



**SUNDAY 6TH JANUARY 2019
EPIPHANY**

We welcome Rev. Clay Knowles at 8am

TODAY	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am Family Service: Coming of the Wise Men
Mon 7th	10.30am Avon House Group
	7.45pm Evening House Groups
Fri 11th	7.00pm NO Choir Practice
Sun 13th	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am Parish Eucharist

Monday House Groups

During term time on Mondays, in the morning at 10.30am and in the evening at 7.45pm.
Contact Julia Wilson on 811304 or Julie Mitchell on 819262.

**Michael Noble's Memorial Service will be held at
11am on Friday 18th January 2019
ALL WELCOME**

**SAVE THE DATE:
FR. KEITH RICHARDS' INDUCTION
TUESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.30PM**

Website: www.stmarys-balcombe.org

READING FOR FAMILY SERVICE

The Wise Men's Visit

Matthew 2: 1-12 Living Bible (TLB)

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem, in Judea, during the reign of King Herod.

At about that time some astrologers from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the newborn King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in far-off eastern lands and have come to worship him."

King Herod was deeply disturbed by their question, and all Jerusalem was filled with rumors. He called a meeting of the Jewish religious leaders.

"Did the prophets tell us where the Messiah would be born?" he asked.

"Yes, in Bethlehem," they said, "for this is what the prophet Micah wrote:

'O little town of Bethlehem, you are not just an unimportant Judean village, for a Governor shall rise from you to rule my people Israel.'"

Then Herod sent a private message to the astrologers, asking them to come to see him; at this meeting he found out from them the exact time when they first saw the star. Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him too!"

After this interview the astrologers started out again.

And look! The star appeared to them again, standing over Bethlehem. Their joy knew no bounds! Entering the house where the baby and Mary, his mother, were, they threw themselves down before him, worshiping. Then they opened their presents and gave him gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But when they returned to their own land, they didn't go through Jerusalem to report to Herod, for God had warned them in a dream to go home another way.

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS:

Monday:	1 John 3	Thursday:	1 John 5: 13-end
Tuesday:	1 John 4: 7-end	Friday:	2 John
Wednesday:	1 John 5: 1-12	Saturday:	3 John

PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

All those who live in: Foxwells, Handcross Road and Haywards Heath Road.

All those who are sick, especially:

The departed and our own departed loved ones and those whose anniversaries occur during the week:



EVENTS AND NOTICES

Pack Up Your Troubles

Tony Perkins filmed the concert which took place in September for the History Society and has created a DVD.

Please contact Ali Cunningham (811370) if you would like one. The cost is £5; proceeds to the Balcombe History Society

The Ardingly Senior School Choir

The Choir kindly came to perform in the Church on Monday 15th October. It was a beautiful concert with wonderful singing; there was no charge but generous donations of £163.55 were received, for which we are very grateful. If you missed it, you still have a chance to hear them as they have created a CD of Christmas music; again, contact Ali if you would like one.

The cost is £10

SAVE THE DATE FOR BIRCHANGER GARDENS

THE WORRALL FAMILY HAVE KINDLY INVITED US BACK TO BIRCHANGER GARDENS ON SATURDAY 4TH MAY. THIS IS ALWAYS A WONDERFUL EVENT, SO PLEASE PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY.