

## PARISH OF ST.FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

### THE YEAR OF THE WORD

**Second Week, beginning December 8th 2019**

**This week we read St.Matthew Chapter Two**

KEY PASSAGE ST.MATTHEW 2:7-12

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child', he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and pay him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising ; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

#### POINTS TO CONSIDER

- \* 'The sight of the star filled them with delight'. We have the light of God's word to guide and comfort us. Do we allow the words of Scripture to fill us with delight?
- \* When the wise men saw Jesus. they 'fell to their knees and did him homage'. Do we feel a real reverence and love for Jesus, and willingly and joyfully offer him our worship?
- \* The wise men 'returned to their own country by a different way' : does having been with Our Lord make us want to be different people - more trusting, more kindly, more generous?