

**Parish of Effingham and Fetcham**  
Our Lady of Sorrows and Church of the Holy Spirit

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*A Very Warm Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors*

## **The Epiphany**

Sundays: Cycle B    Weekdays: Year II    7 January 2024



The celebration of Epiphany, meaning 'manifestation', is like a second Christmas. It is, in fact, the Christmas of the Eastern Churches. It proclaims that the child Jesus belongs to us and is given to the whole world as its Saviour. With the magi the world brings to him its variety of gifts: its culture, its many-sidedness, its different identities. And we, like people from other nations, bring him the gift of ourselves: our faith, our fidelity, our love, as we meet him in prayer and in people, especially in the

poorest. We also celebrate that Jesus came not only for Christians, but to be known by every person, every country, every culture on earth. For he is Saviour of all, no exceptions. In this New Year let us pray that we may come to know him better and to make him known to others, especially by the way we live.

May God Bless you,

*Deacon Ian*

## ***This Week***

### **Arrivals and Departures**

Effingham and Fetcham parish will be welcoming **Fr Charles Howell** as our new parish priest. He will be celebrating his first weekend Masses on 27-28 Jan (while he is still in the process of moving in) and will begin weekday Masses on Fri 2 Feb.

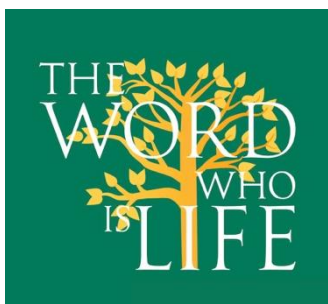
Fr Stephen is leaving our parish on Thu 11 Jan. His new appointment is initially to Storrington, but with the remit of combining that parish with Arundel Cathedral parish, working together with the present dean of the Cathedral. In the late spring or early summer Fr Stephen will then take over as the new dean of Cathedral.

Between Fr Stephen's departure and Fr Charles' arrival, **Fr Benny O'Shea** will be celebrating the weekend Masses (6pm, 9am and 11am) and will be available for Sat evening Confessions at 5pm.

**Second collection today:** Emergency appeal for the victims of the conflict in Israel and Gaza, organised by the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. Please be generous! Thank you.

**Change to Children's Liturgy.** There will be NO Liturgy this Sunday 7 Jan. It will resume as usual on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan.

**Change to Confessions.** This Sunday 7 Jan there will also be no Confessions at HS after the Mass, as Mass will be followed immediately by Fr Stephen's Farewell celebration.



### **New Pastoral Plan.**

Bishop Richard has written a new Pastoral Plan for the Diocese: 'The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission'. As society becomes more secular our parishes

must be ever-clearer beacons of light guiding

people to Christ. The new Plan highlights how our community of faith can embrace this important time of renewal, forging diocesan parishes into communities of saints and strong, lively and welcoming schools of discipleship. The Pastoral Plan is now available on the diocesan website at: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan). Hard copies are also available in each church.

Bishop Richard will be hosting a Pastoral Plan Webinar for people across our diocesan community on **Wed 10 Jan at 7.30pm**. Please use the following link to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86457734895>.

**Parish Walking Group – Sat 13 Jan, 2pm.** The next walk for the group will be a 3.5 mile walk around West Horsely and Sheeples. As this is such a local walk, we are suggesting that we meet in West Horsley village. The walk starts at the crossroads of Ripley Lane and Cranmore Lane. If anyone would like a lift to the start, please let us know. If you would like to join our WhatsApp group please text Annette on 07561 305767. This is the way we keep in touch, request lifts and make any last-minute changes due to the weather. Otherwise just turn up in West Horsley. It would be lovely to see some new walkers for this first walk of the New Year. Annette and Kathy.

## ***Coming Soon***

18-25 January is **Christian Unity Week**. There will be joint services in Bookham and Fetcham every morning. In particular we are hosting the service on Wed 24 Jan at 8.30 am at Holy Spirit.

## ***General***

**World Day of Prayer 2024 – 1 Mar, 10am, OLOS**  
Every year Christian people join together on one day for a service written by Christian women in one specific country or area. This year will be

particularly moving as it has been written by the Christian women of Palestine. If you would like to be involved in any way: reading, singing, greeting fellow Christians from neighbouring parishes, preparing and serving refreshments, we would love to hear from you. Come along to St Alphege Hall at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 31 Jan. The more the merrier for this important day of prayer. Please contact Annette Turner (07561 305767) for more details.

