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# Saints Alive

January – February 2018



*The Church of All Saints Mission has a vision of being a vital, joyful source of the grace of God where individuals are respected, feel safe to worship, and are spiritually energized to live out God's purpose for their lives.*

## *An Epiphany Prayer*

Gracious God, we thank you for revealing yourself to us in Jesus the Christ, we who once were not your people but whom you chose to adopt as your people. As ancient Israel confessed long ago, we realize that it was not because of our own righteousness, or our own superior wisdom, or strength, or power, or numbers. It was simply because you loved us, and chose to show us that love in Jesus.



As you have accepted us when we did not deserve your love, will you help us to accept those whom we find it hard to love? Forgive us, O Lord, for any attitude that we harbor that on any level sees ourselves as better or more righteous than others. Will you help us to remove the barriers of prejudice and to tear down the walls of bigotry, religious or social? O Lord, help us realize that the walls that we erect for others only form our own prisons!

Will you fill us so full of your love that there is no more room for intolerance? As you have forgiven us much, will you enable us with your strength to forgive others even more? Will you enable us through your abiding Presence among us, communally and individually, to live our lives in a manner worthy of the Name we bear? May we, through your guidance and our faithful obedience, find new avenues in ways that we have not imagined of holding the Light of your love so that it may be a Light of revelation for all people. We thank you for your love, praise you for your Gift, ask for your continued Presence with us, and bring these petitions in the name of your Son, who has truly revealed your heart. Amen.



### Regular Services

Sunday: 8:00am – Spoken Service

Sunday: 9:30am – Family Service BAS with Music

Sunday School 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

Thursday Morning Eucharist: 10:00am

Friday: 9am – 10:30am – Centering Prayer

Childrens' Area & Mother's Room

The deadline for submissions for 'Saints Alive is February 25, 2018. Thank you for all your contributions.

### Editor of Saints Alive

At the beginning of each year I consider resolutions that will be helpful, and not too difficult to keep. I read and thought I would share this helpful list from Don Whitney. I hope you benefit from it.

*Donald Whitney:*



The beginning of a new year is an ideal time to stop, look up, and get our bearings. To that end, here are some questions to ask prayerfully in the presence of God.

- What's one thing you could do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?
- What's the most humanly impossible thing you will ask God to do this year?
- What's the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your family life this year?
- In which spiritual discipline do you most want to make progress this year, and what will you do about it?
- What is the single biggest time-waster in your life, and what will you do about it this year?
- What is the most helpful new way you could strengthen your church?
- For whose salvation will you pray most fervently this year?
- What's the most important way you will, by God's grace, try to make this year different from last year?

- What one thing could you do to improve your prayer life this year?
- What single thing that you plan to do this year will matter most in ten years?

*I wish you all a Blessed, Joyful New Year*

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*May you be blessed on this “Great Day”*

Uncle Joel (Dr. Joel Isaacs) was a brilliant surgeon, and his many patients at the Leprosy Hospital revered him, as second only to God. But he was a humble man, a faithful follower of Christ. He committed his life to serve a people, suffering from a debilitating disease as dreadful as it was in Biblical times. He had learnt his surgical skills at the feet of the legendary Dr Paul Brand, a gifted missionary surgeon, whose bequest to the medical world was the ‘tendon transfer’ technique he developed to correct the locked tendons in the hands and feet of those suffering from leprosy.

He and his gracious wife, also a physician (Aunty Mona to us), managed and cared for the Leprosy Mission hospital located at a small town, called Nain across the river, on the outskirts of the holy city of Allahabad in Northern India. This city stood at the confluence of two sacred rivers, the Ganga and the Jumna, and had therefore acquired an aura of holiness and a place of pilgrimage for the devotees. But the leprosy asylum, as per compulsions of the society had to be situated far away.

