



## Sunday 15th February 2026

### Transfiguration Theme: I was there

#### Lectionary Readings

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

#### 8am Holy Communion

Leader & Preacher: Chris Powne

Supported by Ian

#### 9am Croissant Breakfast

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

#### 10 am Holy Communion

Leader: Rev Annie McCabe

Preacher: Rev Sarah Baker

Welcoming: Diane & Roger

Prayers: Graham D

Readings: Nigel

Sound & Vision: John

Prayer Ministry: Mary & Carol M

Refreshments: Bob & Donna

### THIS WEEK

#### Monday

Little Fishes Toddler group is taking a break for half-term, and will be back next week.

**10.00am.** Funeral of the late Frank Philpot

**7.30pm** Evening Zoom Prayers

Zoom ID 852 8403 5699 Passcode qtPJV

#### Wednesday

**9am Ash Wednesday Service** led by Rev Annie McCabe. This will be an informal Communion marking the start of lent. All are welcome.

#### Interim Administrator

Following Gill's departure we will be looking to employ someone as an interim administrator while we decide what the role should look like in the future. If you, or anyone you may know, would be interested in the role, whether in the short term or longer term, please get in touch with Rev Clare.

#### Verger Training – 6<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm

The role of a church verger plays a vital part in making sure that our services and events run smoothly, and provides a welcoming environment for visitors. If you would be interested in learning more about this paid role, with a view to joining our verger team, primarily to attend weddings and funerals, we will be running an hour's informal training session on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March in the church. Please contact Rev Clare for more information.

#### Moving Outwards

Clare recently 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.

At the welcome desk in church you can find a copy of the handout summarising our 'Cherish to Thrive' journey that we explored last year.

#### Questionnaire

Tomorrow is the deadline for completing the Building Generosity questionnaire, so if you want to do so, click [here](#) by the end of the day tomorrow, 16<sup>th</sup> February. When prompted, enter the passcode **629072**. Many thanks.

#### A new Home Group

**Starting Tuesday 24 February 7pm**

Annie and Valerie will be starting up a new Home Group on 24<sup>th</sup> February, to meet



for a light supper at 7pm, and then explore the Bible using the ancient practice of Lectio Vini, 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

Would you like to assist with making some food or helping to set up? Sign-up sheets are by the welcome desk. We need a few people to make a simple soup, simple salad, rock cakes or scones. Thanks.

### Spring Work Party 14<sup>th</sup> March

Following the great success of our Autumn Work Party, we're delighted to invite everyone to join us for a Spring Work Party at St John's Church.

Together we'll be tidying the churchyard, caring for the grounds and tackling some general maintenance — helping to keep this much-loved shared space looking its very best. This year's work party will also prepare the churchyard for the Mothering Sunday Service on Sunday 15th March and the Easter weekend (3rd–5th April), both of which are always well attended and special occasions for our village.

The churchyard and car park are used daily by walkers on the public footpath, families on the school run and visitors to the village, so this is a wonderful opportunity to come together, lend a hand and make a visible difference for everyone who enjoys this space.

There will be a wide range of jobs to suit all abilities, from light gardening and leaf clearing to small repairs and general maintenance. Following feedback from our last work party, tasks will be broken into manageable sessions, offering flexibility for anyone who can't stay all day or would prefer to work at a gentler pace.

Come for the whole day or just an hour or two — every bit of help really does count.

Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided, along with good company and plenty of fresh air.

**When:** Saturday 14th March, 9:30am–3:30pm

**What to bring:** gardening gloves, any tools you may have — particularly wheelbarrows — and a smile!

**Sign-up:** Please sign up in advance via our website so we know how many people to expect and can plan tasks, tools and refreshments accordingly. Turning up on the day without signing up makes this harder to manage:

**Option 1:** Sign up via your personal Church Suite account at:

<https://saintjohnschurch.churchsuite.com/my>

**Option 2:** Use this link to take you straight to the general booking page:

<https://saintjohnschurch.churchsuite.com/events/9kzouxpm>

**Option 3:** Go to our church website, and sign up at the bottom of the main page:

[www.saintjohnschurch.org.uk](http://www.saintjohnschurch.org.uk)

### Spring Working Party Lunch

If anyone is willing to help with preparing the working party lunch, Marion would be very happy to hear from you.

### Church Keys



A reminder that the church door locks are being replaced and new keys 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.

**Office closure – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

The church office will be closed on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> for an administration handover. Emails and phone messages will be checked as usual. Thanks

**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

- The family of the late Frank Philpot as they mourn his passing.

- Mandy and Terry, as Mandy undergoes treatment for chemotherapy.
- Helen and Matt and Evelyn, as they adjust to life with baby Torsten.
- Continue to pray for Alison and Graham. Graham has been discharged from hospital but is still very poorly and in need of care.
- Thank you to those who have been praying for a mum, caring for her young child and holding down a new job whilst looking after her partner who has been seriously ill in hospital. He is now continuing his recovery at home and will soon begin a slow phased return to work.

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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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