



## Services Today

A very warm welcome to any visitors or newcomers here today  
Please make yourselves known after the service, or fill in one of  
the green welcome cards.

If you would like to revisit a sermon some of them are available on the website  
under 'Worship'.

**8 .00 am. HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)**

**10.00 am. SUNG EUCHARIST (CW)**

**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. Amen

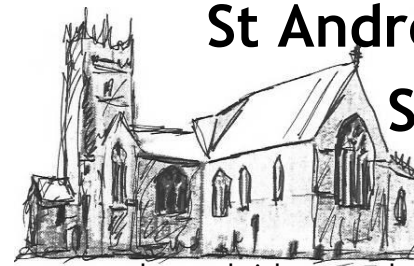
**Hymns:** 99, Psalm 72 vv10-15, 103, 96, 94.

**Readings:** Isaiah ch60 vv1-6, Matthew ch2 vv1-12.

Psalm 72

10. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles  
shall bring tribute:  
the kings of Sheba and Seba · shall offer gifts.
11. All kings shall fall down before him:  
and all nations do him service.
12. He will deliver the needy when they cry:  
and the poor man · that has no helper.
13. He will pity the helpless and the needy:  
and save the lives · of the poor.
14. He will redeem them from oppression · and violence:  
and their blood shall be precious in his sight.
15. Long may he live and be given of the gold of Sheba:  
may prayer be made for him continually  
and men bless him every day.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.



# St Andrew's Church Soham

7 January 2018

Epiphany Sunday

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Vicarage number: 01353 725948

*We aim, through our Christian faith, to actively share the love of God  
in our parish and in the wider community.*

## This Week

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| Tuesday, 9    | 1.00 pm Little Fishes.                            |
| Wednesday, 10 | 1.30 Creative Minds.                              |
| Thursday, 11  | 10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) followed by coffee. |
| Saturday, 13  | 10.30 Millbrook House. Soham Ecology Group meets. |

## Next Sunday

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| 8 am  | Holy Communion (BCP). |
| 10 am | Sung Eucharist (CW).  |

January - April Services & Events calendars are available at the back of  
church. Please take one for yourself and/or a friend.

Eleanor

## January

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| Saturday, 20. | 10 am. The Bread Basket.  |
| Thursday, 25. | 7 pm Berrycroft. Churches Together Fellowship Meal for<br>the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. |

## February

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| Tuesday, 6.    | 3.15-5 pm. Messy Church in church.         |
| Wednesday, 14. | 7.30. Ash Wednesday Eucharist.             |
| Saturday, 17.  | 10 am-12 noon. The Bread Basket in church. |

Please remember in your prayers:

**The Sick:**

Father,  
by the power of your Spirit  
you have filled the hearts of  
your faithful people  
with gifts of love for one  
another.  
Hear the prayers we offer for  
our relatives and friends.  
Give them health of mind and  
body  
that they may be able to do  
your will with love.  
We ask this through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**The Departed:**

Sheila Beloe,  
Dot Palmer,  
Keith Nichols,  
Tony Cottrell.



**Reports for APCM**

Can all those who write a report  
get it to us by the **end of  
February** please,  
dawn@lavertowers.co.uk  
Thanks, Howard and Dawn

**'Glad tidings we bring...'**

Here's where we are up to on some  
practical aspects of church life:

**Chancel kneelers and seat  
cushions**

Thanks to the generosity and skill  
of the Thursday Communion-goers,  
the kneelers have been recovered  
and Operation Seat Cushion is well  
underway. Thanks to all involved.



**Pigeons**

A well-established flock of pigeons  
has been making its home at St  
Andrew's for many years. As a  
result, our gutters and down-pipes  
are blocked solid, and this adds to  
the severe problems we already  
have with leaks and damp.

Some muck will be cleared this  
week - at a cost of over £1K. Good  
news for the wildlife-lovers  
amongst us (who include me) is  
that the pigeons will be left  
unharmd, but please could I ask  
those of us who feed the birds to  
do so at home but not in the  
churchyard so as to avoid  
encouraging new residents.

Thank you.

**Loose masonry**

On Tuesday a steeplejack will  
begin removing loose masonry from  
the outside of the church.

It remains to be seen how much of  
the building will be left when he's  
finished...



**Finances**

Simon our treasurer and I are  
meeting with the Chair of Ely  
Diocesan Board of Finance this  
week to update him on the  
tremendous progress we made in  
2017 in reducing our projected  
deficit for the year: last January  
this stood at a horrifying -26K; now  
it is a slightly less horrifying -£14K.

Many thanks to those of you who  
reassessed your giving during last  
year and to those of you who  
continue to give to St Andrew's in  
whatever way: your generosity has  
contributed to this improvement.  
We still have a long way to go,  
however, and any donations  
however small will make a  
difference. Have a look at the  
'Parish Giving' noticeboard at the  
back of church or have a word with  
me or Simon for more info. about  
ways to give.

Thank you.

**Wicken**

The process of severing the  
ecclesiastical link between Soham  
and Wicken such that I become  
Priest in Charge of just Soham is  
still underway. Watch this space -  
and please continue to hold  
Wicken and its people in your  
prayers.



**And after all that...  
Happy New Year!**

*Eleanor*



**Soham Ecology Group**

This is a small group of people  
who are concerned about the  
environment and how we can work  
together to protect it.

If this is something that interests  
you, or you would like to find out  
more about green issues, then  
come to our next meeting on  
**Saturday, 13 January** (and every  
second Saturday) at **10.30** in the  
meeting room at Millbrook House

More information from Linda  
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