

St Anne's Parish, Wappenbury  
with  
Our Lady of the Angels', Princethorpe

Sunday 7 January 2024

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Year B

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***"Have you found Jesus yet, Gump", asks Lieutenant Dan.  
"I didn't know I was supposed to be looking for him", said Gump.  
(Forrest Gump 1994)***

T S Eliot's '*Journey of the Magi*' (1927) is worth reading today as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, Especially, focussing, perhaps, on *"the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly and the villages dirty and charging high prices....."*, not unlike our world today, do you think?

Something compelled the Magi to search, to travel, to step positively outside their comfort zone, following a star. For a child in whom they believed had an offer meeting their deepest desires. Whatever were their reasons for following a star, they set out, found the child Jesus, and protected him by taking guidance in a dream not to report back to Herod. Theirs was a courage and an ingenuity to be envied.

From that moment on, we can surmise that the arrival of the Messiah was common knowledge, headlines, perhaps, in the press of the day. No longer the preserve of scholars of scripture. It did not take too long for Christianity to spread – Peter and Paul especially leading the charge into the popular culture of the day – and paying dearly for that.

I sometimes wonder whether, in the busyness of a modern technological culture, we have stepped back from telling people about the Messiah, acquiescing with the depleted numbers in church post covid. And whether we risk becoming a 'congregational church' with focus weekly entirely on those who attend church each week.

And then I stand corrected, as I look around the church and see 'new faces', folk introduced to church by you. As if you are saying, '*come and see*' and, without any special language, echoing Philip's invitation to Nathaniel *"we have found the one Moses wrote about, Jesus son of Joseph, from Nazareth"* (John 1:43ff), you bring people to experience a sense of community, of belonging, that, unknown to themselves, they seek, and through you, they find.

Your initial invitation may not be well received – Nathaniel initially saw no good whatever coming out of Nazareth, just as many in 21C culture see the church as a waste of time and space, and even dangerous for some. Like the Magi, you have a 'star' that you follow, something that continues to inspire you to nourish your faith – and to share it, your way.

You may find *"voices singing in (your) ears, saying that this (is) all folly"* (ibid), yet you continue, one New Year after another, persevering and encouraging; We all need the courage and the ingenuity of the Magi to introduce Jesus to a culture that often feels it is, and can remain, self-sufficient.

Continue as you are to invite. You will, with the Magi, experience a joy, described as *"a temperate valley...with a running stream...."*, a joy knowing that you are introducing God/Jesus to people – in new ways acceptable to a different culture. Do not grow weary!



### Mass Information And Intentions For Week Beginning Sunday 7 January 2024

<b>Sunday 7 January 2024</b>	8.30am 10.30am	Wappenbury Wappenbury	<b>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</b>
<b>Monday 8 January</b>	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	
<b>Tuesday 9 January</b>	8.30am Mass 7.00pm	Wappenbury	Finance Committee Meeting - Cemeteries
<b>Wednesday 10 January</b>	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	
<b>Thursday 11 January</b>	No Mass		
<b>Friday 12 January</b>	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	
<b>Saturday 13 January</b>	No Mass		
<b>Sunday 14 January</b>	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 12.00pm	Wappenbury Princethorpe Wappenbury	<b>Stash Griffin RIP and Eileen Loader RIP Baptism Freddie McMullen</b>

### Diary Dates

Date			
<b>Wednesday 24 January</b>	7.00pm	Wappenbury	Finance Committee

**Safeguarding Information From The Archdiocese of Birmingham Office**  
*The St Anne's Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance,  
and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures always.*

*The Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or  
[safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.*

### Updates To Prayer and Deceased Lists – Take Note

Please, please can I ask, if you have any amendments to the notices in either the Prayer List or the Deceased List to let Loretta or myself know. This should include your wish for names to be added or removed. To ensure that we receive any message please can you use our email addresses as below:

[fr.teddy.obrien@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.teddy.obrien@rcaob.org.uk) or [stanne.wappenbury@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stanne.wappenbury@rcaob.org.uk) Thank you

### Sunday Collection – 31 December 2023

Date	Wappenbury Offertory	Second Collection	Princethorpe Offertory	Second Collection
<b>31 December 2023</b>	£147.42	Piety Stall: £35.00	£74.71	

### Thank You For Your Generosity

Thank you for your contribution to the diocesan charities during 2023. You contributed £786.89. Your contributions have been sent to the respective charities.. .

