

The church is open for quiet thought or prayer from 8am – 5.30pm Monday – Friday,
11am – 4pm on Saturdays.

Monday – Friday there will be daily mass at 12.15pm.

On Sunday there is a Sung Eucharist at 11am.

Thank you for attending our service this morning. You are all very welcome to join us after the service for tea/coffee in the Church hall.

Diary

Tuesday 6 Feb 6.30pm St Vedast Feast Day evensong

St Vedast's Hall is available for hire for events, meetings, etc. Please contact the administrator for more information.

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**The Parish of
Saint Vedast-alias-Foster**
Foster Lane, London EC2V 6HH
Epiphany
7th January 2018
Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Rt Revd Dr Stephen Platten
Preacher: Revd Jonathan Herapath

Hymn: 36 – The first Nowell

Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1st Reading: Isaiah 60.1–6

Psalm 72. 1-15

R Kings bow down before him, all the nations do him service.

Give the king your judgements, O God, and your righteousness to the son of a king. Then shall he judge your people righteously and your poor with justice. May the mountains bring forth peace and the little hills righteousness for the people. **R**

May he defend the poor among the people, deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor. May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. **R**

May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, like the showers that water the earth. In his time shall righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. May his dominion extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. May his foes kneel before him and his enemies lick the dust. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts. All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service. **R**

For he shall deliver the poor that cry out, the needy and those who have no helper. He shall have pity on the weak and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy. He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight. Long may he live; unto him may be given gold from Sheba; may prayer be made for him continually and may they bless him all the day long. **R**

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

Gradual chorale

How brightly shines the morning star
The nations see and hail afar
The light in Judah shining.
Thou David's son of Jacob's race
The Bridegroom and the King of grace
For thee our hearts are pining.
Lowly, holy,
Great and glorious, thou victorious
Prince of graces
Filling all the heavenly places.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1:12

Intercessions

We pray for those who are sick especially those named in our Prayer Intention

book: Andrew King, Miles Gaythwaite, Margaret Spencer, James Davie

We pray for those who have died recently:

Geraldine Wheeler

We pray for those whose anniversary falls during this time especially:

Samuel James

Offertory Hymn: 47 – As with gladness men of old

Communion *All baptised communicant Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at this service. Alternatively, please come forward for a Blessing. If you have difficulty kneeling, it is perfectly acceptable for you to remain standing to receive Holy Communion.*

Thanksgiving Hymn: 49 - Brightest and best

