



PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL

Sunday 6th January 2019
Epiphany

Highlights

Epiphany is a significant period of celebration. It is associated with the wise men coming to visit the infant Jesus. Matthew's gospel tells us that they were 'wise men from the East'. As they were therefore not Jews, they represent the manifestation of Christ to the gentiles, to the non-Jews – to us! Light is always a significant symbol at Epiphany because it reminds us of the recognition of the light that had come into the world in the form of a baby.

Whether or not you are prone to making resolutions at this time of year, and, if you do, whether or not they survive the first week of January, let alone the month, we might all be resolute in acknowledging the significance of this divine birth, and with the wise men, pay homage.

We might feel that wisdom has been in short supply of late in so much of the world. So it falls upon each of us, individually and collectively, to ensure that we do what we can to change that in 2019. We look forward to working with other churches in Portsmouth to support the homeless throughout January and February with the Open Church Project. We have the launch of the new annual theme, 'Living Well' coming up soon which might prompt us to consider what it means both for us to live well and also others, e.g. the homeless, whose presence, even today, on our streets in the depths of winter is not out of choice. We will be hosting our own visitors shortly with the annual Christian Muslim evening on Tuesday 15th January. This is always a mutual opportunity to break down barriers, learn and grow.

What can we do? We can either shout at others our deeply held cherished views, which usually changes very little, or we can instead keep our counsel over our own views unless sought, and instead do something to unite people, to help those in need, and seek rather to proclaim the views of the one who came among us as a child, who talked about loving neighbours and forgiving often. Recognising the wisdom and the light of that is the task of a lifetime of Epiphanies. The key thing is not our own wisdom or lack of it, it is the way in which we make use of the wisdom we receive for the light and benefit of others.

Canon Nick Ralph
Residential Canon

**Encountering God through transformative worship, challenging discipleship,
generous hospitality and prayerful engagement.**

TODAY

Canon Anthony is at St George's, Portsea this morning.

The List and new Events List are available in the Cathedral or on the [website](#).

NEWS

Sachin Gunga We're delighted to announce that our Sub-Organist, Sachin is now engaged to be married to Hannah Thomas. Congratulations to them both on this wonderful news.



NOTICES

Lunchtime Live We are looking for volunteers to help provide sandwiches, snacks, and hot drinks at our term-time weekly recital series on Thursdays. For further information or to volunteer please contact [Tim Burnett](#) in the Cathedral Offices.

Food Bank Donations Thank you to all those who have supported The Roberts Centre and the All Saints Asylum Seeker and Refugee Drop in with food donations over the Christmas period. Please continue to donate breakfast cereals, long-life milk, pasta, tins of meat based products, cleaning materials and toilet tissue. Donations can be left in the North Cloister.

Open Church If you would like to volunteer to support this initiative that will provide accommodation and meals during January and February for some of Portsmouth's homeless in Portsmouth churches, please contact the Cathedral Offices for information and application forms.

Community Groups Parish Lunch Club starts again on Tuesday, our Toddler and Baby Group on Wednesday.

Light Up a Lantern for a loved one. If you would like to remember someone who lit up your life by having the Cathedral Tower lit on a day of your choice please contact lantern@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk or see details on the website and in the Welcome Area.

Wise people followed the Star! If you are searching, or have questions about life and God or what the future holds, you are invited to share your questions with other searchers in the upper room of The Dolphin Pub starting this Tuesday on 8th January and then 15th, 22nd and 29th at 7.00pm.

Living Faith Course - Reshaping Church This updated module, starting Wednesday 16th January, considers the challenges that face the contemporary church in the light of previous church history. For further details contact sarah.lovatt@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk.

EVENTS and SERVICES

Lunchtime Live 1.10pm Thursday 10th January. Musicians from Kew House School, free with retiring collection. Refreshments available from 12.30pm.

Annual Theme Our 2019 theme will be 'Living Well'. The launch event on Saturday 12th January **Ruby Wax "How to be Human: The Manual"** is now fully booked. Details of further events will be available later in the New Year.



Muslim Christian Evening 7.00pm Tuesday 15th January. Please join us for this important evening of friendship, music, prayer and food with our friends from the Wessex Jumaat. Please sign the sheet in the Welcome Area or contact outreach@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk if you are attending and can bring vegetarian food to share.

January Film Nights Friday 18th - 7.30pm "The Greatest Showman"; Saturday 19th - 6.20pm "Sister Act" and 8.30pm "The Life of Brian". Tickets available only from <https://www.derbyquad.co.uk> £11 adults, £9 concessions. Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) £32.

Creative Spirituality Evening 7.30pm Tuesday 22nd January. All are welcome to join Sharon Court for two hours of dedicated space and time to be creative and reflective in Portsmouth Cathedral.

'Sea of Souls' Hermitage Artist's Reception 7.00pm Thursday 24th January. A unique opportunity to hear about behind the scenes aspects of Pete Codling's art residency and to learn more about the stories which evoked each section of the finished work. The exhibition of charcoal and pencil 'Time' themed drawings suspended in the Nave runs from 24th January until 26th February.

Fish & Chip Quiz Night 7.00pm on Friday 25th January in Becket Hall. Proceeds in aid of Solent Mind. Tickets £6.00. Vegetarian option available. Fisherman's Kitchen in Southsea will be supplying the food and need to have orders by Wednesday 23rd January. Tickets will be available from the Cathedral Shop on Monday.

Taizé-style Night Prayer 8.00pm Sunday 27th January and the last Sunday of each month except for August and December.

Handel's Messiah Tickets for the performance of Messiah by the Cathedral Choir and The Capelle Baroque Orchestra at 7.30pm on Saturday 2nd March will be available from the Cathedral Shop and Eventbrite from late January.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

All those in need including: Brian, Roger, Derek, Jane, Stuart, Gita, Jenny, Alan, Freya and Donald.

And those who have died: Dorothy Gregory, Valerie Boxall and Len Pearcey *RIP*.

Sunday 6th January

Epiphany

0800 Holy Communion (BCP said)

1030 Epiphany Eucharist *with incense sung by the Layclerks and Choral Scholars*

Preacher: Canon Nick Ralph

Readings: *Isaiah 60.1-6; Matthew 2.1-12*

1800 Choral Evensong *sung by the Layclerks and Choral Scholars*

Preacher: The Revd Matt Bray, Cathedral Curate

This Week

Monday 0740 Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion

1800 Choral Evensong *sung by the Layclerks and Choral Scholars*

Tuesday 0740 Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion

0910 The Portsmouth Grammar School Beginning of Term Services

1800 Choral Evensong *sung by the Cathedral Choir*

Wednesday 0740 Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion

1200 Holy Communion

1400 Baby and Toddler Group

1800 Evening Prayer *said*

Thursday 0740 Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion

0900 The Portsmouth Grammar Junior School Beginning of Term Services

1800 Choral Evensong *sung by Cantate*

Friday 0740 Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion

1200 Holy Communion

1800 Choral Evensong *sung by the Cathedral Choir*

Saturday 1700 Evening Prayer *said*

Sunday 13th January

Baptism of Christ

0800 Holy Communion (BCP said)

1030 Eucharist *sung by the Cathedral Choir*

Preacher: Canon Angela Tilby, Honorary Chaplain

Readings: *Isaiah 43.1-7; Luke 3.15-17, 21-22*

1800 Epiphany Carol Service *sung by the Cathedral Choir and Cantate*