



DONAGHADEE PARISH CHURCH

7th January 2018

Second Sunday of Christmas

Celebrating THE EPIPHANY

To-day's services:

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am All Age Family Service
for Epiphany
7.00pm An Epiphany Service

8.30am

Holy Communion
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Epistle: Ephesians 3: 1-12

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Collect for Epiphany

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 our Lord. **Amen**

The Epistle: Ephesians 3: 1-12

1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

2 Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, 3 that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. 4 In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. 6 This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

7 I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. 8 Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. 10 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, 11 according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

The Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel."

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the East went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

“An Epiphany Journey”

WELCOME

We gather for worship

Opening Hymn: 196

“O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness”

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

We have seen his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.

The Collect for Epiphany

Worship Song: *“We bow down and confess”*

Confession

Lord of grace and truth,
we confess our unworthiness
to stand in your presence as your children.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

The Virgin Mary accepted your call
to be the mother of Jesus.
Forgive our disobedience to your will.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

Your Son our Saviour
was born in poverty in a manger.
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks
to go to Bethlehem.
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

The wise men followed the star
to find Jesus the King.
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

Absolution and Lord’s Prayer

Birthday Box

Kid’s Song: *“Soon and very soon”*

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Worship Song: *“You’re the Lion of Judah”*

New Testament Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12

Worship Song: *“Jesus, we enthrone you”*

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

All Age Address

Hymn: 189 *“As with gladness, men of old”*

Intercessions

Response: Lord of glory,
Hear our prayer

Offertory Hymn: 201

“We three kings of Orient are”

Blessing

Dismissal

By the leading of a star, you have revealed your only Son to the world.

In following Him we are led from darkness into His marvellous light.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Worship Song

We bow down and confess
you are Lord in this place.
We bow down and confess
you are Lord in this place.
You are all I need;
it's your face I seek.
In the presence of your light
we bow down, we bow down.

Kid's Song

Soon and very soon
we are going to see the King,
soon and very soon
we are going to see the King,
soon and very soon
we are going to see the King,
hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King.

No more crying there,
we are going to see the King

No more dying there,
we are going to see the King

Worship Songs

You're the Lion of Judah,
the lamb that was slain,
you ascended to heaven
and evermore will reign;
at the end of the age
when the earth you reclaim,
you will gather the nations before you.
And the eyes of all men
will be fixed on the lamb
who was crucified,
for with wisdom and mercy
and justice he reigns
at the Father's side.

*And the angels will cry:
'Hail the Lamb who was slain
for the world – rule in pow'r'.
And the earth will reply:
'You shall reign
as the King of all kings
and the Lord of all lords.'*

continued

There's a shield in our hand
and a sword at our side,
there's a fire in our spirit
that cannot be denied;
as the Father has told us:
for these you have died,
for the nations that gather before you.
And the ears of all men
need to hear of the Lamb
who was crucified,
who descended to hell
yet was raised up to reign
at the Father's side.

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Jesus, we enthrone you,
we proclaim you our King,
standing here in the midst of us,
we raise you up with our praise.
And as we worship, build a throne,
and as we worship, build a throne,
and as we worship, build a throne;
come, Lord Jesus, and take your place.

Bishops' Appeal

Year after year disasters hit different parts of the world. The most vulnerable and marginalised people suffer most when disaster strikes.

There is always a need for immediate aid when an earthquake, hurricane, cyclone, floods or famine strike.

Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal has, thanks to the generosity of its supporters, been able to respond to calls for emergency help. This contributes to alleviating the suffering of the survivors of a disaster and may help them start to rebuild their shattered lives.

Please give generously this Christmas to our central Church response to world need. Last year Donaghadee Parish gave £1700 to Maridi Diocese at Harvest. Purple Bishop's Appeal envelopes are in the pews. Please place your contribution on the offertory plate over Christmas and Epiphany.

NOTICES

Monday:

2.00pm - 4.00pm **Monday Club**

Tuesday:

10.30am **Female Faith**

Wednesday:

11.00am Intercessions for the Sick.

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8.30am Holy Communion

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Financial Matters!

The FWO envelopes, collections & Standing Orders.

Average over 48 weeks (1st Jan - 30th Nov)
= £1,426.75 per week

Development & Fabric Fund Envelopes,
Donations, Standing Orders:

Total received over 48 weeks (1st Jan - 30th Nov)
= £19,498.18

Total Fund Raising (1st Jan - 30th Nov) = £5,091.34

If any parishioner wishes to avail of the Direct Debit facility for either FWO or Fabric Fund Accounts, please speak to Helen Murdie.

PRAYER POINTS

- * Remember to pray for our Rector Ian, Debbie, Luke and Jonny.
- * For the other churches in our town: remembering this week Donaghadee Methodist congregation, their minister Revd Tom McKnight and his wife Elizabeth.
- * For our Link Diocese of Albany, Bishop Bill, clergy and people.
- * Diocesan Parish Prayer Focus: remembering this week the year ahead in the diocese.
- * For a deeper sense of fellowship and community.
- * For continuing growth in our congregation.
- * For Church Wardens and our Select Vestry.

**Our purpose is:
that people may find
faith in Jesus.
Pray for someone
who YOU could
invite to church.**



***** 2018 SATURDAY NIGHT CONCERTS *****

27th January
Ormeau Woodwind Orchestra

24thth February
Donaghadee Male Voice Choir &
Donaghadee Community Ladies Choir

28th April
Live Issue, Gospel Country Band

**All concerts will be held in the
Parish Church
at 7.30pm**

**Tickets £8.00 per concert or £20.00
for all three concerts.**

Tickets available from any member of
the Events Team or Select Vestry.

DONAGHADEE PARISH



2018

**Freewill Offering
Envelopes**

The 2018 Freewill Offering envelopes
are ready for collection at both doors
of the Church.

They are in alphabetical order.
Please do not use until 2018.

Please help us to distribute these to our
parishioners.

See the Parish Website
www.donaghadeeparish.co.uk

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AN EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

MUSIC AND READINGS



Sunday 7th January 2018

Please stand as the choir and Rector enter.

The Gathering

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.
He has come to his people and set them free.
Light has sprung up for the righteous
and joyful gladness for those who are faithful.
Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.

Bidding & Collect

Opening Hymn: 196 *“O worship the Lord”*

Confession

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to stand in your presence as your children.
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Absolution and Lord’s Prayer

Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Anthem: *“Winds through the olive trees”*

Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12

Hymn: 199 *“The people that in darkness walked”*

Reading: Revelation 8: 2-5

Organ Reflection:

“How brightly beams the morning star”

Melody by Philipp Nicolai, Harm. J S Bach

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creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**
**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living
and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Anthem: *“A starry night”*

Intercessions

Response: Lord of glory,
Hear our prayer

Offertory Hymn: 194 *“Earth has many a noble city”*

Blessing

Hymn: 189 *“As with gladness men of old”*

Dismissal

The Lord God almighty is our Father:
he loves us and tenderly cares for us.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:
**he has redeemed us and will defend us to
the end.**

The Lord, the Holy Spirit, is among us:
he will lead us in God’s holy way.

To God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be praise and glory today and for ever.
Amen.