

## EXPLORE LIFE • FAITH • MEANING

Alpha is coming to Denham.



Join us in January 2019!

[www.denhamparish.church/alpha](http://www.denhamparish.church/alpha)

Have you spotted the Alpha banners at St Mary's and St Mark's? Alpha flyers with all details are available at the back of church.

In 2019 we are inviting all the church family and everyone in and around Denham to (re-) explore the Christian faith together. We will be running Alpha on Monday mornings, Monday evenings and Thursday evenings (as well as a Youth Alpha on Tuesdays). **Can you make a commitment to come to one of the three?** Who can you invite to come with you?

*Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone's welcome. It runs in cafés, churches, universities, homes—you name it. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation.*

**THERE ARE SIGN-UP SHEETS** on the blue notice board at the back of church for all Alpha times. **You can also sign up** by calling or emailing our church office.



**Licensing Service for our new Associate Ministers:**

**Tue 22 Jan, 7.30pm, St Mary's**

Alan Wilson, the Bishop of Buckingham will be licensing Ian Jennings and Nnamdi Maduka in our church. Refreshments afterwards. Please sign up on the clipboard at the back if you can come – this will be very helpful for our catering team.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

6-7.30pm Youth Alpha begins.

*St Mark's House*

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00am Little Lions.

*St Mark's*

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's Vestry*

**Matt 2. 1-12**

<sup>2</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>3</sup>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.' <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>"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." ' <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>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.' <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God**

Our Christmas Church Appeal raised £1600 this year. 50% will go to local homeless charities (SHOC/Trinity) and 50% to our **Church Growth Fund**, which enables us to share the love of Christ in new ways. Thank you to all who donated.



# PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet

6<sup>th</sup> January 2019

The Epiphany

Welcome to church! If you are here for the first time or visiting, please say hello to the service leader or a member of the welcome team so we can welcome you personally. During the 10.30 service there will be Sunday Club for children. If your child is under three or if you would like to help him/her settle, you are welcome to join in.

*Christoph Lindner, Rector*

**6<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Epiphany Sunday**

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's

**Sidesman:** Philip Constable

**Reader:** Alison Barrett

**Readings:** Eph. 3. 1-12

Matt. 2.1-12

**9.55-10.00 Pre-service Prayer**

*St Mary's, front of church*

10.30am Family Service St Mary's:

**Sidesteam:** Brian & Heather O'Regan

**Readings and Readers:**

Isaiah 60.1-6 Charlotte Hearnden Smith

Matthew 2.1-12 Rebecca Hearnden Smith

**Prayers:** Clergy

4pm **No Café Church**

**13<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's

**Sidesman:** Carlene Litchmore

**Reader:** Mary Gage

**Readings:** Rom. 12. 1-5

Luke 2. 41-end

**9.55-10.00 Pre-service Prayer**

*St Mary's, front of church*

10.30am Sung Communion St Mary's:

**Sidesteam:** John Breese & Anne Thomas

**Readings and Readers:**

Colossians 1.15-20 3.12-17 Anne Thomas

Luke 3.15-17, 21-22 Beverley Gray

**Prayers:** Carlene Litchmore

**Servers:** David & Judith Babb

In your prayers this week, please remember **Vi Slade, Sean Ryde, Edward (Audrey Sells brother) and Christine Willson**. Also anyone known to us who is sick or suffering the pain of bereavement at this time especially the family of **Sophie 'Terrie' Davy and Jacqueline Dews (Jessie Sims' daughter)**.