Christmas at the Naini Hospital, a home for the homeless, the rejects of the family and society was a time of great joy and happiness. The patients made their own buntings with colored tissue paper, not an easy task, when one’s fingers, or hands, or toes and even feet may be missing; things that we take for granted without giving it a second thought

There was carol singing, loud and almost Bollywood style. But the highlight of the Christmas festivities was the nativity play they had scripted, that was serialized for three long evenings – I think they made along the narrative as their play unfolded, their creativity only limited by their imagination. Once they play acted their version of the Fourth Wise Man, who never quite made it to Bethlehem in time! Throughout the duration of the play hot Chai and Samosas were enjoyed by all, so welcome when it was very cold.

On Christmas day Uncle and Aunty would go from room to room, exchanging gifts and some of the leprosy patients would offer handicrafts and woven baskets on which they had labored painstakingly for many months. Christmas greeting and gifts were exchanged with so much love and affection

A word about the Christmas greetings: It was not the casual sterile ‘Happy Christmas’ or the more animated spicy “Merry Christmas;” rather it was a greeting in Urdu “Baraa Din Mubarak;” literally translated, it would mean “May you be blessed on the BIG day.” Does not make sense because December 25<sup>th</sup> is amongst the shortest days in the year, at least in the Northern Hemisphere. Perhaps a better translation would be” May you be blessed on this Great Day.” Why “Great”? Because the reference is to the Incarnation that it is a ‘great day’ to remind us that God ‘became flesh and dwelt amongst us.’

It was a powerful moment to go from one room to the other, to be greeted with the salutation, “Baraa Din Mubarak” hands, some mere stumps raised in affirmation and smiles sometimes toothless reflecting the lasting joy in their eyes.

It was a happy time.

And so at this Advent time, ‘Barraa Din Mubarak’, may you, and all those you love be blessed on this Great Day.

Gilli McLaren.

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### **Notice of Annual Vestry Meeting**

#### **All Saints Anglican Church**

The meeting will take place on Sunday February 25, 2018 after the 9:30am Service  
in the Church Hall

*Parish Council Retreat  
March 3, 2017*

*Heritage Park Club House*

*3751 Seventh Avenue*

### **Parish Council 2018**

Donna Kennedy and Jan Openshaw have volunteered to be the Nominating Committee.

We will be seeking nominations for the Parish Council in January. Our members from this year have all agreed to stay on in 2018 except Marci and Jim Wilson. Gilli McLaren has decided to step down as Associate Warden but is willing to replace Jim as Alternate Synod Delegate. Positions available would be Member - at-Large and Associate Warden. We ask that you prayerfully consider serving in this ministry. New members will be chosen at our Annual Vestry Meeting on Sunday, February 25, 2018 after the 9:30am Service in the Church Hall.

Accepting a call to a leadership position is an act of stewardship. Parish Council members share with their parishioners a wide array of knowledge, skills and experiences plus the devotion of their time, talent and treasure for the parish community.



Lenten Studies will be announced at a future date. Please look for information in upcoming bulletins.

"All are from the dust,  
and to dust all return."  
Ecclesiastes 3:20, ESV



Ash Wednesday Service

February 14, 2018

Wednesday evening 7:00pm

### Lent Services

We will again have periods of reflective silence during the Worship Services in Lent. During this time you may reflect on a word or phrase that stays with you, or just let go and allow the Holy Spirit to enter the silence. These will be signaled by the ringing of the bell between the Readings. There will be two ringings: the ringing in of the silence and the ringing out of the silence.

During the Prayers of the People, the Intercessor will allow for longer pauses during and between each of the petitions.

#### ***Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner***



St. Andrews United Church will be hosting The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, February 13 beginning at 5:30 pm in the Church Hall.

We'll have pancakes, sausages, sliced fruit, coffee, etc.

Admission will be by donation to be given to the Central School Breakfast Programme.

Everyone is welcome. Come share fellowship and pancakes!

### ***Flower Dedication Schedule for 2018***

Polly is assembling the schedule for 2018. Ideally, each Sunday has flowers at the altar donated by a parishioner, with a dedication in the bulletin for that Sunday. The chart for the year is on the Narthex bulletin board. Please speak with Polly to find a Sunday suitable for you.







