

# GIFTS

## Collective Worship

6<sup>th</sup> January 2021



Gather

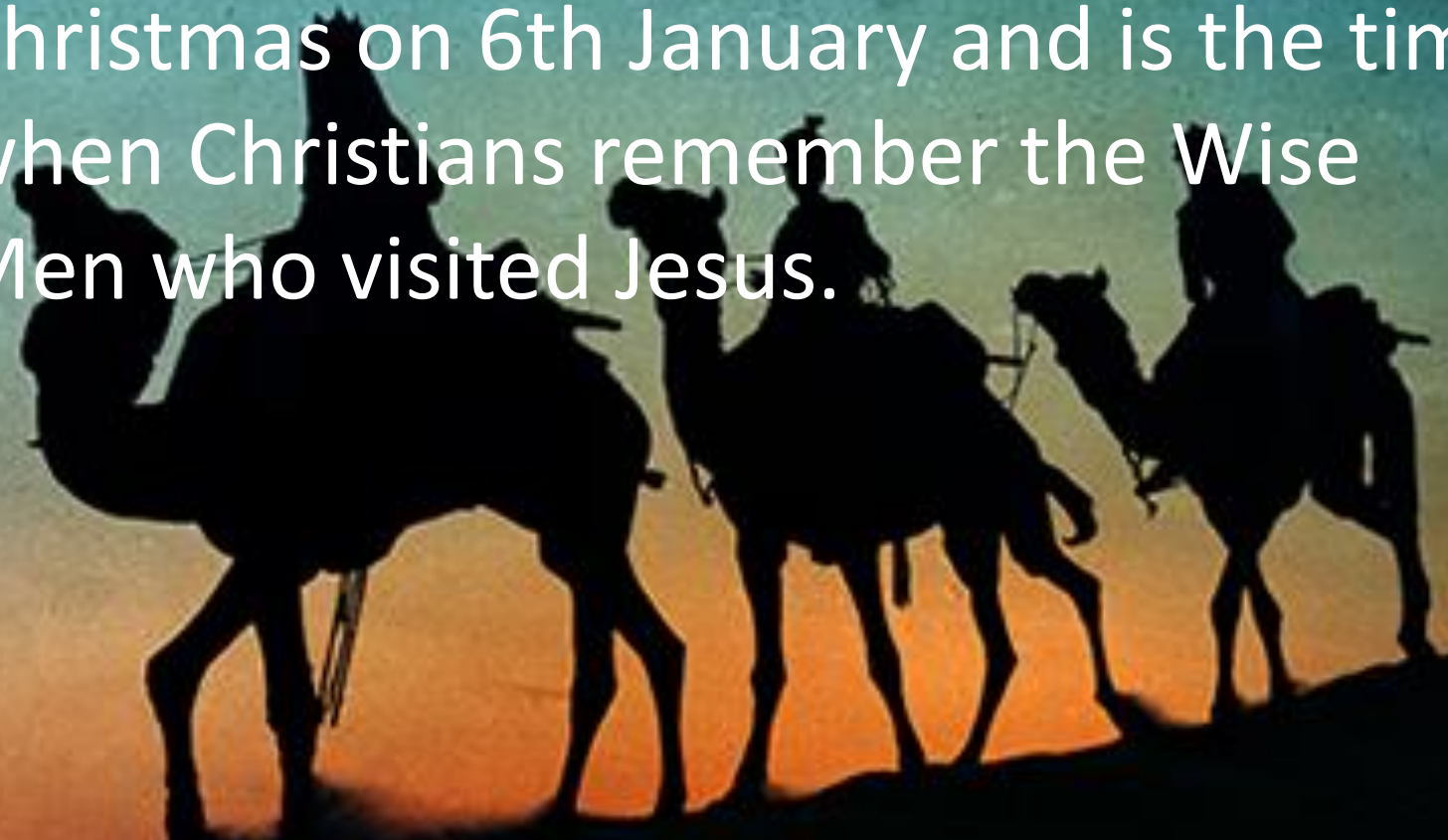
- Think about one gift you received at Christmas.
- Think about one gift you gave to someone else.
  - How did it make you feel?





# Celebrating Epiphany

- Epiphany is celebrated 12 days after Christmas on 6th January and is the time when Christians remember the Wise Men who visited Jesus.



Word

## The wise men visit Baby Jesus

After the wise men met king Herod, they left. They saw the same star they had seen in the east, and they followed it. The star went before them until it stopped above the place where the child was. They were very happy and excited to see the star.

The wise men came to the house where the child was with his mother Mary. They bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened the boxes of gifts they had brought for him. They gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But God warned the wise men in a dream not to go back to Herod. So they went home to their own country a different way.

The word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God



The Wise men gave Jesus three gifts:  
gold, frankincense and myrrh





# Gold

- Gold is a precious metal and a symbol of kingship on earth.





# frankincense

- frankincense (an incense) as a symbol of holiness.



# myrrh

- myrrh (an oil used in burial) as a symbol of bitterness and suffering. The baby Jesus would grow to suffer greatly and give his life on the Cross for us.



Reflect



# What gifts has God given to us?

- **The gift of a Saviour:**

*“And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people  
Matthew 1:21*

- **The gift of God’s love:**

*“I have loved you, with an everlasting love. Jeremiah. 31:3*

- **The gift of God’s peace:**

*“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart.  
And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.” –  
John 14:27*

- **The gift of God’s Holy Spirit:**

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you...” – Acts 1:8*

What gifts and  
talents has **God**  
given to **you**?

How can you use  
your gifts and  
talents to help  
others?

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# Prayer

Thank you for the gift of your son Jesus.

We pray that in this New Year, we may open our hearts to Jesus and make room for him in our lives.

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

The Wise men brought gifts and used their knowledge, time and faith to find Jesus.  
Help us to use our faith, knowledge and time to follow your way.

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

We pray that we may appreciate the many gifts and talents you have given us.  
Help us to use them wisely and to encourage others too.

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who are unwell at home or in hospital.  
May they receive the gift of your love through the care and compassion of those around them.

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

Mission