### Saving Postage Stamps, Please – Continue To Help

Once again, this year Loretta will be collecting postage stamps to send to the RNIB. Please can you cut off any stamps on envelopes you receive, ideally leaving a 1cm space from the actual stamp, and pass to either me or Loretta after Mass. For every 1kg of stamps collected the RNIB will receive £20 – it's so easy to support the charity. Thank you.

**Christmas Card Fronts – Please Save**

Please would you be kind enough, when you come to take down your Christmas cards, to cut off the fronts and pass to Pam, Loretta or me. They will be used to put in the shoeboxes for Christmas 2024. They must not show any religious images. Thank you.

**First Holy Communion**

Parents who wish to present their child(ren) for first Holy Communion during 2024 should contact the parish office ([fr.teddy.obrien@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.teddy.obrien@rcaob.org.uk)) no later than Friday 26 January 2024.

### **Especially In Your Prayers This Week – For The Living**

**Prayers for any of our parishioners who are suffering from Covid currently.**

**Rosh Gibson**, Yvonne's nephew's girlfriend, who is recovering from an ectopic pregnancy. Prayers, please, for this couple and their families,

**Tianna**, who has had a grade 3 brain tumour removed and has begun Proton treatment. Please pray for Tianna's family

**Yvonne** who is in UHC awaiting further tests.

**Michael**, parish groundsman, who is in UHC following an operation.

**Con** (Marie Malin's father) who is in St Cross Hospital Rugby after falling at home.

**Roy Pendleton** who is in the Rehabilitation Hospital Leamington Spa.

**Fr Michael Curran** MSC who fell recently and broke his hip.

**Tracey**, not a parishioner, friend of Julie Satchwell, who has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer and other complications.

**Alice**, who had a difficult time over Christmas. Pray for her and James, and David and Sonia.

**Liz Griffin and family** as all remember their father.

**John (18yrs)** who has been diagnosed with life changing cancer. Please hold John, his family and friends, and the medical profession dealing with this and similar situations, in your prayers.

**Margaret**, a supporter of the Shoe Box appeal, who will shortly be receiving treatment for liver and colon cancer.

**Joyce**, friend of Bernie Sambrook, who has begun chemotherapy for breast cancer.

**Peter Power**, who is in hospital at the moment awaiting some treatment. Please pray for Peter and Una.

**Celia Dupre**, friend of Jane and Tony Phayer. Receiving palliative hospice care in the USA.

**Yve and Sean Butterfield**, friends of Marie Kerrigan. Please pray for all the family at this very difficult time.

**Sue Kimberley's family** on the unexpected death of their father, John, in Greece. Pray for Jo, James and Adele and their children.

**Adele Kimberley**, Sue's daughter, who is ill with a multiple of illnesses.

**Sophie (22)** who returned from university recently. Hold Sophie and family in your prayers.

**Patricia**, who is recovering very slowly from an operation and needs our prayers.

**Heather**, who experienced her treatment recently. She is recovering at home at present.

**Janet and Jim Murray**. Janet's younger sister, Andrena, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Please hold all in your prayers. Please also hold Janet's other sister in your prayers.

**Elizabeth and Clare**, as they laid Terry's ashes to rest in Wappenbury.

**Sue** who started a further round of chemotherapy recently.

**Alan Roberts and family, Adrian and Melanie**. Alan's wife, Judith Roberts, died last year. Hold Alan, Adrian, and Melanie in your prayers.

