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Covid-19 Church Closures

Given we are now in another lockdown 4 and Covid numbers continue to rise, both churches have decided to keep our congregations SAFE and not meet physically for worship. The service will be live-streamed as usual from St Michael's at 9.30 am. This decision will be kept under weekly review, so watch this space.

From the sermon preached by the Revd Dr Peter Powell for the feast of Epiphany:

2020 was awful – but there were blessings too: time to come closer to the beauty of Nature and to recognise that we are not in control of this world or this life. The need to build a better kinder world in the future. We've honoured and appreciated the selfless devotion of workers and carers who do their bit to keep things going. Carers and caterers, cleaners and couriers - the heroes of 2020.

Epiphany gives us a pattern in the response of the Wise men to the unexpected gift. How we respond to the gifts of our lives and the immense beauty and privilege of living on this planet matters enormously.

So, every time when we can gaze up into the heavens on a starbright clear night and marvel at the stars again, we can remember how they announced an extraordinary gift hidden in the ordinary events of life.

We can hope for a vision to see in our world what the wise men saw all those years ago, to see clearly again through crisp clear air, light shining in the darkness, news of an unexpected gift of love to us all. To see that and to respond with love and generosity in turn. Amen.

Upcoming PCC Meetings

**St John's:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January, 7pm on Zoom

**St Michael's:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 7pm on Zoom.

Intercessions

**St John's Intercessions:** Kath Dixon, Pat Evans, Sandra Lakin, Alan Lowe, Evelyn Owens, Margaret Patterson, Bill Pearson, Pat Sandelands, Eric Storey, Eric Watson.

**St Michael's intercessions:** Muriel Attwell, Dennis Clark, Horace and Eileen Clements, Rita Davidson, Pauline Hamilton, Ian, Isaac, Michael Leonard, Olive Martin, Dorothy McCreddie, Angela and Colin Milner, Anne O'Neill, Jean Pratt, Brenda Savage, Alan Smith, Sue White

**Rest in Peace: Pat Smith, Edmund (Eddie) McCann, Margaret Tebbit**

Puzzle Corner is back!

Epiphany Quiz

- 1) The story of the visit of the Wise Men (Magi) appears in the Gospel according to whom?
- 2) Whose poem "The journey of the Magi" begins "A cold coming we had of it"?
- 3) What is the origin and meaning of the word epiphany?
- 4) When does epiphany come to an end?
- 5) Who painted "The Adoration of the Magi"?

