

through the prophets. **We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

*Prayers may be said for the Church, the world, our communities, those who are unwell and those who have died This response may be used*

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

### Blessing

May God the Father, who led the wise men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead us also in our pilgrimage to find the Lord.

**All Amen.**

May God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness, give us a place with the saints in light in the kingdom of his beloved Son.

**All Amen.**

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in our hearts and fill our lives with his joy and peace.

**All Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.

**All Amen.**

We have seen his glory, the glory revealed to all the nations. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## THE PARISH OF **ST. JOHN BAPTIST, BROUGHTON**

*Jesus said, "I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last." John 15.16  
We seek to make Jesus known in our community, through our joyful, loving service and worship*



## EPIPHANY

### Preparation

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

*You may wish to have a moment of reflection on the gifts the wise men brought to Jesus – Gold, frankincense and myrrh*

### Invitation to confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse *you* from *your* sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **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.**

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

#### **Reading – Isaiah 60.1-6**

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.”

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### **Gospel Reading**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 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.” When King Herod heard this he was

disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 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. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: ““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.”” Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 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.” 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. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 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 and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **The Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken**