

SERVICES

Weekends

Saturday 17.00 All Age Eucharist

Sunday 09.00 All Age Eucharist

Sunday 11.00 Choral Eucharist
with Sermon and traditional music

Weekdays

Monday 18.15 Holy Eucharist

Tuesday 12.15 Holy Eucharist

Thursday 18.15 Healing Eucharist

Friday 12.15 Holy Eucharist
(1662, Book of Common Prayer)

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The Marking of Homes with Blessed Chalk

It is an ancient custom for Christians, in the season of Epiphany, to write beside the front door of their home the traditional names of the Three Wise Men.

This shows our willingness to offer hospitality and shelter to those who, like the Magi on their journey to Bethlehem, love and seek our Lord Jesus Christ.

The initials CMB (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) also stand for Christum Mansionem Benedicat - May Christ bless this house.

This is the prayer used, as the doors are marked:

The Three Wise Men

C Caspar

M Melchior

B and Balthasar,

followed the star of God's Son who became human

20 two thousand

22 and twenty-two years ago.

✠ May Christ bless our home

✠ and remain with us through this new year.

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray,
and drive far from it the snares of the enemy.
May your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace,
and may your blessing be always upon us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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The Season of Epiphany and Candlemas

2022

Prayers for the Season

Gold

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe: to you be and glory for ever. As gold in the furnace is tried and purified seven times in the fire, so purify our hearts and minds that we may be a royal priesthood acceptable in the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

Incense

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe: to you be praise and glory for ever. As our prayer rises up before you as incense, so may we be presented before you with penitent hearts and uplifted hands to offer ourselves in your priestly service.

Blessed be God for ever.

Myrrh

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe: to you be praise and glory for ever. As you give medicine to heal our sickness and the leaves of the tree of life for the healing of the nations, so anoint us with your healing power that we may be the first-fruits of your new creation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessing of the chalk

Bless, O Lord God, this chalk to render it helpful to us. Grant that we who use it in faith and with it inscribe upon the entrance of our homes the names of your saints, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, may through their merits and intercession enjoy health of body and protection of soul. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**