

We Commit to Worship, Share and Care

The Parish of Prenton The Congregation of St Stephen & St Alban

Today's Services **1st Sunday of Epiphany**
8th January 2012

9.15am Morning Worship
11.00am Parish Communion
6.30pm Holy Communion



Collects

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**

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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

9.15am Genesis 1.1-5 (5)
11.00am Ephesians 3.1-12 (1109) Matthew 2.1-12 (914)
6.30pm Isaiah 60.1-9 (708) John 2.1-11 (1005)

Gift Aid If you are donating any money to the church, no matter how small the amount, and you pay standard rate income tax, please complete a form and place it in the box at the back of church. This means we can claim back tax

Bible Readings for Morning Prayer Mon 9th to Sat 14th January

Day	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament
Monday: The Baptism of Christ	1 Samuel 16.1-3,13	89.19-29	John 1.29-34
Tuesday: William Laud, archbishop, 1645	Genesis 1.20-2.3	9	Matthew 21.18-32
Wednesday: Mary Slessor, missionary, 1915	Genesis 2.4-end	20	Matthew 21.33-end
Thursday: Aelred, abbot, 1167 Benedict Biscop, scholar, 689	Genesis 3	21	Matthew 22.1-14
Friday: Hilary, bishop, teacher of faith, 367	Genesis 4.1-16,25-26	67	Matthew 22.15-33
Saturday:	Genesis 6.1-10	33	Matthew 22.34-end

Parish Diary. 9th January onwards

Mon-Fri	8.30 - 9.00am	Morning Prayer in Lady Chapel
Tues 10th	8.00pm	Ministry Meeting—Noble Room
Wed 11th	10.30am	Holy Communion, followed by coffee morning.
Wed 11th	8.00pm	Finance Committee, 53 Glenavon Road
Wed 11th	8.00pm	M.U bring & share—Coronation room
Thurs 12th	7.30pm	Gap meeting—Coronation room
Thurs 12th	7.30pm	Shoobox—Noble room

Youth group meetings will take place **22nd Jan, 5th Feb** and **19th Feb**, 5.30pm in the Noble room, hope to see everyone back, Gill.

15th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

9.15am	Morning Worship	Samuel 3.1-20 John 1.43-51
11.00am	Parish Communion	Revelation 5.1-10 John 1.43-51
6.30pm	Holy Communion	Isaiah 60.9-end Hebrews 6.17-7.10

For Our Prayers:-

The Parish: We pray this week for the people of Waterpark Road
Waterpark Close

Those On Our Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick, including: Andrew, Stephen Riley, Elsie Ireland, Jean Scott, Morgan Gilbert, Shaun, Mary Hughes, Elspeth Owens, Chris Horton, Pat Caton, Jill Parrington, Granville Higson.

Prayers from St Stephen's Prayer Diary for the 8th.....

Our Junior Church & the Young People

We pray for the children in our Junior Church. We pray especially for those who lead and teach our children. We ask for God's blessing on them so that they may present the gospel in such a way, that the children may come to know God and grow in understanding.

We pray too for all children and young people in our parish, that they may find a place for God in their lives.

From Chester Diocese Cycle of Prayer - EPIPHANY, 1ST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

O God, who revealed your only Son to the Gentiles by the leading of the star, mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may after this life enjoy the splendour of your gracious Godhead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

In Our Diocese—

Birkenhead Saint James with Saint Bede

Steve Mansfield.

Those who have died.....Vernon Schwarz

Dorothy Cheeseley's Funeral will take place Monday 16th January 1.00pm at St Stephens, our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.

NOTICES

We are excited to announce a new **Zumba Class** starting Thursday 12th January in the Barrett Hall at 7.00pm, everyone is welcome to come along, get fit and have some fun!

Dancing tots is still taking place in the Coronation Room Wednesday mornings, bring your preschoolers to this lovely little dance class 10.00am-11.00am

M.U ~ Social evening, bring a small plate of something nice to share ~ all welcome.

Children's Society

Christingle donations totalled £264, this does not include money from boxes handed in during the service. Boxes can be returned for emptying anytime during the year~ Thank you for all your support ~ Esther Nuttall.

Sunday 8th January 2012
9.15 Theme: - Called into being

Pre Service:

582 We'll sing a new song
40 Be still for the presence

Service 9.15:

Welcome and introduction

First song **362** Lord, the light of your love is shining

Confession and forgiveness

1026 The light of Christ
(Children leave for Junior Church during this song)

Reading **Genesis 1:1-5**

6 Alleluia, Alleluia give thanks

Sermon

1555 The Spirit lives (Walk, walk in the light)
(Children return from Junior Church during this song)

Prayers including Lord's Prayer –

Notices/News, Collection, Birthdays, Junior Church

557 Thou whose almighty word

Juice/Tea/Coffee and tidy up

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