



2025 - 'Following Jesus on Mission'

'Epiphany 2' - 18th January 2026

Please join us for our service live on YouTube at 10:00am.

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The Welcome & introduction

Please follow the order of service from the Gold booklet.

Opening Hymn

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head;
His name like incense shall arise
With every morning sacrifice.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

I WATTS (1674 - 1748)

Collect

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.

Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 49 : 1-7

Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: before I was born the LORD called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver.

³ He said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendour.'

⁴ But I said, 'I have laboured in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due to me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God.'

⁵ And now the LORD says – he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength –

⁶ he says: ‘It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.’

⁷ This is what the LORD says – the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel – to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: ‘Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.’

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding;
‘Christ is nigh,’ it seems to say;
‘Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!’

Wakened by the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven;

That when next he comes with glory,
And the world is wrapped in fear,
With his mercy he may shield us,
And with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
With the everlasting Spirit,
While eternal ages run.

Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

Gospel Reading

John 1 : 29 — 42

Alleluia, Alleluia,

Christ was revealed in the flesh,
proclaimed among the nations and
believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John

Glory to you O Lord.

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, “A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.” ³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.’

³² Then John gave this testimony: ‘I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, “The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.” ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.’

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God!’

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, 'What do you want?'

They said, 'Rabbi' (which means 'Teacher'), 'where are you staying?'

³⁹ 'Come,' he replied, 'and you will see.'

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas' (which, when translated, is Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn during preparation of the Table

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
Entered our world, Your glory veiled,
Not to be served but to serve,
And give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' He said.

This is our God...

Come see His hands and His feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.

This is our God...

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him,
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.

This is our God...

Graham Kendrick (b.1950)

We do not pass a collection plate during the Offertory, but if you would like to make a donation to support the work, ministry and maintenance of the Parish, there is provision at the back of church for donations in cash, weekly envelopes, by bank card or mobile phone using the reader at the back of the church.
Thank you.

The Choir will sing during the distribution of Communion

Final Hymn

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth you now bring us -
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord,
And let there be light!*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By your blood I may enter your brightness:
Search me, try me, consume all my
darkness -
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine ...

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory:
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine ...

Graham Kendrick (b.1950)

Organ Voluntary:-

Allegro Vivace from Sonata no.1
by Mendelssohn

The Bible Course

If you want to know how all the bible stories, themes and characters all fit together and how to make the most of the bible this course is brilliant and just for you.

**Starts Thursday 29th January, 7.30pm-9pm in St Paul's Centenary Room.
8 sessions in total**

It's free to attend, dessert and drinks are provided

One off £10 cost for the course book.
Speak to Revs Mike or Jesse for more details.

Those Departed - Rest In Peace

Harry Pinder
Mark Mortimer
Sydney Thorpe
William (Bill) Pye



A JIGSAW CELEBRATION -

Please support the Jigsaw Celebration weekend at St. Paul's Church that concludes **TODAY at 4:00pm** view the constantly changing display of made up Jigsaws— all available to purchase. Or why not help to complete a jigsaw while enjoying refreshments in the Centenary Room.

Haven't been to a jigsaw event before? - Admission is free so do call into St. Paul's Church TODAY.

Tea Rota

We would like to organise a rota for serving teas after the Sunday morning service and are asking for volunteers. If you are interested please see Naomi Pinder, to be found serving said teas, or by email at naomi.pinder63@gmail.com. Thank you.

Thursday Service of Holy Communion

Weekly at 10:00—10:45am
in St. Paul's Church Centenary Room
Coffee, tea and a chat enjoyed after,
Please come and join us!!

PCC Meeting
This Tuesday Evening 20th January
at 7: 30pm in St. Paul's Church
Centenary Room.

Next Sunday's Services—January 25th 2026 - Epiphany 3 (Vision Sunday)

10:00am 'Service of Holy Communion' including children's Church
at St Paul's Church

6.30pm 'Service of Evensong at St. Lawrence's Church