**PACT – Prison Advice and Care Trust.** On Mon 15 April there will be a talk on the work of PACT at 7.30 pm in St Alphege Hall. Further details will be given nearer the time.

### *General*

**Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word – Saturday 20 January.** Bishop Richard will lead a day of reflection and formation for Ministers of the Word at Sacred Heart Church, Cobham, 11-4pm. Including Lectio Divina and Mass, plus talks on Sacred Scripture, the Liturgy of the Word, the Lectionary, and practical aspects of the ministry. Please register using the link [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word \(20-Jan-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

**Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist – Saturday 10 February.** Bishop Richard will lead a day of reflection and formation for Ministers of the Eucharist at St Michael's, High Salvington, Worthing 11-4pm. The day will include theological and practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass. Please register using the link [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist \(10-Feb-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

**Worth Abbey Retreats on 22-28 January & 3-7 June** (minimum 2 nights) Cost: £90 per person, per night. Spend time at Worth Abbey enjoying the rhythm of the [monastic prayer and liturgy](#), time in reflection and the peace of the Sussex countryside. There is no set programme other than an optional daily Lectio Divina session, plus

a chance to have a 1:1 for reconciliation or a chat. To book your place go to W: [worth.co.uk/time-out-individual-self-led-retreats/](http://worth.co.uk/time-out-individual-self-led-retreats/) or call 01342 710318.

**How the Encounter with Faith is a Turning Point for Many in the Prison System.** A talk by Marie Norbury, Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT) on **Wed 17 Jan 7-8.30 pm.** St Dunstan's Catholic Church, Shaftesbury Road, Woking, Surrey GU22 7DT. Locked on the margins of society, out of sight and out of mind, with overcrowding and around 90,000 people in prison in England and Wales, can the discovery and deepening of faith amongst prisoners make a life changing and positive difference to them and their families? Should there be more focus on helping those who commit crimes to truly find mercy, forgiveness, and redemption for their good and that of Society? Find out more in this fascinating talk. There will be refreshments and a retiring collection at the end of the talk. Let us know by email if you are coming at [guildfordknightsofstcolumba@gmail.com](mailto:guildfordknightsofstcolumba@gmail.com)

**Diocesan Directory 2024.** There are a couple of copies available to purchase at each church. £5 per copy, please put your money in the slot marked 'books or newspapers'.

Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:	
Derek Barham	Janet Morgan
Marie Bliss	Jim Morgan
Christopher Browne	Maureen Rennison
Amy Chapman	Jean Rowlandson
John Donovan	Bernard Shaw
Mary Doran	Jenny Smith
Mary Hefford	Maggie Thomas
Maddy Hewitt	Pat Turton
Tessa Knott	Simon Turton
Gillian Lake	Andrea Vaughan
Joanna Mills	Clive Ward

## This Week's Masses and Intentions

Saturday Vigil	06 Jan	6.00 pm	OLOS	Holy Souls – RIP
Sunday	07 Jan	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>07 Jan</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>Fr Stephen – Thanksgiving</b>
Monday	08 Jan	Noon	HS	Holy Souls
Tuesday	09 Jan	9.15 am	OLOS	Deceased Relatives of the Cross Family
Wednesday	10 Jan	9.15 am	HS	Holy Souls
Thursday	<b>11 Jan</b>	<b>** 8.00 am</b>	<b>OLOS</b>	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday	12 Jan			<b>*** NO MASS ***</b>
Saturday	13 Jan			<b>*** NO MASS ***</b>
Saturday Vigil	13 Jan	6.00 pm	OLOS	Holy Souls
Sunday	14 Jan	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	14 Jan	11.00 am	HS	Jean Wood

HS = Holy Spirit, Fetcham      OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

All Masses from OLOS are live-streamed on YouTube at “Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish” <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

### Confessions

### Saturdays

10.30-11.15 am OLOS, Effingham

5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month** after 11.00 am Mass HS, Fetcham **(no Confessions on Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Jan)**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** – Thursdays after Mass until midday, then 2-7 pm

## Next Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19 | Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10 | 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20 | John 1:35-42

***Please get Newsletter items to the Parish office by 10.00am Wednesday***

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