



St David's Thorpe End Connect - January 2026

Dear all,

Happy New Year!

New Year is a time when we look backwards over the past year and then look forward to the year to come.

2025 was a big year for St David's, with the coming of a new vicar. It was also a big year for the new vicar and his family as they moved to Thorpe End! As I replay the year, Lisa and I want to thank you once again for the warmth of your welcome. It has been a privilege to join you and we are amazed by the way you care for each other, worship God and serve the community.

There are so many highlights but I shall limit myself to two; first the Summer Holiday Club in my first few days with you and, second, our wonderful Carols by Candlelight service. The church was full for both of these and were received warmly by all who attended. Thank you to all who made these such successful events.

I wonder what God has planned for us in 2026? God alone has the answer to this question and as we follow Him into 2026 I am encouraged that the Christmas angels started off their announcements of good news and great joy with the words, "Don't be afraid". Some of us might find New Year difficult and challenging as we move into the unknown, but we can take comfort in the fact that the God who lead us forward in 2025 is the same God who leads us into 2026.

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

I look forward to journeying with you!

Yours,

Ian

Rev'd Ian Fifield

Church Services

We meet for worship every Sunday at 11 am.

You are also welcome to join us on Zoom. Please click on the link below:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82903517986?pwd=IDIV5ONE3l9wjQ6ILxpbuuahWXFVym.1>

Monday online prayer / God Story Online

We meet for prayer on Zoom at 10.15 am every Monday to pray.

This link will also give you access to the God Story online discussion group to be held every Wednesday from 2 - 3pm.

If you would like to join us, please click on the link below:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81294743378?pwd=WklLVHc4cVdWUzZRT3ZOUWdKV1grUT09>

Coffee, Cake and Company

A time of conversation and refreshments in the church hall. Everyone is welcome!

We are meeting on:

Friday 9th January - 10.30 - 12.30

Friday 13th February - 10.30 - 12.30

Friday 13th March - 10.30 - 12.30



Safeguarding. We take safeguarding very seriously at St David's and aim to make our church a safe space for all. If you have any concerns, or would like further information on our safeguarding policies and procedures please see Rev'd Ian Fifield, Vicar or Peter Soden, Parish Safeguarding Officer