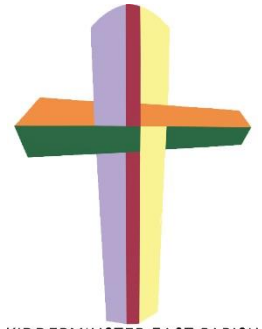




KEP-online Sunday 27th December **A Service of the Word for Epiphany Sunday**



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Five Churches One Parish One Lord

Pre-service Worship

We stand and lift up our hands

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Song: In Christ alone, my hope is found.

Welcome and Notices

Grace, peace and mercy from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

We prepare for worship.

God called the light out of the darkness

All: And saw that it was good.

By his light we see what is true,

All: What is lovely, what is beautiful.

In that light he created us,

All: And called us to be his people.

His voice calls us to be his own,

All: His beloved sons and daughters.

He tears open the heavens to come with his Spirit

All: And fill us with his life.

In that Spirit, let us respond in prayer, in praise and in worship.

All: Amen.

The collect for Epiphany Sunday

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

As the wise men gave gold to Jesus, symbolising his kingship,
so we give thanks that Jesus is our king
and for the way his love enriches our lives.

We celebrate the brightness and glory
that came into the world at his birth
and pray that we may be worthy of his love.

All: Amen.

Song: Purify my Heart

Confession

Holy God, accept our confession.
You asked for all of our being.
What do we give you?
We think back 2 millennia to when the Christ child was born.
What would we give the baby? What does the baby ask of us?

(Silence)

**All: Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.**

What gifts did the baby receive?
Gold - a metal so precious people have died for it.
We've robbed the earth of it's riches.
Forgive us for not giving you the best of us.
What's the point of offering you the religious bits
if the rest is kept closely guarded?

(Silence)

**All: Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.**

Frankincense - a gift for God.
The fragrance of worship,
giving God the honour that is due to him
Forgive our efforts to worship you
only when it is convenient to do so.
Forgive us when our actions
make words of worship meaningless.

(Silence)

**All: Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.**

God of myrrh, we cry out to you in our baffled despair
Forgive us for denying the reality of pain and suffering,
for not giving our pain and suffering to you,
and for not interceding for others.

(Silence)

**All: Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.**

Absolution

May Almighty God who sent His son into the world to save sinners
bring us His pardon and his peace
now and forever Amen

The Peace

Not an easy peace,
not an insignificant peace,
not a half-hearted peace,
but the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ
is with us now.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you

Let us share it with each other.

Song [Jesus Superhero](#)

Jesus Superhero Great Big God Lyric Video Vineyard UK Kids Worship

Readings: Matthew 2. 1-12 & Ephesians 3.1-12- read by Anne and Paul Evans

Talk - David G

Song: Brother Sister, Let me serve you.

Our affirmation of faith for this Epiphany Sunday

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the church.

All This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Intercessions- Prayer pods. Please feel free to join a small group, or to stay here in the main room.

Today in our small groups we pray for

- 1. Those affected by the earthquake in Croatia**
- 2. Those key workers who keep our hospitals running and are administrating the vaccine.**
- 3. All those struggling with their mental health at this time**
- 4. Those know individually to us who need to know God's touch on their lives today.**

As our Saviour taught us, we are bold to pray:

All: 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.

Song: [My Lighthouse](#)

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Dismissal and blessing

All: Christ, you are before us,
This is what gives us courage to go on.
It is you who directs.
It is you who beckons.
So we dedicate ourselves, and we bless you now.

Go now in the peace of God which passes all understanding, to guard our hearts and our thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

Breakout rooms

If you can't see the people you would like to catch-up with, can we encourage you to reach out to them in other ways this week. We all need community during this time: and a text, a phone call, a Whatsapp, Facetime or Zoom call can make all the difference.

Morning prayer: Monday-Thursday & Saturday 8.00am-8.40am
Parish Prayer: Alternate Wednesdays 7.20 - 8.00pm (next one 6th January)
Contemplative prayer: Thursday 7.00pm-7.25pm (restarts 7th January)
KEP-online Quiz nights: Friday 7.00pm-9.00pm (restarts Friday 8th January)

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