**Ian Milligan**, brother-in-law of Basil. Ian's wife, Julie, wishes to express her gratitude for including Ian and family in the St Anne's newsletter.

**Frances** who is awaiting the results of tests.

**Sally** who welcomes your prayers.

**Jenny** who is having treatment for cancer.

**Sankara Raman**, consultant at George Elliot Hospital. Please hold his family and colleagues in your prayers.

**Paula Mattocks** and family on the death of Paula's father.

**Margaret Simmons** whose husband, Peter, died last year.

**Richard** whose mother, Eileen died last year.

**Carole**, Rev Hugh Priestner's wife, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

**Padraig** has had good news. Please continue your prayers.

**Margaret**, cousin of Veronica, who has acute renal failure.

**Liz Griffin and family** on the death of Liz's mother, Eileen.

**Peter Griffin and family** on the death of Peter's mother, Stash.

**Eileen Kerrigan's family**, Sean, and Marie and all, as they approach Eileen's first anniversary.

**Trevor** who is suffering from too much iron in his blood.

**Michael**, who cares for our cemeteries. Pray for Michael's friend, Kim.

**Irene** with her continuing health difficulties. Hold Liam and Irene's parents in your prayers.

**Roy** as he adjusts to the later years of life. Remember, also, Mont, Roy's brother.

**Celia** who is unwell

**Elizabeth** who is waiting for a serious operation.

**Anthony Platt**, friend of Kathy Bond

**John** as he buried his brother.

**Paul**, a paramedic friend of Kathy Bond, Stretton on Dunsmore.

**Josie** who has been fast tracked for tests.

**Frances**, friend of Marie Kerrigan, as she awaits an operation, hoping to save sight in one eye.

**Shelley**, friend of Janet and Jimmy Murray, who is having extensive treatment.

**John**, Pray for Clare and family.

**Veronica and Paul**, please continue your prayers for them.

**John (75)** diagnosed with bladder cancer.

**Karen**, waiting results of an exploratory investigation.

**Frank**

**Carolyn**, who is ill with breast cancer.

### **For Those Who Have Died and For Their Families - Our Prayers This Week**

**Fr Chris Greaney RIP** who died unexpectedly last week Fr Chris celebrated Mass here on many occasions.

**Fr John Lomas RIP** who died unexpectedly last week. I spent time with Fr John on retreat last November.

**Paul Gandy's sister** who died recently.

**John Loader RIP**, Liz Griffin's father.

**Ellie Taylor RIP**, friend of Marie Kerrigan. Ellie was a past parent of Princethorpe College. Please pray for Ellie's family.

**David Hewer RIP**, a friend of Sarah Cusworth, who died suddenly recently in Baginton.

**Frances McCallum RIP**, Mary McGowan niece, who died in Scotland after a short illness. Please pray for Mary and all the family.

**Matilde Carrasquilla RIP**, Melina's grandmother (her father's mother), passed away recently. Please pray for all the family.

