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Pews News and Service  
Sheet for Sunday  
18<sup>th</sup> January 2026 -  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

*Welcome to  
Mass this  
morning*

During the week:

Wednesday : 10am Midweek  
Mass - in St Peter's Chapel;

Wednesday 10am Online  
Zoom worship\* ask for a link.

Friday 10am – noon  
Coffee morning in church



2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
Wythnos weddi am uneb cristnogol  
An tSeachtain Ghairi le hIonacht Chriostaí  
Seachtain Ghairi le hIonacht Chriostaí

churches  
together  
in prayer and service

Next Sunday 25th:  
The Conversion of St Paul  
10.30am Sung Mass  
(NO 8am Said Mass)

**Our prayers are especially asked for:** Nigel, Xander, Michael, Gillian, Sue, Jenny

**Please also pray** for the souls of the recently departed, for those whose Years Mind falls at this time, and for all who mourn.

## St John's Prayer Cross



All are  
regularly  
prayed  
for by  
name



Please let us know of those who require this longer-term prayer support. Or pin their names, via the slips of paper provided, on the wooden Prayers Cross at the back of the Church. Thank you.

*Prayer at the altar said by the choir:*

.... grant that what we sing with our lips may we believe in our hearts and what we believe in our hearts may we show forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Introit:** *O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace*  
- Tye

## **Opening Hymn**

Songs of thankfulness  
and praise,  
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar;  
Branch of royal David's stem  
In thy birth at Bethlehem;  
Anthems be to thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest,  
and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding-guest  
In thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in power divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to Thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.

Sun and moon  
shall darkened be,  
Stars shall fall,  
the heavens shall flee;  
Christ will then  
like lightning shine,  
All will see his glorious sign;

**All will then the trumpet hear,  
All will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confest,  
God in Man made manifest.**

**Grant us grace  
to see thee, Lord,  
Mirrored in thy holy word;  
May we imitate thee now,  
And be pure, as pure art thou;  
That we like to thee may be  
At thy great Epiphany,  
And may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in Man made manifest.**

*Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)*

## **The Welcoming of the People**

*Priest* In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy  
Spirit. *All* Amen.

*Priest* Blessed are you,  
Lord our God, King of the universe.

*All* From the rising of the sun to  
its setting your name is  
proclaimed in all the world.

*Priest* The Lord be with you  
*All* and also with you.

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*Deacon* In the presence of the  
God and Father of us all, we meet  
together to give thanks for the  
spiritual unity which is already ours  
as members of the Body of Christ.  
Let us acknowledge our sin, that  
this unity may, by God's grace,  
become a visible unity, so that his  
Church in every place may  
demonstrate the healing power of  
the gospel, and be an instrument  
of his peace in the life of the world.

### *Silence is kept*

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division: Christ, have mercy. **All Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father: Lord, have mercy. **All Lord, have mercy.**

**Priest** The God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself and cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

### *The Gloria in Excelsis is sung*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on  
earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated  
at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

### **The Collect for Epiphany**

**Priest** Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **All. Amen**

### **The Liturgy of the Word *all sit***

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**  
*Isaiah 49. 1-7*

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength--

he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to

restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **A Reading from the first letter to the Corinthians**

#### *1 Corinthians 1. 1-9*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless

on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.*

**Hail, thou Source of every blessing,  
Father of our human race  
Gentiles now,  
thy grace possessing,  
In thy courts obtain a place.**

**Once far off, but now invited,  
We approach thy sacred throne;  
In thy covenant united,  
Reconciled, redeemed,  
made one.**

**Now revealed to eastern sages,  
See the Star of mercy shine,  
Mystery hid in former ages,  
Mystery great of love divine.**

**Hail, thou universal Saviour!  
Gentiles now  
their offerings bring,  
In thy temple seek thy favour,  
Jesu Christ, our Lord and King.**

*Basil Woodd (1760-1831)*

**Gospel Reading** *When the Gospel is announced the Deacon says*

Alleluia, alleluia. 'May all be one. as you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me,' says the Lord.

**All Alleluia.**

**Deacon** The Lord be with you

**All And also with you.**

**Dcn** Hear the Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to John

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 1.29 -42*

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'

I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."

And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **The Creed**

**Deacon** We proclaim the Church's faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord,  
Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him  
all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he  
came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy  
Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death  
and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again**

in accordance with the  
Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father.

He will come again in glory to  
judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no  
end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father  
and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the  
prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of  
the dead,  
and the life of the world to  
come. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

### The Peace

*Priest* Our Saviour Christ is the  
Prince of Peace. Of the increase  
of his government and of peace  
there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always  
with you *All* and also with you.