## All Saints Christmas Tea & Bazaar



Many thanks to everyone who donated so generously of their time and energy and of most importance their various talents to enable us to once

again enjoy a very successful Christmas Tea & Bazaar on November 18<sup>th</sup>. The fellowship was obviously being enjoyed by our workers and our many visitors as they met and visited over a cup of tea and dainties.

We also recognize and thank Karl's Meat Market who donated the suet for our mincemeat and those who so generously donated apples; also Cob's Bread who gave us a discount on the purchase of bread for our sandwiches. *(more photos on our webpage)*



Polly & Jim selling mincemeat



Dick's Bottle Draw



Music by Fred



Kitchen Helpers – Rene & Rose



Gloria & Margery preparing for the tea.



The Blades Family enjoying tea & sandwiches.



Maureen & Loa smiling for the camera



Door Prizes



Jane, Joy, Margaret and Paul With their purchases.



Tea Time for Pat, Marie & Chris. Oh, there's Juliette serving in the background!



Hard working ladies in the kitchen. Judy, Rose & Rene.



Colleen loves selling the jewellery.



## **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Trees a Big Success**

### Dramatic Reading of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol"

"Dedicated as a Thank-You to Phil Hope"

More than \$1,700 in cash and pounds of food items collected at event.

The fifth annual Mission Festival of Trees and Dramatic Reading of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" took place December 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> and was a great success.

The Festival is held to support the Mission Christmas Bureau and the five-day event managed to raise more than \$1,700 in cash donations and many pounds of non-perishable food items, as well as boxes of Christmas gifts.

Twenty-eight decorated Christmas trees from various, groups, families, churches, businesses, and organizations were given to the Christmas Bureau for distribution to families/seniors in the Mission community.



There were 31 volunteers involved, plus entertainers performed throughout the event, and other volunteers performed in the Dramatic Reading. A special thank-you goes to all the entertainers: CanDance Studio; Richard Lepinsky and His Digital Band; Rae Dawn; Mission Arts Council Orchestra; Mission Ukulele Circle; Cathy Hardy and Students; Fraser Valley Academy of Dance Children's Choir; Fred Truman; Note Bené;

and to Rick Chadwick, Band In A Box, for organizing all the entertainment and filling-in where necessary.

Also a thank-you to those who took part in our traditional Dramatic Reading of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol": Rose Bennett, Rene Inkster, Jan Openshaw, Michael Knight, Jane Boutilier, and Gilli McLaren.

Thanks go to: Sam Green, Brenna Maag, Simone Redburn, and storyteller, Elspeth Bowers for the Children's Program; and for Santa's Grotto, Fred Truman, Santa; Rose Bennett, Mrs. Claus; Margaret Peake, photographer; and Susan Truman, helper.

Results of the voting by visitors to the Festival for their favourite trees are as follows:

**People's Choice Award**  
Lynn Bedard & Alanis Kragh

**Best Uniquely Decorated Tree**



Rotary Club of Mission – Midday

**Best Crafty Decorated Tree**  
All Saints Anglican Church Sunday School

**Best Family Decorated Tree**  
The Fleming Family

**Best Business Decorated Tree**  
Galley Girls Coffee House

**Best Organization/Group Decorated Tree**  
Rotary Club of Mission – Morning

**Honourable Mention also goes to the following:**

All Saints Anglican Church Women  
JMJ Photography Services  
St. Andrew's United Church  
Mission Midwifery  
Fischer Denture Clinic  
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church – Kids' Club

“MANY THANKS” to all who in any way contributed to the success of this year's event.







Thank you to Marlene and the Choir for all the hard work you do to make our Worship Services special.

We appreciate your dedication and we loved the performances in the services of Advent Lessons and Carols.

