



Dear Friends,

Epiphany is a season which tends to get subsumed into Christmas because we are used to seeing the Wise Men portrayed on our Christmas cards and gathered with the shepherds and assorted animals around the manger in our crib scenes!

By the time the wise men arrived, however, the shepherds had long gone. Luke 2:22 tells us that there had been time to go to the temple in Jerusalem and carry out the requirements of the Law of Moses which Leviticus 12 says had to take place 41 days after the birth of a boy. The wise men's journey "from the east" (Matthew 2:1) would have taken even longer!

It's not surprising, therefore, that Epiphany became a season in its own right. As the good news of Jesus spread like wildfire around the Roman Empire and beyond, the wise men were recognised as the first non-Jews to come and offer worship to Jesus – the first-fruits of a coming great harvest, and a sign that the baby born in Bethlehem was intended by God to be the Saviour for people of all races and nations. As Peter was to say later to the religious leaders who'd had Jesus crucified, "**Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.**" (Acts 4:12)

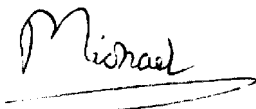
The significance of Epiphany should not be lost on Christians living in this country at the moment. Jesus remains the world's only Saviour. There is no one else who can compare with Him.

In Revelation 7:9 the apostle John sees, "**a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language standing before the throne [of God] and before [Jesus] the Lamb.**" We do not have to make excuses for Jesus or to apologise for insisting that whatever people's racial, religious or cultural inheritance may be, they need Him!

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As a faithful Jew by the name of Simeon said in praise to God on that day  
Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple, "to present Him to the Lord",  
Jesus is: "**a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and the glory of your people Israel.**" (Luke 2:32)

It's time, then, for the people of Britain to come in from the dark!

Yours sincerely,



## **Community Talks 2018 at St John's Church, Maestelo**

**Tuesday 13th February: 7.30pm**

Aspects of Art in Wales

William Wilkins

**Tuesday 20th March: 7.30pm**

The Work of the Georgian Preservation Society

Richard Keen

**Thursday 12th April: 7.30pm**

"The Williams-Drummonds of Edwinstord in Talley, the last Master, his Wife, and the Butler who inherited everything"

David Lewis

**Thursday 17th May: 7.30pm**

Growing the Future: developing horticulture in Wales

Will Ritchie, Curator of Horticulture, National Botanical Garden of Wales

**Tuesday 23rd October: 7.30pm**

"Men Wanted for Hazardous Journey" – the incredible story of Sir Ernest Shackleton and the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition (1914-16).

Ian Govier

All talks: £4 followed by refreshments

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# DIARY FOR JANUARY

- Tues 9th** 7.00-7.30am Prayer Meeting in St Teilo's Prayer Room.  
7.00 for 7.30pm Tuesday CAP Update & Prayer Meeting in Upstairs Hall.
- Wed 10th** 12.00pm Women's Fellowship Lunch in Upstairs Hall.
- Fri 12th** 9.30 for 10.00am House Group at Old Hunt Kennels, Milo resumes with a new study.  
Contact: Suzanne Davies Mob: 07813 955357  
email: [suzannedotdavies@gmail.com](mailto:suzannedotdavies@gmail.com)  
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's.
- Tues 16th** 7.00-7.30am Prayer Meeting in St Teilo's Prayer Room.  
10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) in St Teilo's Church Hall.  
7.00 for 7.30pm Tuesday Night Fellowship Meeting in Upstairs Hall.
- Fri 19th** 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's.
- Sat 20th** 8.30am Men's Breakfast in St Teilo's Upstairs Hall
- Tues 23rd** 7.00-7.30am Prayer Meeting in St Teilo's Prayer Room.  
7.00 for 7.30pm Tuesday Night Fellowship Meeting in Upstairs Hall.
- Fri 26th** 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's
- Tues 30th** 7.00-7.30am Prayer Meeting in St Teilo's PrayerRoom.  
10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) in St Teilo's Church Hall.  
7.00 for 7.30pm Tuesday Night Fellowship Meeting in Upstairs Hall.
- Weds 31st** 7.30pm St Teilo's PCC meeting in Upstairs Hall.

Enquiries regarding the use of the church or hire of the church hall or meeting rooms should be made to Mike Taylor on 01558 822089 or e-mail: [taylorbeddoesdrive@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:taylorbeddoesdrive@hotmail.co.uk)

# Services and Readings for January

## **7th Jan (Epiphany 1)**

8am Holy Communion  
9.30am Boreol Weddi  
11am Holy Communion

### **Maesteilo**

9.45am Holy Communion

## **14th Jan (Epiphany 2)**

11am Morning Worship  
6pm Holy Communion

### **Maesteilo**

9.45am Morning Prayer

### **Taliaris**

9.45am Holy Communion

## **21st Jan (Epiphany 3)**

8am Holy Communion  
9.15am Cymun Bendigaid  
11am Morning Worship  
6pm Compline / Evening Prayer

### **Maesteilo**

9.45am Morning Prayer

## **28th Jan (Epiphany 4)**

11am Holy Communion  
6pm Plygain

### **Maesteilo**

9.45am Morning Prayer

### **Taliaris**

9.45am Holy Communion

## **4th Feb (2nd Sunday before Lent, Creation Sunday)**

8am Holy Communion  
9.30am Boreol Weddi  
11am Holy Communion

### **Maesteilo**

9.45am Holy Communion

*Genesis 1: 1-5*

*Psalm/Salm 29*

*Acts/Actau 19: 1-7*

*Mark/Marc 1: 4-11*

*1 Samuel 3:1-10, [11-20]*

*Psalm/Salm 139: 1-10*

*Revelation/Datguddiad 5:1-10*

*John/loan 1: 43-51*

*Genesis 14: 17-20*

*Psalm/Salm 128*

*Revelation/Datguddiad 19: 6-10*

*John/loan 2: 1-11*

*Deuteronomy/Deuteronomium 18: 15-20*

*Psalm/Salm 111*

*Revelation/Datguddiad 12: 1-5a*

*Mark/Marc 1: 21-28*

*Proverbs/Diarhebbion 8: 1, 22-31*

*Psalm/Salm 104: 24-35*

*Colossians/Colosiaid 1: 15-20*

*John/loan: 1-14*

## **ST TEILO'S CHURCH**

**MOSAIC:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sun. at 11am

**Holy Communion :** Wednesdays at 10. 30am