



ST EDWARD'S
CHEDDLETON

Pew Sheet

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1 1 a m P a r i s h E u c h a r i s t

The Conversion of St Paul (Epiphany 3)

It's wonderful to have you with us this morning, as we gather to worship together in this beautiful parish church. Don't hesitate to speak to our sidesperson if there is anything you need, and please do come and join us in the Choir House for refreshments after the service.

A loop system is installed in Church. If you wear a hearing aid, please tune it to 'T'. If you need gluten free communion wafers, please make yourself known to the vicar, a churchwarden or any church officials.

Today's Team

President & Preacher
Readers
Organist
Duty Warden
Server
Sidesperson
Intercessions
Refreshments

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Sandie & Grant
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H y m n s

Mission Praise

Go Forth and Tell!	178 <i>(omit iii)</i>
Immortal Love, For Ever Full	328 <i>(omit iv, v, vi)</i>
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty	237
Amazing Grace	31
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing	496 <i>(omit iii)</i>

T h o u g h t s & P r a y e r s

Kindly remember in your prayers the school and their families,
and the wider school community.

Prayers have also been asked for **Mollie, Jean, Barbara, Andrew P, Hannah, Lyn, Andrew, Karen, Sylvia Goodliffe and Ester Young.**

Please pray, too, for the family and friends of
Irene Fernyhough.

Collect

Almighty God,
who caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;
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.

Readings

Jeremiah

1.4–10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I
am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me,

'Do not say, "I am only a boy";
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the Lord.'

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and
the Lord said to me,

'Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.'

Thanks be to God.

Readings continued

Psalm

67

- 1 God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
- 2 **That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 **O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.**
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 **Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.**
- 7 God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Acts
9.1-22

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Readings continued

Matthew
19.27–end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Peter said to Jesus, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?’ Jesus said to the disciples, ‘Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

What's On

Monday
26 January

No Morning Prayer

Tuesday
27 January

No Morning Prayer

Wednesday
28 January

No Morning Prayer
Bell Ringing 7:15pm

Thursday
29 January

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Friday
30 January

No Holy Communion

Saturday
31 January

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Sunday
1 February

Parish Eucharist **at 10am!**

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday
8 February

Parish Eucharist 11am

Sunday
15 February

Parish Eucharist 9:15am

Wednesday
18 February

Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes 6:30pm

Sunday
22 February

Parish Eucharist 11am

Sunday
1 March

Parish Eucharist 9:15am

Sunday
8 March

Choral Eucharist 11am **at All Saints**

Notices

Calling All Singers

In 2026, music aficionados will have the fantastic opportunity not only to hear one of the greatest pieces of choral music performed in a stunningly beautiful arts & crafts venue, but to join their voices with one of the leading choirs in the Staffordshire Moorlands: the Phoenix Singers are excited to invite all singers to join them for a performance of Joseph Haydn's *The Creation* at All Saints, Leek, on 30 May 2026. The project is free of charge to participants, and singers are invited to join the Phoenix Singers from **23 February**: all are very welcome!

For more information, and to register your interest, contact secretary@phoenixsingersleek.co.uk.

Jigsaws and Mugs

We still have some lovely St Edward's jigsaws and mugs available to purchase. If you are interested, please visit our website, or speak to a member of the team who will be happy to help.

Jigsaws £20 // Fine Bone China Mugs £15

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4219/news/168430/church-merchandise-for-sale>



Supporting Charities

Over the course of this year, we will be teaming up with our friends at All Saints, Leek, to support a wide range of charities. **Next week, 1 February, we will be taking our first special collection.** All donations next Sunday will go towards the work of the Mothers' Union, as they seek to end violence, injustice and poverty. For more details, see their website, or speak to Mary or Henry: <https://www.mothersunion.org/our-work/>

Save the Date: Celebrating a Special Birthday

19 February marks a significant birthday for our wonderful churchwarden, Mary. All are warmly invited to the vicarage for light refreshments that evening (6–8pm), to help Mary celebrate.

Do look out for further details in the pewsheets nearer the time.