

January w/b Mon 6th Epiphany 2025

I'm Tish, the Curate here at St Mary's and All Saints. I've been out of in-church ministry for over 3 years since sustaining a traumatic brain injury. Recovery has improved in recent months and with support am starting a gradual return to some form of priestly ministry. The idea is to stimulate the wee grey cell so I am offering 'thoughts or a reflection' each week which will be put on the website. Nothing profound but I hope someone somewhere may find a helpful reminder or encouraging word within!



Epiphany – a celebration observed on January 6th to honour the coming of the Magi (wise men) who followed a Star from its rising until it stopped over the place where baby Jesus was with His mother (Matt 2:9) This is also the date when many of us remove our decorations and Christmas tree, but for others this is done at Candlemas – the festival held on February 2nd marking the presentation of Christ in the temple. Traditionally, candles are lit in Candlemas services. The images of Light from both the Star and lit candles remind us that Jesus Christ is the source of Light and of Life.

Let us pray for all who are in a dark place, whether struggling with mental anguish, physical pain and displacement from hostility around the globe or from seemingly unsurmountable challenges affecting daily life. May the Light of Christ be seen in the darkness.

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