*Deacon* Let us offer one another a  
sign of God's peace

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

**Offertory hymn** *during which the  
altar is prepared, and bread and wine  
are placed upon it.*

Dear Lord  
and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways!  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust  
like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt  
to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls  
the strain and stress,  
and let  
our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through  
the heats of our desires  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb  
let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake,  
wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm.

*John Whittier (1807-92)*

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

Lord, hear the prayers of your  
people as we celebrate this  
memorial of our salvation. May  
this sacrament of your love unite  
us more closely to you and to each



other. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer (E)**

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the Magi, the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine

outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me. 🕯️

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. 🕯️

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

**Dcn** Great is the mystery of faith

**All Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St John the Evangelist, Mary the Mother of



God, St Peter and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **All Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Deacon* Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All God here among us light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

*We sit as Agnus Dei is sung by all.*

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

### **Giving of Communion**

*The priest says the invitation.*

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him by faith with thanksgiving.

**All Amen.**

*Communion is received. Please bow your head if you prefer to receive a blessing.*

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

**Anthem: Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake – Farrant**

### **Hymn**

**Lord Jesus Christ  
you have come to us  
You are one with us, Mary's Son;  
Cleansing our souls  
from all their sin,  
pouring your love  
and goodness in;  
Jesus, our love for you we sing,  
Living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
now and every day  
teach us how to pray,  
Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
this in remembrance,  
Lord, of you:  
Into our lives  
your power breaks through,  
Living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us  
Born as one of us, Mary's Son;  
Led out to die on Calvary,  
Risen from death to set us free,**

Living Lord Jesus, help us see  
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
I would come to you,  
live my life for you, Son of God.  
All your commands  
I know are true,  
your many gifts  
will make me new,  
into my life  
your power breaks through,  
Living Lord.

*Patrick Appleford (b.1924)*

### Prayers after Communion

*Priest* God of glory, you nourish us  
with your Word who is the bread of  
life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that  
through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world. We ask  
this in the name of Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **All Amen.**

**All** Father of all, we give you  
thanks and praise, that when we  
were still far off you met us in  
your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared  
your love, gave us grace, and  
opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body  
live his risen life; we who drink  
his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights  
give light to the world. Keep us  
firm in the hope you have set  
before us, so we and all your  
children shall be free, and the  
whole earth live to praise your  
name; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### Notices

#### Blessing of the Congregation

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you**

*Priest* May God whose Son  
revealed his glory at a wedding in  
Cana, bring you the blessings of  
his presence. **All Amen.**

May God, whose power turned  
water into wine, transform your  
lives and make glad your hearts.

**All Amen.**

May God, who works miracles in  
our lives, fill you with his Spirit, and  
change you day by day to reflect  
his glory, until that day when you  
see him face to face. **All Amen.**  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be  
upon you, those whom you love  
and those for whom you pray  
today and always. **All Amen.**

### Final hymn

O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised

to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my friend.

O let me see thy footmarks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my friend.

*John Bode (1816-74)*

### The Dismissal

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*All* And also with you

*All* May the grace of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, and love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy  
Spirit, be with us all, evermore.  
Amen.

*Priest* May the souls of the faithful  
departed, through the mercy of  
God, rest in peace...

*All* and rise in glory. Amen.

*Deacon* We go into the world to  
walk in God's light, to rejoice in  
God's love and to reflect God's  
glory. Go in peace to love and  
serve the Lord.

*All* In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Concluding voluntary:** *Grand  
Choeur – William R. Spence*

*Do stay a while*



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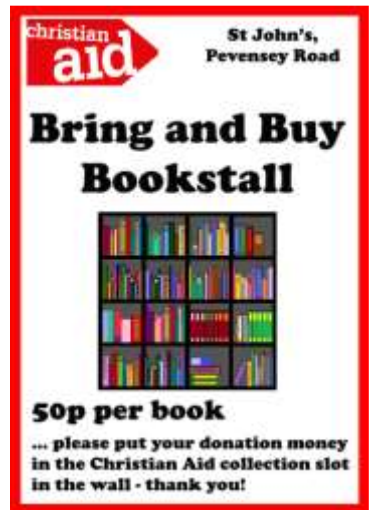
Toilet  
Rolls, UHT Milk, Coffee, Tinned  
Fruit, Tinned Vegetables.

Other needed items include:

Tinned fish, tinned potatoes,  
tinned rice pudding, toiletries.

If you are able to donate, please  
leave items in the container at the  
back of church and they will be  
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