



Sunday 11th January to Sunday 18th January 2026

Sunday, 11th January
Baptism of the Lord
Theme: Hope refreshed

Lectionary Readings

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

8am Holy Communion

Leader: Rev Clare Challis

Preacher: Rev Annie McCabe

Supported by Christine & Shirley

10 am Morning Worship

Leader: Rev Clare Challis

Preacher: Rev Annie McCabe

Welcoming: Mel & Valerie

Prayers: Mel

Readings: Marion

Sound & Vision: John

Prayer Ministry: Raymond & Daphne

Refreshments: Jane & Jan

Sunday, 18th January
Epiphany 2
Theme: Revealing the hidden

Lectionary Readings

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

8am Holy Communion

Leader: Rev Clare Challis

Preacher: Christine Powne

Supported by Ian

9am Croissant Breakfast

Join us following the 8am service for fresh croissants and tea/coffee, prepared by Jan.

10 am All Age Service

Leader: Rev Clare Challis

Preacher: Rev Sarah Baker

Welcoming: Diane & Roger

Prayers: Pam

Readings: Nigel

Sound & Vision: John

Prayer Ministry: Mel & Mary

Refreshments: Bob & Donna

Pigeon Holes Xmas cards

You may be aware that there are pigeon holes at the back of church to the left of the west door, which are labelled alphabetically. There are still some Christmas cards posted there which have yet to be collected, so take a look and see if you have a card waiting for you.

Church Suite Rotas

Please can all the overseers of the rotas on Church Suite please complete them up to Easter 2026.

Winter illness and HC

On the run up to Christmas we were advised by a local GP to be caution regarding the distribution of Holy Communion due to a spike in illnesses, which caused QA hospital to receive a larger than average intake of people needing hospitalization.

During the winter months and dark nights we may experience further widespread illness. During this time clergy may choose to offer only Bread during communion like we experienced during Covid to help reduce local illness.

We may also give individuals the opportunity to instinct (Dip Bread) into the wine if they would rather, which can also reduce the spread of illness.

If you are someone who is vulnerable to illness and would like to discuss this further, please speak to a clergy person or a church warden. We can also arrange for people to receive Holy Communion at home if they would rather not venture to church. Let's do all we can to reduce sickness this winter.

Prayer Ministry at St Johns: Opportunities to Connect

Sunday Services Prayer Ministry

- Prayer ministers are available during and after morning and evening services for personal prayer.

Private Prayer Ministry

- Confidential prayer support is available from our dedicated team.
- To request prayer, contact Carol Milford at carolmilford@btinternet.com or email prayer@saintjohnschurch.org.uk

Prayer Ministry Requests

- Share requests to be included in weekly services or the News Sheet by emailing admin@saintjohnschurch.org.uk and add "Prayer Request" in the subject line.

Bookings at the Church Centre

Good news! - We have a number of new enquiries about using the church and church centre. We will also be shortly undertaking maintenance for both building. Therefore if you plan to be using the church or church centre please make sure it is booked by emailing Gill, so that we can ensure that there are no clashes of events. Please check the Churchsuite calendar

[here](#) for full details of when the church and church centre are occupied. The centre will be in use tomorrow morning for a PCC course.

Used Postage Stamps

Please do not throw away used postage stamps. At present we can collect stamps for EMMANUEL INTERNATIONAL. Please collect your stamps and give them to Pam Ewing or Ian Hewitt or leave them bagged up in the church pigeon holes.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If anyone has any prayer requests that they wish the whole church family to know about, please email the Parish Office or speak to Rev Clare on Sunday. Please continue to pray for

- Mandy and Terry, as Mandy continues her recovery from recent surgery.
- Helen, who gave birth to a baby boy on 1st December. Torsten (husband Matt is half-Norwegian) weighed in at 3.78kg and his older sister Evelyn is enjoying kissing and stroking him. Matt was present at the birth and we send our congratulations.
- Please pray for Alison and Graham. Graham has been in hospital for a few weeks and is seriously ill. His wife, Alison, is at his bedside constantly.
- A mum, who's partner is seriously ill, is caring for her young child and holding down a new job at this extremely difficult time.

Please send any news for next week's sheet to the Parish Office by Wednesday
admin@saintjohnschurch.org

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