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THE EPIPHANY - CHRISTMASS II

Sunday Worship

Sat. 3rd Jan 6.00pm 1st Mass of Sunday in Wells (A belated intention)
 Sun 4th Jan 9.00am Solemn Mass in Wells (Kate's recovery)
 11.00am Sung Mass in Shepton (Pro Popolo)
6.00 Epiphany Carol Service in Wells

Confessions Normally, the holy Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays from Noon to 12.30pm in Shepton and from 5.00pm to 5.30pm in Wells.

Next Week – Christmass III - The Baptism of the Lord – (Year B)

Sat. 10th Jan 6.00pm 1st Mass of Sunday in Wells (Bill Woodward RIP)
 Sun 11th Jan 9.00am Solemn Mass in Wells (Pro Popolo)
 11.00am Sung Mass in Shepton (Armstrong and Clark families RIP)

4th January 2009

Weekday Worship in Wells

Mon 5th Jan Christmass Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
 Tue 6th Jan Christmass Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
7.00pm Epiphany Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form ()
 Wed 7th Jan Christmass Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
 Thu 8th Jan Christmass Feria
 9.30am Mas ()
 Fri 9th Jan Christmass Feria
 9.30am Mass ()
7.00pm Epiphany Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form ()
 Sat 10th Jan Our Lady in Christmass-tide
 9.30am Mass ()

PARISH AGM On **Saturday 31st January at 10.00am** we shall hold our AGM. The Treasurer will present a financial report for the past year along with some reports. Fr. Philip looks forward to re-activating the Pastoral Council at that meeting. Mass that day will be at 9.00am.

PARISH POCKET DIARIES have finally arrived! Please take one in exchange for a 50p donation to the Fabric Fund.

FROM THE CLERGY The Parish Priest and Fr. McAuley wish to thank everyone for their kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity over the Christmass Octave for their cards,

presents and invitations. The Parish Priest, in addition, wants to give thanks for the generosity of the Chritmass Offering in stringent economic times

CHURCH CLEANING We have a vacancy on the rota for two cleans a year. Please contact Jan Doyle (675062). New rotas are in the pigeonholes

Weekday Worship in Shepton

Mon 5th Jan Christmass Feria
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
 Tue 6th Jan Christmass Feria
 9.15am Mass ()
 Wed 7th Jan Christmass Feria
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
 Thu 8th Jan Christmass Feria
 9.15am Mas ()
 Fri 9th Jan Christmass Feria
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC

YOUR TRAIDCRAFT TEAM wishes each of you a very Happy New Year! Our first stall for 2009 will be next weekend 10th & 11th January. 2008 was a brilliant year for us and we look forward to your continuing help in transforming lives in the producers' countries again in 2009. Thank you for your support. Sharon Haigh

9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC

Hymns *Mass setting: Music from Lourdes*
Opening hymn 99
Presentation 788
Communion 794
Final hymn 79

EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE TONIGHT AT 6.00PM As many of you will



know, the medieval word "carole" originally meant a song to accompany dancing, and was not part of the Church's liturgy. This does not mean it did not have a sacred subject, but only that it was not sung in church. Carols exist for most of the year round, but very few are sung apart from Christmass-tide and New Year. It was only the middle of the 19th century when carols were officially accepted into the worship of the Church of England and later still in the Catholic Church. What many of us call carols are, in fact, specially composed hymns without any kind of dance melody to them. Our Epiphany Carol Service will allow us to sing more of the traditional and modern songs of the season than we can manage at Mass. The worship will also pick up the themes of this end of Christmass- tide, of which we begin the last week this Sunday.