**Judith Roberts RIP (70s)** who died recently.

**David Easingwood RIP**, 21 June. David was a former parishioner of St Anne's who moved to Canada in 1981.

**Michael Tiernay RIP**, friend of Tom Butler.

**Mary McKeown RIP**

**Michael McCorrison RIP**

**Ita RIP**, Sarah's cousin, who died last year. Please pray for all the family.

**Adrian Johnson RIP**, father of Chloe Johnson. Hold Chloe and all Adrian's wide family in your prayers.

**Betty Scannell RIP (101)**, aunt of Sean Kerrigan, please pray for Sean, Maria and all the family.

**Paul Spencer RIP**, grandad to Lumen for whom we prayed a lot in recent years.

**Joe Young RIP** father of Joe and Alice Young, former pupils of Princethorpe College.

**Alan McCarry RIP**, father of Paula Mattocks.

**May McCorrison RIP (94)**, May had a good life but her death was still a shock.

**Margaret Huett RIP**, Stretton on Dunsmore.

**Peter Simmons RIP**, please hold Margaret and family in your prayers.

**Anne Greene RIP**, Anne is a friend of Peter Power's family.

**Eileen Maguire RIP**, hold Richard and Paula, and family in your prayers.

**Penny, RIP**, please pray for her husband, Ken, her two sons and her grandchild and all Penny's friends and family.

**Anastasia (Stash) Griffin RIP**, Peter's mother, died recently. Please pray for Peter and Liz and all the family.

**Eileen Loader RIP**, please pray for Liz and Peter and all the family.

**Deacon Joe Patterson RIP**, please pray for all the family and friends of Deacon Joe.

**Anthony Kelly RIP**, pray for his wife, Doreen and family.

**Joan Keegan RIP**, Mary McGowan's (senior) sister, **and John Mullaney RIP**, please pray for Mary and all Joan and John's wider family.

**Martin Slater RIP**, son of Des and Eileen Slater

**Elaine RIP**, Mary and Brian Gould's niece. Please continue your prayers for all the family.

**Simon Trotter RIP (65)**, Pray for Patsy, Oliver, Lucy and Amelia.

**Bill Busby RIP**. Remember Yvonne in your prayers.

**Barbara RIP**, Bernie Sambrook's mother. Pray for Bernie and family.

**Rev David Shaw RIP**, friend of Kathy Bond. Please pray for David's family and friends.

**Jean RIP**, aunt to Tim Malin. Pray for Tim and Maria and all the family.

**Eileen Merry RIP**, friend of Mary Hewitt. Her family wish to thank you for all your prayers.

**Peter Mernagh RIP**, cousin of Peter Power. Please keep all the family in your prayers.

**Irene Bett RIP**, great aunt to Tim and Maria Malin and family. Please pray for the family.

**Rory Ryan (63) RIP**, cousin to Janet Murray.

**Dougie Williams RIP**, Flo, Glen, Aoife and Máiréad Dalrymple ask for prayers for all the extended family. Dougie was married to Pauline for sixty-three years.

**Pauline RIP**, friend of Marie Kerrigan.

**Helen O'Reilly RIP**

**Kieran RIP**

**Ken RIP**

**John RIP** Remember Clare in your prayers.

**John Dobie RIP**

**Myrtle Forster (64) RIP** Remember Marie in your prayers.

**Joan and Sister RIP** Remember Sandra in your prayers.

**Mont RIP** Remember Roy in your prayers.

**Con McCorrison**

## Vacancies At The Princethorpe Foundation

**Estates Weekend Caretaker – Princethorpe College** - We are seeking a term-time Weekend Caretaker to join our friendly and professional Estates Department. The department work as a cohesive team to provide a multitude of operational duties across The Princethorpe Foundation. The Weekend Caretaker will oversee operations across the estates, primarily on Saturday's at Princethorpe College.

This wide-ranging role will oversee weekend tasks such as opening/closing the site, setting up for/packing down following events, facilitating sports fixtures and visitors, portorage, traffic management and helping to keep the site clean, tidy and well maintained.

The role is for ten-hours per week including one-hour unpaid break, to be worked primarily on Saturdays, 7:15am-5:15pm, during term-time (36 weeks) at Princethorpe College.

Flexibility will be required in respect of working hours and place of work as these may vary to support key events across the Foundation. There will also be opportunities to earn overtime/TOIL during the week and school holidays. Staff also benefit from a company pension, discounted fees, a cycle to work scheme and free access to the fitness suite.

The salary for this role is based on band D10 of the Princethorpe Foundation support staff scale, currently £12.55 per hour (£24,473 per annum based on a full-time equivalent), depending on qualifications and relevant experience. Closing date Friday 8 January 2024. Further information [here](#)

**Estates Assistant (Full Time) – Princethorpe College** - Required to start in January 2024, we seek to recruit a full-time Estates Assistant to join our friendly and professional Estates Department, working alongside our team to provide a multitude of operational, 'caretaker' services to the three schools within the Princethorpe Foundation.

