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The Epiphany of the Lord p.114f



Holy Family, Farnham GU9 0LH
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Confessions: 5.00pm Saturday (HA), after masses on the 1st Sunday of the month, Thursdays (usually) during adoration.

[HA= Holy Angels, Ash and HF= Holy Family, Farnham]

Sat 7 Jan	5.30pm	HA	Vigil Mass	<i>Intentions of the Abrew family</i>
Sun 8 Jan	9.15am	HF	The Epiphany of the Lord	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
	11.00pm	HA		<i>Elizabeth Morris (RIP)</i>
Mon 9 Jan			No Mass	
Tue 10 Jan	9.45am	HF	Mass	
Wed 11 Jan	9.10am	HA	Rosary	
	9.30am		Mass	
Thurs 12 Jan	6.15pm	HF	Adoration	
	7.30pm	HF	Mass	
Fri 13 Jan	9.30am	HA	Mass (St Hilary)	
Sat 14 Jan	5.30pm	HA	Vigil Mass	
Sun 15 Jan	9.15am	HF	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
	11.00am	HA		<i>Katie Rosina Gayton (RIP)</i>

Offertory

Holy Family	£195.00
Holy Angels	£216.44

Next week there will be a second collection for Pax Christi. If you are a UK Taxpayer, please use the special Gift Aid envelopes at the back of Church.

Holy Angels

Churches Together: Next Sunday (15th January) we are hosting Churches Together. This is a community event which benefits people who would usually spend the afternoon on their own. Please could you be generous and support us either by attending or by providing cake, sandwiches or other suitable finger food.

Singing: We are having regular singing practice for the choir and anyone else who is interested in upcoming music, for a brief period after mass, before staying for a beverage! Please think about staying on briefly after mass for this - or for a coffee so you can listen to the

singing! This will help us to consolidate what we are already able to sing and increase our repertoire of new church music.

Sacred Heart Candle: You may have noticed that there is now a seven-day votive offering candle permanently alight before the statue of the Sacred Heart at Holy Angels. Anyone who wishes to offer that votive candle for a particular private intention for a week, needs to speak to the office. The cost of the candles are £3.

Holy Family

Holy Family Film Nights: The 2017 film night dates have been released and are as follows. Fri 27 Jan, Fri 10 Mar, Fri 12 May, Fri 7 Jul, Fri 22 Sep, Fri 17 Nov

Don't forget to put them in your diary. **7.30 - 7:45 pm.**

Please bring a suggested donation of £5 which will cover licensing, snacks and a generous provision of wine. All welcome.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2017. The **Unity Service**, which is the centrepiece of the week, will be hosted this year by **Farnham Methodist Church**, South St at **6 pm on Sunday, January 22nd, 2017.**

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It will be followed by light refreshments. David Ashby will be leading the service and we are most grateful to Farnham Methodists for agreeing to host it, and for their hospitality. **All are most welcome to attend.**

The Week of Prayer runs from Weds 18th January 2017 to Weds 25th January inclusive. Daily prayers for Christian Unity will be held in a variety of town-centre churches, starting at 10.30 and concluding, after refreshments, by 11.30 at the latest. Please do join us for one or more of these, praying that we may work together in presenting the love of Jesus to our town.

Crib Donations

Crib donations are going to Friends of the Holy Land, which helps the poorest Christians in the Holy Land, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan. It has been a particularly difficult year for Christians in the Middle East, please be generous.

Please do also keep in mind, the needs of the local and national homeless charities at this time.

Parish office

You will need to make an appointment if you need Father Robin to sign your school supplementary forms. Please ring or email the office. Fr Robin will be available in the first two weeks of the year.

Please remember that the office has a new email address: holyofficesurrey@gmail.com Please update your contacts accordingly. **The old email is completely defunct and email sent to that address is no longer reaching us.**

Big Picture course

The Big Picture Course will **resume this week.**
Weeks 7-12: 9th January 2017 to 17th February 2017

Don't forget that you can still join in with this course and participate at home if you are unable to make the meetings of the regular groups.

If you were enthused by the writings and ministry of Saint Teresa of Calcutta which formed part of our Advent reflection why not have a look at the website motherteresainsurrey.org

Quinquennial Parish Property Survey

As reported to the AGM, we have recently had an independent review of the fabric of the church, the presbytery and the grounds, known as a quinquennial. This did not reveal any major issues other than a recommendation for a modernised kitchen, which the AGM endorsed and for which we have now obtained architect's drawings. There are however a very large number of relatively small recommendations like renewing the lines for the front car park bays and removing trip hazards. If there is anyone in the congregation which the kind of practical skills which your priest and finance committee lack and who would be prepared to give up a bit of time to help out with some of the tasks, Father Robin or Tim Flesher would be delighted to hear from you!

First Holy Communion Programme

Tuesday 10 January 8.00pm:
Parents meeting at Holy Angels

Sat 14 Jan 3.45-5.00:
Family Church Search at Holy Angels
Followed by Celebration Mass at 5.30pm

Infant Baptism

The next Baptism evening will be held on Wednesday 18th January, 7.45pm at Holy Angels. Please fill in a baptism application form, available from the back of either church before hand.

Epiphany House Blessing

Blessed chalk and an information sheet is available from the back of each church today to enable you to make the traditional Epiphany Blessing over the door of your house. This is a lovely custom helping us to dedicate our homes once more to be places where Christ is made welcome.

Censing the elements at the offertory

Fr Hunwicke, one of our Ordinariate priests recently shared this quote from one of tractarian writers about the way in which our use of incense as catholics shows the connection between our worship and that of the Jewish temple.

Few liturgical ceremonies seem to me more appropriate than the way the Offering of the bread and wine is immediately followed by the sight of smoke rising above the Altar ... just as smoke went up from the great Altar in the Temple at Jerusalem. It is, surely the the moment when it most obvious that we are the True Israel.

Let this incense, blessed by Thee, ascend unto Thee, O Lord; and may Thy Mercy come down upon us. The priest says this as he swirls the incense all over and all round the munera which have been set upon the Altar of the Christian Oblation. The words come from Psalm 140/141.

"The incense was offered morning and evening on its own special golden altar in the Holy Place, in front of the veil, at first by the High Priest only, but under the Second Temple, by the inferior priests also, chosen daily by lot for the office, as was Zachariah the father of John Baptist. Besides this separate burning of incense as an independent offering, it was joined to all the other oblations "of a sweet savour", as something which gave them acceptance; and similarly in the Apocalypse the Angel who stands at the altar with a golden censer, offers the incense 'with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne'. To the Temple sacrifice is added the perpetual intercession of CHRIST, as the Great Angel of the Covenant (compare the prayer *Supplices te rogamus*), that is, Christ presents His petition amidst the smoke which rises from off the altar of gold."

Have you noticed that we have begun using a much purer form of frankincense that is much better for asthma sufferers? It is important to note that the incense we use in church is quite different from the direct burning, joss stick type incense that is occasionally referenced in the press.