

The Church of the Good Shepherd is now open each day  
for **individual private prayer**,

We would ask **all our visitors** to follow the  
government's guidance for social distancing, hygiene and  
isolation and wear a face covering.

We are also open for communal worship, but please  
remember you **must not “interact with anyone  
outside your household or social bubble”**

Remember to stay safe and keep each other safe.

God bless

Rev. Chris Turner (01732) 882447

**IN OUR PRAYERS** *Please remember those who are ill or in special need at this time:*  
Judi Couldrey, Pat Head, Victoria Sharp, Jackie Billitch, Shirley Bowman, Celia Smith,  
Alan Soames, Phyllis Hodge, Gillian Aitkenhead, Barry Corbishley, Gill Russell,  
Pam Jones, Gary Sullivan, Brenda Hewson, Linda Valance  
**RIP:** Michael Martin, Grant Howie

*For changes or additions to the pew sheet please email: vicar.cogs@gmail.com*



# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD BOROUGH GREEN

1906—2021



**Vicar** Revd. Chris Turner 882447 vicar.cogs@gmail.com (Not available Tuesdays)  
**Church Wardens:** Dominick Pearce 490116; Julie Sweeting 885437  
**Lay Minister** Elaine Almond 886440 **Reader** Chris Almond 886440  
**PCC Secretary** Chris Almond 886440 **Treasurer** Mark Sweeting 885437  
**Parish Safeguarding Officers:** Carole Simpson 883073, Chris Atkins 366615

## Epiphany — 3rd January 2021

Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd

Holy Communion - 3rd January at 10:00am in church  
**Spaces are limited due to COVID-19 restrictions  
so please book**

This service can also be joined via Zoom  
See our Church Near You page for details

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16920/> .

### The Collect

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

### Prayer after communion

Lord God, the bright splendour  
whom the nations seek: may we  
who with the magi have been  
drawn by your light discern the  
glory of your presence in your  
Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen

If you would like to support our work in the community you can now donate by text  
Text COGSGIVING 5 to 70085 to donate £5

Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about  
our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £5 but do not wish to  
receive marketing communications, text COGSGIVINGNOINFO 5 to 70085.

## 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 72.10-15

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.

All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor that cry out, the needy and those who have no helper.

He shall have pity on the weak and

poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Long may he live; unto him may be given gold from Sheba; may prayer be made for him continually and may they bless him all the day long.

## SECOND READING

### Ephesians 3.1-12

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.

## GOSPEL READING

### Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi 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 magi 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.

