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Hundreds attend Ordinariate Epiphany Service

Friends, supporters and members of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham packed the church of St Mary's Cadogan Street, London, last Thursday (10 January) for an Epiphany Service planned as an expression of the Holy Father's vision of allowing the traditions and heritage of Anglicanism a place in the Catholic Church.

The Ordinary, Monsignor Keith Newton, presided and music was provided by the well-known Schola Cantorum of the Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School. Readers included the Duke of Norfolk, the Catholic journalist Peter Stanford and the novelist Piers Paul Read.

The service – devised by the Ordinariate – included Epiphany carols as well as readings taken from scripture and from the Anglican theologian, Lancelot Andrewes and the twelfth century English monk, Blessed Isaac of Stella. It concluded with Pontifical Solemn Benediction. The evening was arranged by the Friends of the Ordinariate charity as part of a wider campaign to raise awareness and funds for the Ordinariate .

The chairman of the Friends, Peter Sefton-Williams, said: "We couldn't have been more delighted with the how the evening went. The church was full, the service was a wonderful blend of Anglican and Catholic tradition and a marvellous showcase of the Ordinariate. We are hopeful that it will become an annual event".

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