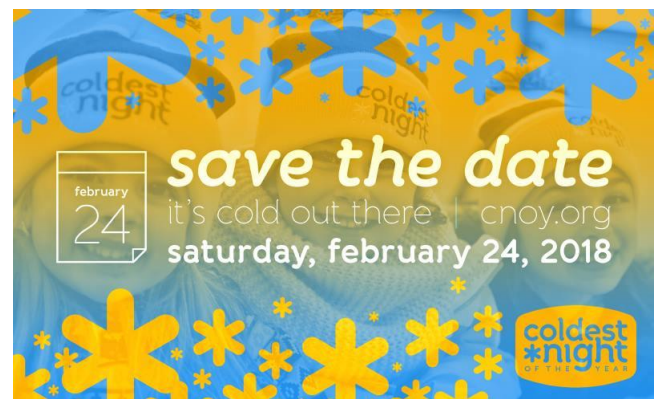
It is with great sadness that we share the news that beloved Mission resident and member of All Saints, Heather Stewart passed away on Monday, December 25, 2017. Heather Stewart was a long-time Mission resident who is known for her dedication to serving others and her commitment to the community. She served two terms as a District of Mission Councillor and has been an inspiration and a mentor to countless young women in our community.

*Thanks for sharing.*

We give thanks to the following people for sharing their reflections on the gospel readings for the Stewardship Moment during our Services in October and November.

Judy Beale, Polly Betterton, MaryLou McIntyre, Molly Hawkins, Marie Tallon, Brent Boutilier, and Jim Wilson.

The reflections were personal and inspiring.



Mission Youth House- MY HOUSE Event

**COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR**

Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

At Copper Hall, Mission

Please see Jim Wilson for details.

## *My Computer is not a Christian.*

In an e-mail conversation with my friends, Margaret and Dick I had referred to perhaps the greatest song to be found in our scriptures, a song that fills your heart with words of hope, 'he has filled the hungry with good things;' a song that fills your being with rejoicing, 'my soul doth magnify the Lord.' I was, of course referring to the MAGNIFICAT.

My computer, which has a very low opinion of my spelling ability, (an opinion that I struggle to accept with as much charity as my pride would allow) promptly corrected it as 'Magnificent.' When I discovered it, I sent a correction to my friends with an apology to read it as MAGNIFICAT.

My computer still insisted in spell checking it as 'magnificent' provoking an emotion in me that can only be described as unchristian.

Anyway I have come to a conclusion that if my computer were a Christian, it surely would have known what is a MAGNIFICAT.

Gilli McLaren

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## *All Saints Paint Night - Saturday, February 24 at 6pm.*

Discover your inner artist - Redefine your idea of a fun night out at a Paint Party where you'll drink, socialize, and paint a gorgeous masterpiece to take home.

Everything you need to make your painting will be provided and Mission artist Tammy Kieler will guide you step by step in the process of creating the piece of the night and create lasting memories.

At All Saints' the nibbles & drinks will be provided free (no extra cost to you) so your Fee will create a fundraiser for the church.

Start registering Now. Invite a friend, or two or three. Saturday, February 24, 6pm to 8pm (although you can stay until 9pm) \$40 a person.

Contact Polly Betterton or church office to reserve a canvas (and seat)

