– 5**

**Hebrews 2: 14 – 18**

**Luke 2: 22 – 40**