

WELLINGTON CHURCH

Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

We welcome into the life and worship of our congregation all people whatever their ethnic origin, gender, background, age, sexual orientation, mental or physical ability.
We affirm our diversity and the dignity of each person.

Love one another, as I have loved you. (John 15:12)



SUNDAY, 10TH JANUARY 2021

First Sunday after Epiphany

“What can I give Him?”

Opening Voluntaries:

‘Herr Christ, Der einig Gottes Sohn’

J G Walther

‘Wie schön leuchtet Der Morgenstern’

D Buxtehude

Welcome and Notices

Opening Responses:

As gold in a furnace is tried

**Purify our hearts and minds
that we may be a royal priesthood
acceptable in the service of your kingdom**

As our prayer rises before you as incense

**So may we be presented before you
with penitent hearts and uplifted hands
to offer ourselves in your priestly service**

As you give medicine to heal our sickness
and the leaves of the tree for the healing
of the nations

**So anoint us with your healing power
that we may be the first fruits of
your creation. Amen.**

Prayer of Approach:

Prayer of the day (A prayer of Alcuin of York):

**O Lord our God,
who has called us to serve you,
in the midst of the world's affairs,
when we stumble, hold us;
when we fall, lift us up;
when we are hard pressed with evil,
deliver us;
when we turn from what is good,
turn us back;
and bring us at last to your glory. Amen**

Hymn 311 *'Jesus is born'*

Isaiah 60.1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;

they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from far away,

and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;

your heart shall thrill and rejoice,

because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,

the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,

the young camels of Midian and Ephah;

all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,

and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel." "

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Solo: '*The Three Kings*' Peter Cornelius

Reflection: "What can I give him, now and in the future?"

Hymn 326 *'As with gladness men of old'*

Prayers of gratitude and concern

The Lord's Prayer

**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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever, Amen.**

Hymn 237 *'Look forward in faith'*

Closing Responses:

For the faith of those who have gone before
We thank you

For all who have responded to your call
We thank you

For your continuing presence with us
We thank you.

Benediction

Closing Voluntary: *'Wie schön leuchtet Der Morgenstern'* J Pachelbel

Organist: Alan Kitchen

Soloist: Will Frost

TODAY SUNDAY – 10TH JANUARY

11.00 am Worship online - Morning Service
conducted by the Rev. Dr. Roger Sturrock

7.00 pm Joint Evening Communion Service by Zoom
conducted by the Rev. Dr. Roger Sturrock

THIS WEEK

See More Notes and Dates for details of:

Tuesday

2.00 to 3.00 pm Prayer Group by Zoom
7.30 pm Bible Study by Zoom

Wednesday

12 noon and 3.00 pm International Welcome Club
Conversation Corner by Zoom

Thursday

4.00 pm Virtual Tea Party by Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY – 17TH JANUARY

11.00 am Worship Online - Morning Service
conducted by the Rev. Dr. Kathy Galloway

7.00 pm Joint Evening Service by Zoom
led by Rebecca Gebauer

MORE NOTES AND DATES

MORNING SERVICES - As all are aware, the Church has had to close for "live" services. We will now revert to the broadcasts via YouTube using the link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCz52LeLiD3jxo9o0Khr4HIA> which is also shown on Wellington's website. For those who are unable to access YouTube, there is also an option to listen to the service by dialling in by phone. The details are: **Dial: 0 131 460 1196, enter the meeting ID: 916 5025 6352 followed by # press # again; now enter the Passcode: 756800 followed by #**

KIRK SESSION – There will be a meeting of Session via Zoom on **Tuesday, 19th January** at 7.30 pm. The Zoom Link will be advised in due course.

BIBLE STUDIES - Norman Shanks, together with others, will be leading a series of bible studies on the theme of "Mission rediscovered" by Kenneth Ross. The study booklet can be downloaded from:

https://www.globethics.net/documents/4289936/19073413/GE_CoPub_WCC_Ken_Ross_isbn9782889313693.pdf

Please note a change in one of the dates indicated last week. Tuesday, 12th, **Wednesday, 20th** and Tuesdays 26th January and 2nd February. Time: 7.30 pm. Anyone wishing to take part should contact Roger Sturrock (942 8001) for details of the ZOOM link.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND LENTEN APPEAL – At their next meeting, the Mission and Outreach Committee will be deciding on beneficiaries for our Special Collections and Lenten appeal. We would very much welcome suggestions from members of the congregation to help us make these important decisions. Please contact me or any member of the Mission and Outreach Committee with your ideas. (Maureen Small – Tel: 946 5316 Email: ad.small@yahoo.co.uk)

PRAYER GROUP – It is proposed to recommence regular meetings each Tuesday on ZOOM with effect from **Tuesday, 12th January** between 2.00 and 3.00 pm. Our prayer is strengthened when we unite with others, especially in these difficult days. Anyone wishing to join the group should contact Ann Wilson (Tel: 357 4924).

MORE NOTES AND DATES

CONVERSATION CORNER - The International Welcome Club's English Language Conversation Corners will take place every Wednesday on ZOOM. Please contact: grace@iwelcomeclub.com for details.

VIRTUAL HIGH TEA – We re-start on **Thursday, 14th January**. If you would like to join in for tea and a chat which will take place every **Thursday** at 4.00 pm via ZOOM, please telephone Roger (942 8001) who will provide you with details of the link. This week you could tell us about a new book or some special gift which you received at Christmas time.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE - We meet on **Wednesday, 27th January** at 7.30 pm via Zoom. If anyone has anything they would like to be considered by the Committee, please contact Helen Sturrock (942 8001) or any other committee member.

GLASGOW CHURCHES TOGETHER have been presenting Mungo's Bairns from Wellington every year during the festival of St. Mungo and will continue to do so this year in a changed format. Using archive materials, videos, photographs and recordings, this event will celebrate the life of Glasgow's Patron Saint on Tuesday, 12th January from 10.00 to 10.30 am. The event will be broadcast online which can be accessed by registering with Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mungos-bairns-tickets-128119349423>

WEST END ACTS are hosting a talk via ZOOM with Steve Innes on Tuesday, 2nd February at 7.00 pm on the Jewishness of Jesus: How his use of "midrash" deepens our understanding of his rootedness in first century. To obtain an invitation to the event please contact: weacts@gmail.com

USED STAMPS - If anyone has been saving used stamps over the last few weeks, please would you send them to: World Mission Stamp Project, PO Box 9191, Wishaw, Lanarkshire, ML2 OYB. For other options and more information visit www.churchofscotland.org.uk/stamps

FOCUS ON PRAYER:

*Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles
and pray at all times.*

Romans 12.12 (GN)

- ◆ Give thanks for a new year and new hope to our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Give thanks for the faith and prayer that unites Christians around the world.
- ◆ As the Wise Men brought gifts to the baby Jesus, pray that we may offer our worship, obedience, love and talents for the glory of God's kingdom.
- ◆ Pray for all who work under pressure in the NHS.
- ◆ Give thanks for the caring services - firemen, police and refuse collectors.
- ◆ Pray for the Syrian nation, asylum seekers and refugees.
- ◆ Pray for all students in university, college and school as they seek new ways to study and prepare for the world of work
- ◆ Pray for the people of South Sudan.

If you wish prayer for any matter, please contact:
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