

January 2018 Services

Date	Leader	Preacher	Theme	Flowers
31st	Keith	Lee		-
7th Jan	Ted	Keith	Lord's Supper	Chris A
14th	Keith	Ruth		Peter
21st	Lee	Ted	Lord's Supper	Diane
28th	Keith	Lee		Pam
4th Feb	Ruth	Ted	Lord's Supper	Christine

Three kings came to see the king and asked him where the new king was born.

But the first king told the three kings that he didn't know where the second king was.

His advisers looked in the Bible — though not in First or Second Kings — and found that the second king was to be born in Bethlehem.

So the first king told the three kings to find the second king and tell him, the first king, where the second king

was.

Because the first king thought the second king was one king too many.

But when the three kings found the second king they realised he was actually the number one king — the King of Kings — and that compared with him the other king, indeed all other kings, were really no kings at all.

Tuesday 2nd January
Evening Prayer at 7.30pm

Saturday 6th January
"Film and Fellowship Evening" at 6.30pm

Sunday 7th January
New Year Service at 10.45

Monday 8th January
Deacons and Elders Meeting at 7.00pm

Saturday 27th January
Men's Breakfast at 8.30am



Your Voice January 2018



A Pastor's Thoughts

As you read this, an old year has ended and a new one just begun. In reality it is just another day and yet somehow we make it special, New Years Day is like a clean slate, the old year is gone, behind us, the new is before us with its fresh hopes and dreams. But as Christians we don't need a New Years Day to get a clean slate and have renewed hope for the future. We have a Lord and Saviour, who died to take away our sins, and give us new life in Him. If we confess our sins and unrighteousness, He will forgive our sins and remember them NO MORE. A clean slate, a new beginning. If we keep short accounts with God, that new beginning, clean slate is every day.



The Season of Epiphany

A moment in which you suddenly see or understand something in a new or very clear way

Blisworth Baptist Church

The History behind the Three Kings/Wise Men/Magi in the Christmas Story

After Jesus was born, Wise Men came to look for Him, probably from an area which is now in either Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Oman or the Yemen. Although they are often called the 'Three Kings', the Bible does not say how many there were, or that they were kings. One theory is that they might have been Kings of the Yemen, as during this time the Kings of Yemen were Jews. Three is only a guess because they brought with them three gifts: .

They were certainly men of great learning. The word Magi comes from the Greek word 'magos'.

Back then astronomy and astrology were part of the same overall study. The magi would have followed the patterns of the stars religiously. They would have also probably been very rich and held high esteem in their own society .

They had seen an unusual new star in the sky, and knew that it told of the birth of a special king. No one really knows what the new star in the sky was, but they followed it and found Jesus. **Ted**

The scripture that Daniel shared recently as he talked about knowing who we are in Christ is so powerful.

"For you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, Gods own people called out of darkness into His marvellous light"
1 Peter 2.9

I've always loved it. We used to sing it as a chorus in my Jesus Army days and it's a real spur into knowing our identity.

God also showed me this recently:

I felt so cheered on coming across a little pink rose starting to bloom in my garden so cutting it I brought it into the house to watch it open. I found a little clay pot that Lily, my youngest had made at school and wrapping it in a piece of foil as the pot was a bit leaky, I sat it on the kitchen window sill to enjoy.

Paul wrote about us being Gods little treasure pots in **1Corinthians c4 v7** showing off his powerful beauty in our fragile humanity .We too may leak but He is always there to fill up again with His glorious light

(verse 6),as we worship and enjoy his life giving words. God bless, Tina

A boy was sitting in a park bench with one hand resting on an open Bible. He was loudly exclaiming his praise to God. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God is great! he yelled without worrying whether anyone heard him or not.

Shortly after, along came a man who had recently completed some studies at a local University. Feeling himself very enlightened in the ways of truth and very eager to show this enlightenment, he asked the boy about the source of his Joy.

Hey, asked the boy in return with a bright laugh, Don't you have any idea what God is able to do? I just read that God opened up the waves of the Red Sea and led the whole nation of Israel right through the middle.

The enlightened man laughed lightly, sat down next to the boy and began to try to open his eyes to the realities of the miracles of the Bible. That can all be very easily explained. Modern scholarship has shown that the Red Sea in that area was only 10 inches deep at that time. It was no problem for the Israelites to wade across.

The boy was stumped. His eyes wandered from the man back to the Bible lying open in his lap. The man, content that he had enlightened a poor naive young person to the finer points of scientific insight turned to leave.

Scarcely had he taken two steps when the boy began to rejoice and praise louder than before. The man turned to ask the reason for this resumed jubilation. Wow! Exclaimed the boy happily, God is greater than I thought! Not only did He lead the whole nation of Israel through the Red Sea, He topped it off by drowning the whole Egyptian army in 10 inches of water!

Jean Partridge

A HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL
Thank you all for your Love and support.
With Love in Our Lord.
Keith and Maggie.