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***Liturgical Date: Year B, Epiphany, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024***

***Presenter: David Chegwidden***

***Focus Reading: Matthew 2:1-12***

***Message*** 9 minutes 0 seconds

***“Follow that Star”***

### **Discussion Starters**

- 1** What star are you following these days?
- 2** What does this story reveal about the risks and joys of following Jesus the Christ?
- 3** The star that the magi followed required a commitment. To what commitments is your congregation being called?
- 4** What path of greater inclusion and grace might God be revealing to your community?

### **Lectionary readings for the day**

**Isaiah 60:1-6** This “Arise! Shine!” passage is a proclamation to nations that their light and Lord has come. People praise God and bring gifts of “gold and incense.”

**Psalms 72:1-7,10-14** The psalmist prays that God will bless the king “generation to generation” that all people will kneel before him, for he cares for the needy, the poor, the weak, and the oppressed.

**Ephesians 3:1-12** The good news of Jesus Christ is for the Gentiles also, and God enrolls Paul in a ministry to them. God’s eternal plan is carried out in Christ, and through the church God’s wisdom will be revealed to the rulers and powers (v10).

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### **All Age Message:**

***“The Fourth Wise Man”***

***Length*** 12 minutes 35 seconds

### **Precis of AAM**

‘Arti ban’, lived in Persia and was a wealthy, learned and faithful man who followed stars. This is his story as he looks to find the king from a star that led him to Bethlehem with many happenings along the way. Finally, his journey ended, his treasure was accepted and he found his King, but the journey was not he expected!

**Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 pages 301-302**

## **David Chegwidden**

I belong to the Charlestown Garden Suburb Uniting Church where I am involved in various activities within the congregation. I am the convenor of the Presbytery Finance and Property Committee and acting Co-Treasurer. I am also involved with the Windale Mens Shed.