



## Sunday 8th February 2026

### Epiphany 5

**Theme: Standing up for justice**

#### Lectionary Readings

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Matthew 5:13-20

#### 8am Holy Communion

Leader & Preacher: Rev Stuart Cleaver

Supported by Christine & Shirley

#### 10 am Morning Worship

Leader & Preacher: Rev Clive Main

Welcoming: Jill & Ian

Prayers: Chris

Readings: Graham M

Sound & Vision: John

Prayer Ministry: Carol M

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

9am Morning Prayer in church.

12pm Interment of Ashes of the late Andrew Thomson

#### Farewell to Gill.... Again!

Gill will be leaving us on 27<sup>th</sup> February to pursue new opportunities. She stepped back into the Parish Administrator shoes during the period of interregnum, and to help our new vicar through

her first year at St. John's and is now ready to move on. She has asked for no big goodbyes or gifts this time, but will attend the All Age Worship service on 1<sup>st</sup> March, when she has promised to bring cakes to the refreshments afterwards, so if you are around, please come along to wish her well.

#### 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

The PCC have been exploring these new words already, and a small group has been thinking about what it means to Give. Your input would

be greatly appreciated, so if you haven't already completed the questionnaire, you can do so by clicking [here](#) before 16<sup>th</sup> February, and entering the passcode **629072** when prompted. If you are new to church or St. John's feel free to pass on this. 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 2026

SAVE THE DATE! We will be holding a Tearfund Sunday and Hunger Lunch with our 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.

After the service there will be a simple lunch of bread, cheese, soup and salads, followed by rock cakes and scones, and we are invited to donate the cost of a lovely Sunday roast dinner to TF. There is often a short quiz to complete during the lunch – just to see how well we have remembered what we have heard during the morning!! This is our Church Family's chance to make a gift to support Tearfund this year – a Lenten gift. Please come and join us, friends and extended family welcome!

### 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, 12<sup>th</sup> 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



A reminder that 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.
- 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.

Please send any news for next week's sheet to the Parish Office by Wednesday

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