



St. Cyprian's Church Link

Sunday 11th January 2026

Feast of the Epiphany

Collect of the Day

O God, who, by the guidance of a star, revealed your only-begotten Son to the nations: Grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at the last be led to see your glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Notices

- ❖ We will hold an **extraordinary general meeting** with the purpose of electing our vestry members and discussing the end of the experimental move of the altar on **Sunday, 18 January immediately following the service.**
- ❖ The **Rotary Club of Kirkintilloch** are **collecting cosmetics** to give for the women's refuge. These cosmetics are not just given when needed but also as birthday gifts during the year. So any unwanted cosmetics would be gratefully received. Please pass them on to Glennis who will pass them on to the club.

Hymns for today

Opening	146	When morning guilds the skies
Gradual	47	Brightest and Best of the sons of the morning
Offertory	48	Earth has many a noble city
Communion	1	O God you searched me
Closing	470	Hills of the north, rejoice

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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Bishop Nick Bundock; Diocesan Secretary (Petko Marinov) and Diocesan Treasurer (Susan Burr). Diocesan Auditors (Jacqui McCarrell). East End Episcopal Churches: St John the Evangelist, Baillieston; St Serf's with St Kentigern's, Shettleston (Tess Lowe).

Those on our prayer list: For the families of Agnes Rose and George Carswell; Revs. Les and Lucy Ireland, The search process at St. James the Less in Bishopbriggs; Bill Fergus; Rosa Revell and her sister; Barbara Fairlee, Sheila and Shaunda; Ruth Mitchell; Kennedy Fraser; Duncan Naysmith; Jean Dick; Margaret Conway; Susan Frost; Tom and Lynda; Jean Hindle; Peter Bladon; Helen Kerr; Glennis Tavener; Jean McLean; and those who are named in the Prayer Book at the back of the church.

First Reading

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 72:1-7,10-14

1 Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
**2 That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**
3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the
people, and the little hills bring righteousness.
**4 He shall defend the needy among the
people; he shall rescue the poor and crush
the oppressor.**
5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon
endure, from one generation to another.
**6 He shall come down like rain upon the
mown field, like showers that water the
earth.**
7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon
shall be no more.
**10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles
shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia
and Saba offer gifts.**
11 All kings shall bow down before him, and all
the nations do him service.
**12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries
out in distress, and the oppressed who has
no helper.**
13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
**14 He shall redeem their lives from
oppression and violence, and dear shall
their blood be in his sight.**

Epistle

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner
for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles--
- for surely you have already heard of the
commission of God's grace that was given
me for you, and how the mystery was made
known to me by revelation, as I wrote above
in a few words, a reading of which will
enable you to perceive my understanding of
the mystery of Christ. In former generations
this mystery was not made known to
humankind, as it has now been revealed to
his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
that is, the Gentiles have become fellow
heirs, members of the same body, and
sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus
through the gospel. Of this gospel I have
become a servant according to the gift of
God's grace that was given me by the

working of his power. Although I am the
very least of all the saints, this grace was
given to me to bring to the Gentiles the
news of the boundless riches of Christ, and
to make everyone see what is the plan of the
mystery hidden for ages in God who created
all things; so that through the church the
wisdom of God in its rich variety might now
be made known to the rulers and authorities
in the heavenly places. This was in
accordance with the eternal purpose that he
has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in
whom we have access to God in boldness
and confidence through faith in him.

The Gospel

John 1: 10-18

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.