



## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> February**  
**Epiphany 4**  
**Theme: What does God require?**

### Lectionary Readings

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

### **8am Holy Communion**

Leader & Preacher: Chris Powne

Supported by Alison

### **10 am All Age Worship**

Leader & Preacher: Rev Annie McCabe

Welcoming: Carol & Marion

Prayers: Rev Annie

Readings: Daphne

Sound & Vision: John

Prayer Ministry: Mel & Carol

Refreshments: Jill & Ian

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday**

9-11am. A very friendly Toddler group for all pre-school ages and expectant Mums.

#### **Monday Evening Zoom Prayers**

7.30pm – 8.15 ish.

Zoom ID 852 8403 5699 Passcode qtPJV

#### **Wednesday**

Morning Prayer 9 am in the church.

#### **Friday**

Quiet Morning 9am in the church centre.

### **Moving Outwards**

Last Sunday, Clare spoke about us being on a journey moving outwards. She shared with us four new words as we seek to do this. **Welcome, Family, Give** and **Build**. We will be looking at these new words over the forthcoming season. During the service, Clare gave us a handout which summarised our 'Cherish to Thrive' journey that we explored last year. Do take a copy if you haven't got one yet. (An electronic copy is attached to the notice sheet email).

### **Questionnaire**

The PCC have been exploring these new words already, and a small group has been thinking about what it means to Give. They have been using a new resource called Cornerstone, and to aid their study it would be helpful if as many of our church family as possible could complete the questionnaire, by clicking [here](#) before 16<sup>th</sup> February please. If you are new to church or St. John's feel free to pass. Many thanks.

### **A new Home Group**

**Starting Tuesday 24 February 7pm**



You are so welcome to come and join Annie and Valerie for this new Home Group. They will be meeting at 7pm for a light supper, then exploring the Bible using the ancient practice of Lectio Vina, and finishing with a compline prayer. It is a bit more contemplative in approach so give it a try, it will be lovely to see you. For further details contact the parish office.

### **Hunger Brunch – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

SAVE THE DATE! There is a cunning plan afoot to hold another Tearfund Sunday and Hunger Lunch with our usual speakers – local TF reps Simon and Elizabeth Mitchell. It has always been great to

catch up on the tremendous impact TF is having in the world amongst some of the poorest people and nations, hearing how the lives of thousands are being transformed right where they live. We will also hear how our support through prayer and gifts is helping TF and their local partners to accomplish this. More information to follow.

### Men's Breakfast

Everyone who has expressed an interest in attending the Men's Breakfast will know that the first meet will be on Thursday morning, 12th February, at 9am at The Robin Hood on The Green. If anyone else would like to go along, just get in touch with Chris Churchley at [chrischurchley1@gmail.com](mailto:chrischurchley1@gmail.com)

### Church Keys



The church door locks will shortly be replaced, and new keys will be

issued. If you currently hold a church key(s), please see Andrew Challis to exchange your existing key(s) for a new one. This will also allow us to update our records of key holders. The following doors will be affected:

Main South Door, West Door, External Vestry Door, Internal Vestry Door, and Flower Vestry.

### Upcoming Bookings for Church Centre

If you plan to be using the church or church centre please make sure it is booked by emailing the Parish Office, 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.

### 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 begins treatment for chemotherapy in February.
- Helen and Matt and Evelyn, as they adjust to life with baby Torsten.
- Please pray for Alison and Graham. Graham has been in hospital for a few weeks and is seriously ill.
- 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.

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Please send any news for next week's sheet to the Parish Office by Wednesday  
[admin@saintjohnschurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@saintjohnschurch.org.uk)

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