

# HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD

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*The Epiphany of the Lord*

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Welcome to Holy Innocents.

*This leaflet contains all you need to join in the service. Words in **bold print** are spoken or sung by all. Hymns are not announced. For visitors, Gift Aid envelopes are available. Please be still and quiet before the service as we prepare together to celebrate the Eucharist.*

*When the bell rings, please stand to join in:*

## HYMN 49

*The president today is the Revd Jane Walker. Please remain standing for the greeting and act of penitence.*

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

*A time of silent prayer follows, then:*

God be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine upon us: Lord, have mercy:

**Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth: your saving power among the nations:

Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation, and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT:** *the prayer for today*

Let us pray.

*After a moment of silent prayer the president says the Collect. At the end:*

**Amen.**

*Please sit down for the Ministry of the Word.*

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come – the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and its peoples; but the LORD will arise, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Look around; they all gather together. Your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea and the wealth of the nations shall come to you. The young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and proclaim the praise of the LORD.

*At the end:* This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 72.10-15

A King on high is reigning  
whom endless ages bless,  
from sea to sea sustaining  
a rule of righteousness.  
Beneath his strong defending  
his people stand secure,  
whose justice knows no ending  
while sun and moon endure.

As rains that gently nourish  
and bring the seed to birth,  
his righteousness shall flourish,  
his peace possess the earth;  
her sceptred kings acclaim him,  
before his feet they fall,  
the nations kneel to name him  
the sovereign Lord of all.

The poor are in his keeping,  
he hears their bitter cry,  
his watchfulness unsleeping  
to answer every sigh;  
the lonely and neglected,  
the outcast and in need,  
forsaken and rejected,  
to him are dear indeed.

His Name endures for ever  
who formed the fertile land;  
the fruits of our endeavour  
shall prosper in his hand.  
With prayer and song and story  
his praises sound again,  
in all the earth his glory;  
so be it, Lord! Amen!

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 3.1-12

*At the end:* This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please STAND for the Gospel Acclamation.*

Alleluia.... **Alleluia...**

When they saw that the star had stopped,  
they were overwhelmed with joy.

**Alleluia....**

## GOSPEL READING Matthew 2: 1-12

The Lord be with you:

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew:

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:* This is the Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Then please sit down for the sermon. The preacher today is the Revd Richard Young. After the sermon there will be a time of silence. Then all STAND with the president for the profession of faith:*

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.**

Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.

**He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.**

Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:

**that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow, and every voice  
proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Please remain standing for the Prayer of the Faithful. After each section:*

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

*At the end:*

Father, we rejoice in our fellowship with the shepherds, the angels, the magi, the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and all the departed.

**In your unfailing love for us and for all people, hear and answer our prayers through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The president introduces THE PEACE:*

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All exchange a sign of peace then please join in:*

## HYMN 50

*The bread and wine are brought to the altar. The president says a prayer over the gifts to which we all respond:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER follows.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The president continues the prayer, thanking God for his saving works, and then invites the people to join their praises with the whole company of heaven:*

.....and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the**

**Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*THE PRESIDENT asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine, and then repeats the Lord's words over the bread and cup. .*

.....Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*THE PRESIDENT CONTINUES, joining our offering with Christ's sacrifice of himself. At the end of the prayer the president says:.....*

.....we worship you, Father almighty,

in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The President introduces the Lord's Prayer and all say together:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, the power  
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

ی پدر ما که در آسمانی، نام تو مقدس باد، ملکوت تو  
بیاید. اراده تو چنانکه در آسمان است، بر زمین نیز کرده  
شود. نان کفاف ما را امروز به ما بده. و قرض های ما  
را ببخش چنانکه ما نیز قرضداران خود را می بخشیم، و  
ما را در آزمایش میاور، بلکه از شریر ما را رهایی ده.  
زیرا ملکوت وقوت و جلالنا ابدالابد از آن تو است،  
امین.

*We SIT or KNEEL as the president breaks the  
consecrated bread in pieces for all to share:*

We break this bread to share in the body of  
Christ.

**Though we are many we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world, grant us peace.**

*The president addresses those who wish to come  
to Holy Communion:*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people:

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*Those who wish draw near to the altar.*

*Those who are baptized, are invited to receive Holy  
Communion. Others are asked to fold their arms  
for a blessing. During communion the choir sings a  
translation of the Welsh carol "Trysor y Crud".*

*Please join in the refrain. When all have received  
Holy Communion there is a time of stillness and quiet.  
Then please stand with the President.*

Let us pray.

*After a moment of silent prayer:*

Lord God,

the bright splendour whom the nations seek:

**may we who with the magi have been**

**drawn by your light,**

**discern the glory of your presence**

**in your Son, the Word made flesh,**

**Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please join in:*

**Wise men, they came to look for wisdom,  
finding one wiser than they knew;  
rich men, they met with one yet richer  
King of the kings, they knelt to you:  
Jesus, our wisdom from above,  
wealth and redemption, life and love.**

**Pilgrims they were, from unknown countries,  
searching for one who knows the world;  
lost are their names,  
and strange their journeys,  
famed is their zeal to find the child:  
Jesus, in you the lost are claimed, strangers  
are found, and known, and named.**

**Magi, they stooped to see your splendour  
led by a star to light supreme;  
promised Messiah, Lord eternal,  
glory and peace are in your name.  
Joy of each day, our song by night,  
shine on our path your holy light.**

**Guests of their God, they opened treasures,  
incense and gold and solemn myrrh;  
welcoming one too young to question  
how came these gifts, and what they were.  
Gift beyond price of gold or gem,  
make among us your Bethlehem.**

*Please sit for the announcements, then STAND for  
the blessing and dismissal.*

Christ our Lord,  
to whom kings bowed down in worship  
and offered gifts, reveal to you his glory,  
and pour upon you the riches of his grace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God**

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Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1930 Eucharist 2000 Bellsringers</b>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1930 Eucharist</b>
Saturday 13	<b>1000 Foodbank</b>
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1000 Sung Eucharist</b>

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When Christ was born in Bethlehem town,  
Hear how the angels sing!  
Hear heaven's choir call out to the world -  
So let our voices ring:

*Sing out for joy, sing out for joy.  
Worshipping Mary's child*

*Sing and rejoice, both heaven and earth  
Worshipping Mary's child.*

Magi on camels, shepherds with sheep,  
Travelled to see the sight  
Promised by angels, signalled by stars,  
Darkness now chased by light.

What can we give of value or worth  
Here as we look and see?

The cradle's treasure, Jesus our Lord  
Born here to set us free.

Strengthened for service, still here to work,  
Here we can learn and pray  
Here we are fed and nourished in faith -  
Fit for the coming day!



*"Know, dear friends that, as we have rejoiced  
at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
so by leave of God's mercy  
we announce to you also  
the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.*

*On the 14<sup>th</sup> of February will fall  
Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the  
fast of the most sacred Lenten season.  
On the 31<sup>st</sup> of March we will celebrate Easter  
Day,  
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*On the 9<sup>th</sup> of May will be the  
Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
On the 19<sup>th</sup> of May the feast of Pentecost.  
And on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December falls the  
First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
to whom is honour and glory for ever and  
ever."*