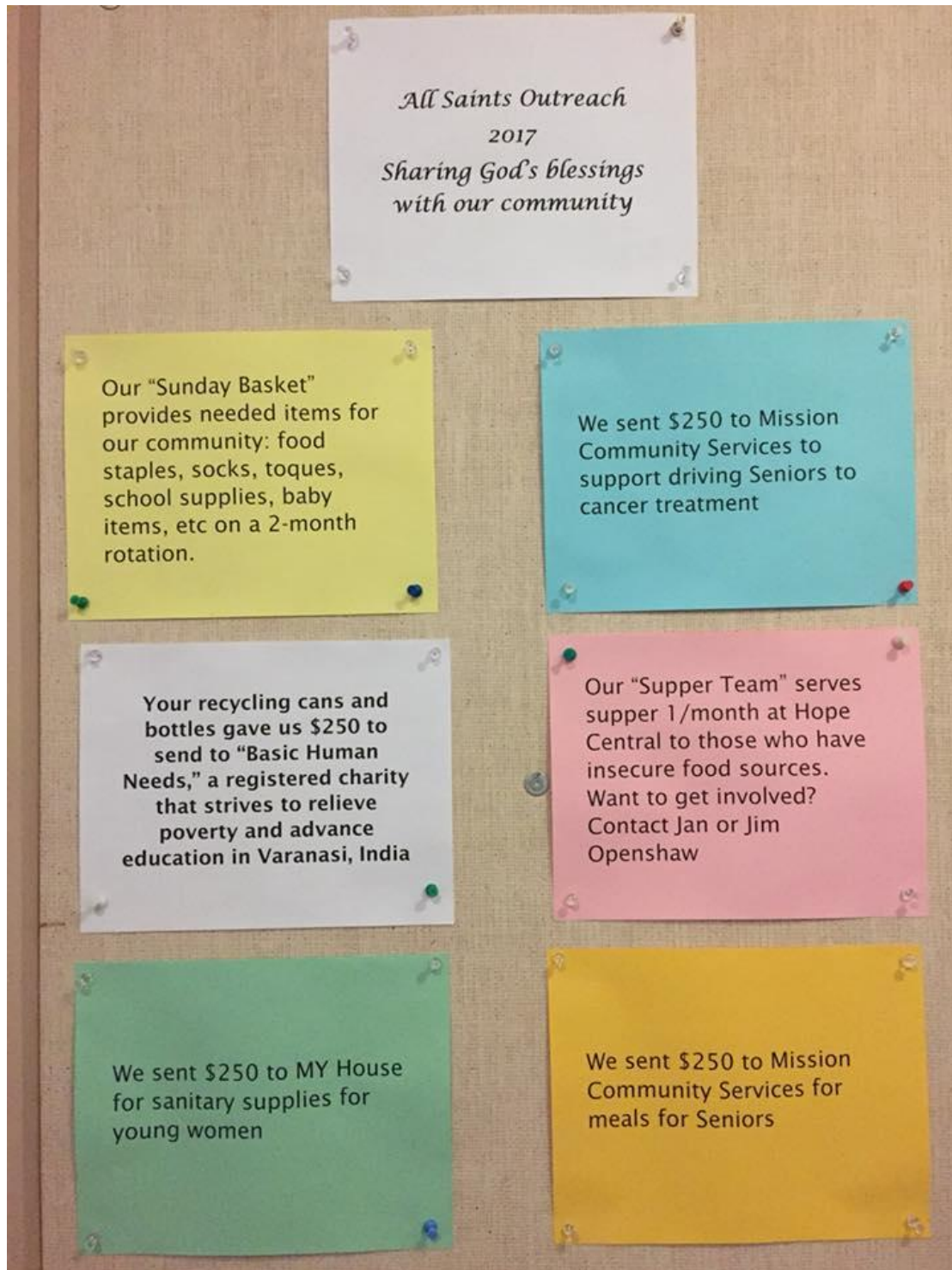
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## *A note from Harold and Sue,*

Sue and I wish you a very Blessed Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year. We do miss the church family. As you might know the church here is very large usually 5-600 people on regular Sundays and Christmas it will double in size.

We're both involved in a multitude of activities our day starting at 5 a.m. when I either head out for a 7+K walk or head out to the farm. We have started growing vanilla on a large scale as well as a multitude of tropical fruits as papaya, pineapple, banana, dragon fruit, durian, mango, passion fruit and jackfruit. I have a large orchid garden at the house and a back yard with flowers for Sue. Retirement is definitely agreeing with both of us.





## Ongoing Outreach



### Harvest Bags

Pre-Order and pay \$5.00 each bag by 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month and pick up on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at *Mission Community Services Food Centre*, between 11am and 12pm.

32646 Logan Avenue



### TRIM

#### The Care Home Ministry at The Residence

We offer the residents an opportunity to receive the sacrament, worship and fellowship once a month. Please speak with Deacon Glen for more information



### International Giving

Our international giving goal is achieved through your donations of refundable bottles and cans. Bottles and cans may be put in the wooden chest underneath the stairs outside the hall. Proceeds go a School that helps support and educate street children in Varanasi India. The work is called Basic Human Needs.



