



# St Martin's Church, Welton

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**This Saturday morning (06 January) at 10.30 am,  
 a Quarter peal will be rung in memory of Harold Thompson  
 by his daughter, Sally with a team of local bell ringers.**

07 January 2018

## **Epiphany**

**WELCOME!**

### **11.00am Service of Communion**

**This morning we welcome Revd Canon Ann Slater  
 and thank her for leading our worship.**

**If you don't normally take communion but would like God's blessing,  
 please come up to the altar rail holding your service booklet.**

Please stay for tea or coffee after the service — we would love to chat with you.

#### **MORNING SERVICES. All commence at 11.00am**

	<b>Today</b>	<b>14 January</b>	<b>21 January</b>	<b>28 January</b>
<b>Challis</b>	Jean Somerville	Val Hamblin	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Jean Somerville
<b>Sidesperson</b>	Bob Somerville	Jan Wall	Margaret Jones	Pam Broadhead
<b>Reader</b>	Jackie Hibbert	Gillian Weigel	Keith Beardmore	Charles Broadhead
<b>Prayers</b>	Vicar	Vicar	Gill Beardmore	Vicar

#### **AFTERNOON SERVICES. All commence at 4.00pm**

<b>14 January</b>	<b>28 January</b>
<b>Evensong BCP</b> Gill and Keith Beardmore	<b>Sunday Teatime</b>  Gill Beardmore, and Jan Wall
<i>For those who enjoy the traditional language and peace of the Book of Common Prayer. **VENUE: The Beardmores' home.</i>	<i>A meeting of Christians of all ages around the tea table. Tea and cake accompany informal discussion, games and storytelling to link faith with everyday life. Worship a different way.</i>

**\*\*We have been given permission to celebrate the January and February said Evensong Service in the warmth of the Beardmore house. Please contact Gilly and Keith for further details.**

## **First Reading**                      **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.

## **Gospel Reading**                      **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.



### **Revd Sarah writes to the whole church at Welton**

"This is just a note to thank you all very much for your generosity and kindness at my departure. In particular:

for immensely thoughtful vouchers for Peterborough Christian bookshop, which will not only buy me books but also help me make friends locally;  
for a beautiful floral masterpiece (do I detect the hand of Val?) which is cheering up an increasingly gloomy box-filled Rectory;  
for a delicious single malt whisky to float the moving stress away (not too much at a time of course);  
for a beautiful Celtic picture which will grace our new home and  
for words of peace and love which are quite wonderful and which I will treasure.  
For all these, but most particularly for your care, support and understanding and for your willingness to step out in faith I thank you profoundly.  
May you all be richly blessed as you build Christ's church together in His name.  
With my love and prayers, Sarah."

**Reverend Canon Sarah Brown will be installed as Dean Missioner at Evensong on Sunday 21st January 2018 at 3.30pm in Peterborough Cathedral.**

**If you have any news or forthcoming events: email [ros@rosirius.co.uk](mailto:ros@rosirius.co.uk). Please let me know if you would like your name adding to the email list to receive these weekly pew leaflets. Thank you. Roslyn.**