

An Epiphanytide 2011 Message from the Dean

Epiphany is the celebration of the 3 wise men coming to view the baby Jesus and, as such, it is the showing forth of Christ to the gentile world bringing with it the message that Jesus the Christ came to us for all people, not just the chosen people of Israel, but to all nations (the *goyim*).

As Epiphany itself falls on the 12th day after Christmas, it marks the end of Christmastide and the beginning of a new time in the church year, the revelation of Christ beyond ourselves.

Since Epiphany is always on the 6th of January, we celebrate it on the Sunday before, the 2nd and again for those who can be with us, on the 6th itself.

Epiphanytide, which is with us until Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, has lots of activities. Deacon Carol and I will take a short post-Christmas break mid-January, but will be back for our Sunday Evening Prayer and Praise service on the 30th. The Christingle service will follow shortly thereafter and in March we will remember St. Patrick in honour of our Irish curate.

Later on, we will have a special Sunday evening service commemorating all the Women Hymn writers. Stay tuned....

Easter comes rather late this year (April 24th) and Ash Wednesday falls on the 9th of March. We will once again have the traditional Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and a series of special Lenten services.

So the new secular year 2011 holds lots in store for us and I look forward to seeing so many of you out regularly and for all the special extra events.

Father John+