### PIE SALE THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped with this Falls' pie sales: apple peelers, pastry makers, Holy Roller pastry rollers, pie fillers and pie boxers! Thank you also to those who bought pies! And our gratitude goes to Fruits and Greens for their usual good price on apples.



### Pancake Breakfast 8:15 - 9:10am

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month

Pancakes \$4.00 (\$3.50 Senior/Child) with coffee, tea, juice and fruit  
Bacon & Sausage .50 each or 2/.75 Scrambled Eggs 2/\$1.75 French toast 2 slices \$5.00

😊 Ticket draw for a free breakfast the following month 😊



# Church Humour

## Army of the Lord

A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the Pastor was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside.

The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor."

Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

A seven year old was drawing a picture of the nativity. The picture was very good, including Mary, Joseph and of course baby Jesus. However, there was a fat man standing in the corner of the stable that just did not seem to fit in. When the child was asked about it, she replied, "Oh, that's Round John Virgin!"

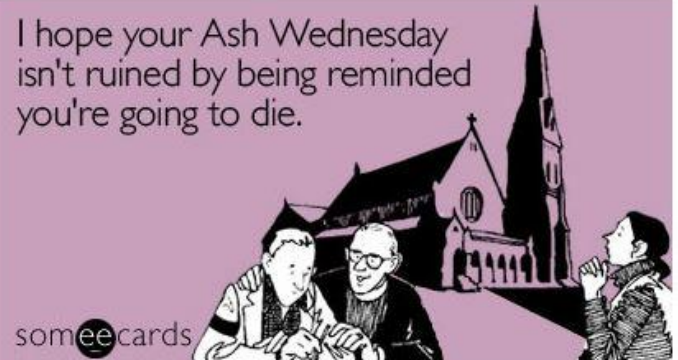
A collector of rare books ran into an old friend who told him he had just thrown away an old Bible that he found in a dusty, old box. He happened to mention that Gutenberg-somebody-or-other had printed it. "Not Gutenberg?" gasped the collector. "Yes, that was it!" "Do you know what you have done? You've thrown away one of the first books ever printed. A copy recently sold at auction for half a million dollars!" "Oh, I don't think this book would have been worth anywhere close to that," replied his friend. "It was scribbled all over in the margins by some guy named Martin Luther."



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The Stewardship Committee's latest idea for helping to raise the annual church budget.



# *Little Saints of All Saints*

Wise Men Still Seek Him



**Theme:** As the wise men from the East sought the Christ child, wise men today still seek the Savior. - Epiphany of the Lord

**Scripture:** When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. Matthew 2:9

If I were going to go to visit someone in another town or city, I might first ask someone who knew how to get there to give me some directions. They could give me some general directions and tell me what roads they would recommend that I take. The next thing I would do would be to look it up on a map. The map would show me exactly how to get there. As I traveled, I would keep looking at the map so that I would know exactly where I was and where I was going. If I followed the directions that I had received and used the map to guide me, I would surely find my way.

After Jesus was born, some wise men heard that a King had been born. They wanted to find the King so that they could worship and honor him. They went to Jerusalem and asked some priests there if they knew where to find the King. The priests knew where Jesus was to be born, because they had been told by the prophet Micah, so they told the wise men that they would find the new King in Bethlehem. As you know, the wise men did not have a map to guide them to Bethlehem, but they had something even better. God gave them a star to guide them. So the wise men followed the directions that the priests had given them and followed the star that God gave them and it led them right to Jesus. When they found him, they gave him gifts and bowed down and worshiped him.

Wise men today are still seeking for Jesus. We don't look for him in Bethlehem, because he is no longer there. He is on his throne in heaven. We don't need a map to help us find him -- we don't even need a star to help us find him. We can find our way to Jesus by reading God's Holy Word! The Bible is our map and our star that leads us to Jesus.

Dear Lord Jesus, we seek you today because we want to worship you and crown you as our King. We are thankful for the Bible which we have been given to lead us to you. Amen.



**Wise Men Worship Jesus**  
**Matthew 2**

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