

WELCOME! - if you have recently joined us, or have never been to a Welcome Tea, do come along to the Vicarage next Sunday afternoon, 26 January, at 3.30 pm for tea, cake and chat ... so that we can get to know you better and you can find out more about St Andrew's. Do ask James for an invitation card today.

A DATE FOR YOUR NEW DIARY - we are planning an Away Day on Saturday 5th April, to be held at Harvest House, Mulbarton, when James will lead us in thinking and planning for the future. More details next month, but we do hope you will keep the day free and come along (transport will be arranged for those who need it).

TERM CARD - for January to April 2025 has been printed, and you will find copies at the back of church. Please take one, save it, note dates and events, keep it to hand, and take extra copies to invite friends along.

FREE OFFER! Why not try using daily Bible reading notes if you don't do so already? I have free copies for this quarter for you to use - have a word with me at coffee time.
Margaret Smith

DID YOU KNOW? - that there are labelled pigeonholes for church mail? The wooden shelves are located to the left of the Church Information Desk in the Welcome area. Make a point of checking for your mail!

PASTORAL VISITS - if you are aware of anyone who would like a visit from a member of the Pastoral Care Team, please contact the Area Pastoral Coordinator for the part of the parish in which they live (see map of areas at the back of church). Please obtain the person's permission before making the request. Sheila Nunney (504655)

FOODBANK COLLECTION - is next Sunday! Most needed items are long-life juice, soups, tinned meat, shower gel and deodorant. Please put donations in the boxes provided in the Welcome Area - and many thanks for your continued support.

Please send notices for this sheet direct to Margaret Smith,
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News Sheet for 19 January 2025

Epiphany 2



'a church for all - a place for you'

Welcome, everyone!

And a special welcome to visitors worshipping with us today. Whether you are worshipping in church or joining us via live-stream at home, may we know God's presence with us as we worship together.



Here are the details of our service today:

10.00 am Morning Worship led by James who is also preaching, continuing a series of sermons from the first four chapters of I Corinthians - "Life together. 2: The Madness of Division"
Readings 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 (church Bibles p.162 NT)
John 17:20-24 (church Bibles p.108 NT)
Afterwards refreshments are served in the hall - do come and join with other members of the congregation!

There is Sunday Club for children and young people today, starting with everybody together in church and then going with the leaders to the Hall!

CHARITY OF THE MONTH - Bible Society

Working in over 200 countries Bible Society is on a global mission to bring the Bible to life for everyone, believing that when people engage with the Bible their lives can change for the good. Millions still do not have the Bible in a language they can understand or at a price they can afford, so Bible Society helps in translating and distributing Bibles around the world - not only in print but also by virtual, audio and digital forms.

In this country, Open the Book is a project offering primary school children the chance to hear the major Bible stories presented at school assemblies by teams from local churches.

Do have a look at the display board in the Welcome Area for more information. Please use the blue envelopes and put your donations in the wall safe or the collection plate in church. Many thanks
Caroline Gibbs

PRAYER THIS WEEK

'Trust in him at all times, O people: pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us' (Psalm 62 v.8)

SUNDAY Pray for those in need of God's healing, especially for Jackie B, Don and Jean R, Robin G (having monthly treatment for cancer) and George I (awaiting the results of tests). Pray for the bereaved including the family and friends of Judith P and Valerie J.

MONDAY The Church Council meets this evening. Pray for useful discussions and wise decisions, including plans for the church hall. Pray too for people to come forward to stand for election as Council members and churchwardens at the Annual Meeting in April.

Pray for the ceasefire negotiations surrounding the war in Gaza to be upheld and for aid to arrive, hostilities to cease, hostages to be returned and stability restore.

TUESDAY The fires around Los Angeles continue to burn causing devastation for many people who have lost their homes and for the wildlife and environment. Let us pray that the strong winds will abate, and more rain will fall to enable firefighters and emergency services to gain some respite.

WEDNESDAY Dick and Caroline Seed, our Mission partners working from Cape Town ask for prayer as Caroline prepares to teach a postgraduate research methods course at George Whitefield College starting today till Friday, and from 27 - 31 January she and Dick are running a curriculum review workshop at Uganda Christian University and can now start registering students for the new Postgrad Diploma.

THURSDAY Today we pray for people living in Chalfont Walk, Chandlers Court and Chestnut Hill, praying especially for new residents as they make friends.

Pray for local businesses in Eaton facing an uncertain future with the prospect of extra taxes and expenses during the winter months.

FRIDAY President Trump was sworn into office on Monday this week. Pray for him and his advisors as they set out their aims for the future, and for State governors and all in positions of authority to work together for the common good of all the people regardless of political views and ethnic groups.

SATURDAY Pray for the people of Ukraine as they continue to suffer from Russia's hostilities, especially as the very cold weather takes hold. Pray for civilians in both countries living with restrictions and increasing poverty.

Remember the situation in Gaza, praying that relief aid will reach those most in need and for negotiations to continue for a peaceful settlement.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH LONG-TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS INCLUDING:

Neil R - currently in a rehabilitation unit, and

Ivan B: now a widower and coping with increased frailty at home

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK and NOTICES

Mon. 20th

7.30 pm Church Council meets in church

Tues. 21st

10.00 am Toddler group, Hall

Wed. 22nd

10.30 am Eaton Mothers' Union meet in church for "Bring & Share" and a quiz. Further details from Jenny H

2.30 pm Wednesday Afternoon Connect Group meets

7.30 pm 321 Course continues at the Vicarage

Thurs. 23rd

10.00 am Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) led by James

10.30 am Community Café, Church Hall - all welcome!

Fri. 24th

7.00 pm St Andrew's Singers rehearse

Sun. 26th

10.00 am Holy Communion led by James who is also preaching, continuing a series of sermons on "Life Together" from 1 Corinthians chs. 1-4.
3. The Foolishness of the Cross.

3.30 pm Welcome Tea at the Vicarage (see note)
N.B. Foodbank collection today!

A THANK YOU FROM THE VICARAGE - James and Stephanie would like to thank everyone for their cards, messages and gifts they received at Christmas, which were much appreciated and helped to make their first Christmas in their new home one to remember!

DAYLIGHT - (Daylight Christian Prison Trust) was the Charity of the Month for November and has received a cheque for £473, the total given from two churches. Very many thanks to everyone who contributed to this worthwhile charity.

BOOK THE DATE! - Saturday 8 February in the Hall from 6.30 till 9 pm, a special come-and-share dinner is planned to celebrate the Chinese New Year! An excellent opportunity to invite friends along who do not normally attend church. All ages are welcome. Pick up a "Chinese New Year Dinner" leaflet from the back of church.

ANNUAL PARISH REVIEW - Ruth Thorp is now preparing the Annual Reports and Parish Review for 2024 and would be glad to receive annual reports from group leaders by Tuesday 4th February. If this is one of your annual jobs, please start writing!