This practical and wide-ranging role will involve keeping the site clean and tidy, set-up/pack-down, support of internal and external events, opening/unlocking, portorage, traffic management and planned preventative/general maintenance.

The role is all year round (52 weeks per year) for 37-hours per week (with a one-hour unpaid break per day). The proposed working pattern is 11.00am to 7.00pm on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and 7.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday. Saturday's may not be required during school holiday periods and there is potential for the working pattern to be adjusted to Monday-Friday during these periods.

The salary range is D5 to D7 of the Princethorpe Foundation support staff scale, currently £11.78 to £12.07 per hour (£22,971 to £23,536 per annum full time equivalent). Actual salary is £22,664.72 to £23,222.68 per annum. Salary is negotiable and dependent on experience. Closing date Monday 8 January 2024. Further information [here](#)

**Digital Transformation Leader – The Princethorpe Foundation** - The Princethorpe Foundation is taking the next exciting step in our digital transformation journey, with the recruitment of a Digital Transformation Leader. The Digital Transformation Leader will play a key role in changing the way The Princethorpe Foundation operates, developing the use of leading-edge technologies across all areas of the Foundation to deliver transformative solutions that support the Foundation's aims and strategy.

The successful candidate will be responsible for driving the digital transformation of teaching and support functions across our three Foundation schools, implementing innovative solutions and developing and implementing IT systems, processes, and methodologies to create both time and cost efficiencies.

It is envisaged that this Digital Transformation role will initially be part-time, at around 20 hours per week. However, for the right candidate there is the opportunity to also undertake an IT Engineer Role for an additional 20 hours per week, creating a 40 hour per week full-time role. There is also scope to increase the working hours of the Digital Transformation Leader over time. Closing date Wednesday 10 January 2024. Further information [here](#)



**IT Engineer – Princethorpe College** - Required to start in February 2024, we seek to recruit an experienced, motivated and enthusiastic IT Engineer to join our IT Support Department.

Working as part of a team, the successful candidate will provide first-line IT support to our staff and pupils throughout the Foundation. Listening and engaging, you'll resolve issues and escalate to Managers when appropriate.

This is an all-year-round role for 20-hours per week. Core hours are 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday, and agreement on specific hours to be worked will be agreed upon appointment. However, due to the nature of the role, there is a requirement to occasionally work outside normal working hours and these hours can be claimed as time off in lieu.

There is an opportunity to combine this role with that of Digital Transformation Leader for the right candidate, also at 20 hours per week. The salary range is D5 to D8 of the Princethorpe Foundation Salary scale, £22,971 to £23,868 based on full-time equivalent. (Actual salary will be £12,251 to £12,729 per annum) by negotiation, depending on qualifications and relevant experience. 25 days holiday per annum plus bank holidays.

Closing date Wednesday 10 January 2024. Further information [here](#)

**School Registrar and Marketing Secretary – Crescent School, Rugby** - Required to work as part of the team in our busy school office, providing the first and main point of contact for all prospective parents. In particular, you will administer all aspects of the pupil admissions process for Crescent School, working closely with the Head. The post holder will provide regular and frequent reports for analysis purposes. In addition, the role will require proactive marketing activity, working closely with the Foundation's Marketing Team and a degree of general office support at busy times.

In addition, as part of the marketing element, the post holder will play a key part in the generation of content for and administration of the weekly publication of the school's electronic newsletter, The Courier.

The job holder will have excellent organisational and communication skills; a flexible approach and the ability to manage a varied workload.

**Application:** To apply for this vacancy, applicants must submit a Princethorpe Foundation application form, together with a CV and covering letter detailing personal qualities, experience and how you meet the person specification for the role. Applicants must ensure the application form is fully completed, including a detailed career history with specific dates. Closing date Monday 29 January 2024. Further information [here](#)

**Other opportunities at Princethorpe College** – Exam Invigilators, SEND Support staff, Cover Teaching Staff, Games Coaching Staff. These vacancies come up from time to time. Please use the link [here](#) to find more information.