



Pew Sheet

Sunday 11 January 2026

11 a m Parish E u c h a r i s t

The First Sunday of Epiphany

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

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Organist
Duty Warden
Server
Sidesperson
Intercessions
Refreshments

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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 during their vacation.

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 **Kenneth George Edward Wright and Eunice Matthews.**

Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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

Isaiah

42.1–9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Thanks be to God.

Readings continued

Psalm

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- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 **Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders;
 the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 **The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
 the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
 the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
 and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
 the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
 the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 **The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
 and strips the forests bare;
 in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'**
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
 the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- 10 **The Lord shall give strength to his people;
 the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

Readings continued

Acts

10.34–43

Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Readings continued

Matthew

3.13-end

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented. And

when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

What's On

Monday 12 January	Morning Prayer 8:30am
Tuesday 13 January	Morning Prayer 8:30am
Wednesday 14 January	Morning Prayer 8:30am Bell Ringing 7:15pm
Thursday 15 January	
Friday 16 January	Holy Communion 4pm!
Saturday 17 January	//
Sunday 18 January	Parish Eucharist 11am at St Andrew's!

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 25 January	Parish Eucharist 9:15am
Sunday 1 February	Parish Eucharist 10am!
Sunday 8 February	Parish Eucharist 11am
Sunday 15 February	Parish Eucharist 9:15am
Sunday 22 February	Parish Eucharist 11am
Sunday 1 March	Parish Eucharist 9:15am

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 rehearsals will begin in April: all are very welcome!

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

Covenant Service, 18 January

As in previous years, we have been invited to join the community at St Andrew's Methodist Church (Ostlers Lane) for their annual Covenant Service. This special service will take place on Sunday, 18 January 2026, at 11am (there will be no service at St Edward's on that day).

18 January also marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: it would be wonderful if many members of the congregation were able to come to St Andrew's, as a sign of our commitment to Christian fellowship and unity.

A message from Sylvia Goodliff

Sylvia would like to wish everyone a happy new year.

She asked for her thanks to be passed on for all the prayers for her, for your care and love. They are much appreciated and she feels uplifted.

She is grateful for your continued prayers.