

Rosary; 11.30am Mass; 12.15 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm Praise & Worship; 2.30 Talk "The Good News of Jesus Christ" by Charles Whitehead; 3.30 Prayer for healing. We end about 4pm.

There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747. Next month's meeting is on 24th February: "The Spirit has anointed me" - guest speaker Fr Anthony Meredith

FAITH IN FOCUS: EPIPHANY PEOPLE

To follow the star and become Epiphany people we have to be aware of three important challenges.

Epiphany people have first to be people of faith. Imagine setting out on a journey like the wise men and not actually knowing where you are going, following only where a star leads you. Yet this is what faith demands. To be a person of faith means that we trust in God so much that we are prepared to be led, wherever God decides to take us. Being people of faith doesn't mean having all the answers; it simply requires us to be open to God's promptings and prepared to act when others think we are mad to do so. Faith and trust cannot be prised apart.

A second characteristic of Epiphany people is that their faith makes them want to worship. The wise men brought their gifts and worshipped the Lord. Just knowing our God should be reason enough for worship. We bring our gold (the best we can be), our frankincense (our contribution to making the world a more beautiful place) and our myrrh (our pains and our tears as well as the comforting presence we extend to others), and with these gifts of our lives we fall on our knees before the God that our faith journey leads us ever closer to.

And finally Epiphany people are people of change. The wise men didn't simply spend the rest of their lives fawning at the crib. They left enriched by what they had seen and heard and they headed off to tell others what they had experienced. But they heeded the warning of their dream and decided to change their plans and go back home by a different route. Every encounter with our God-made-man challenges us to change. God never wants us to stay where we are; our job is to follow the star.

Epiphany reveals Jesus to all nations. His glory is seen by people from all over the known world. And these Epiphany people are people of faith, people of worship and people of change.

7th January 2018 Epiphany of the Lord Year B

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(Prayer of the Church Week 1)



Sunday Masses

6:30pm(Vigil) 8:30am & 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:30-11:30am & on request

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Last Week

Sunday Collection: £465 + Standing Orders. Thank You.

Sunday

Coffee and Tea available in the Savio Centre after the 10.30am Mass

Monday

Baptism of the Lord

9.30am Mass

7.00pm Alpha Course starts in Savio Centre

Tuesday

9.30am Mass

7.30pm Parish Council in Savio Centre

Wednesday

9.10am Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary

11.00am Funeral Mass for **Eddie Cotter RIP**

Thursday

9.30am Mass

10.00- 4.00 Eucharistic Adoration

10.00am Mothers' Prayers

8.00pm Journey in Faith in Savio Centre

Friday

9.30am Mass

7.30pm SVP Meeting in Parish House

Saturday

10.00am Mass followed by

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next Sunday

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

Thank you

Fr. Michael would like to thank you for your Christmas cards, gifts and greetings and for your very generous contribution to the special Christmas collection for the parish clergy. Your kindness is very much appreciated. A special thank you to those who helped to prepare for and organise the celebration of carols and readings on Wednesday 20th December. Another special thank you to all those who helped with the building of the crib and with decoration and cleaning of the church in the days before Christmas.

Thanks, too, to our musicians and choir, to our altar servers, readers and ministers of the Eucharist and all who helped make Midnight Mass and the two Masses on Christmas Day very special occasions. We pray that the New Year will bring every member of our parish community and all our visitors many blessings and much peace and joy.

Bethlehem Crèche

The collection for the Bethlehem Crèche, during the Carol Service in the Savio Centre, raised £222.50. Many thanks.

Alpha Course

Alpha Course starts on Monday 8th at 7pm in the Savio Centre.

What is your New Year resolution?

Why not help to make a difference in the fight against poverty and injustice by volunteering for CAFOD?

CAFOD, The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are currently looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help them in their work. There are many ways to get involved such as in local schools, the parish or with fundraising, campaigning and more. If you would like more information or feel that you could help CAFOD then please contact Martin on 01483 898866 or email arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

Confirmation Form

We will soon be beginning preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are school year 10 or older and would like to be Confirmed then please go on line to complete the form.

The link is :-

<https://stanneschertsey.wufoo.co.uk/forms/m1rcmzyw1wmeq7k/>

. Details about your baptism will be needed to fill out the form. A copy of your baptism certificate will need to be shown at the first meeting.

Worldpriest website

This **Worldpriest website** has one overarching aim - to unite priests and laity so that everyone can come into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. They want www.worldpriest.com to be a place where you receive answers to questions of faith, where you can find information on church teaching, resources to support our priests, prayers for all occasions and where you can discover the truth of our faith - that God loves us and provides for us on a daily basis, in every situation. You can also sign up for their regular newsletters.

ADORE (Alton Day Of Renewal) – Saturday 27th January 11.00-4.00

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on Renewal and Mission. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am