

January 2026

Vicar's Voice

The ancient Romans worshipped, among their many gods, a god of doorways named Janus. He was depicted with two faces: one looking back and the other looking forward. Janus was the god of beginnings and endings, thresholds and transitions. From his name we get both the month of *January* and the word *janitor*—the keeper of doors.

As we enter a new year, we too find ourselves standing on a threshold. Like Janus, we look back at the year that has passed and forward into the year that lies ahead. For our world, the past year has been marked by uncertainty and concern, with events that have left many feeling anxious about what the future may hold. As we look ahead, we may do so with a mixture of hope and apprehension.

But what of our own lives? What have we learned from the months just gone? How have we grown, struggled, or been changed? And what might this new year hold for each of us personally?

The ancient Romans sensed a deep human need for new beginnings, and that longing still lives within us today. We yearn for a fresh start, for renewal, and for the hope that tomorrow can be better than yesterday.

As Christians, we step into the new year not alone and not uncertain of God's presence. We trust in the God who has carried us through every joy and every trial of the past year, and who walks faithfully with us into the days ahead.

David

Prayer Saturdays

Saturday 4th January 2026 Starts at 10 am with private prayer until 10.45 am when refreshments are available. Following this there is the opportunity to share concerns and issues which need prayer. All are welcome, feel free to drop in for however long you can manage.

Church Work Party

The next Church Work Party will be in on Saturday 17th January at 9.00am.

We are in the process of assessing future tasks to be undertaken in church especially the choir vestry/backstage area.



Bible Study Groups

If you would like to join, host or facilitate a bible study group then please contact me either in person or via e-mail. (annlucas375@yahoo.co.uk)

Service and Coffee Morning on Wednesday mornings

Starting on January 6th 2026 the mid week service in St Andrew's Church will be at 10.30 am every Wednesday and this will be followed by coffee morning from 11.20 am til 1.00 pm.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Glossop Churches Together 18-25 January 2026 'One Body One Spirit'

Monday 19 th	12.30pm - Prayer Meeting - All Saints Catholic Church
Tuesday 20 th	10.00am - Open Air Prayers - Norfolk Square
Wednesday 21 st	7.00pm - Prayer Meeting - Glossop Parish Church
Thursday 22 nd	7.00pm - Prayer Meeting - St John's Charlesworth
Friday 23 rd	12.30pm - Prayer Meeting - Glossop Methodist Church
Saturday 24 th	10.00am - Prayer Walk beginning at St James
Sunday 25 th	3.00pm - Unity Week Service - St Charles, Hadfield

Retirement of Bishop Malcolm Macnaughton

Bishop Malcolm's retirement has been announced on the Diocesan website. His final day in post will be Thursday 30th April 2026 and plans are under way for his farewell service ,details of which will be announced in early 2026. Read the announcement in full at

<https://derby.anglican.org/en/bishop-malcolm-announces-retirement.html>.

Recycling opportunities

There is a tin on the sound desk for used postage stamps. Keith Pickup has kindly offered to take them to Carmel who are collecting them to sell for charity.

Have you eaten all the chocolates out of the plastic tubs yet? We're all guilty of indulging in chocolate, sweets and crackers over the festive period, and in the UK we are buying tens of millions of these plastic tubs every year!

Make sure your tubs don't go to waste and bring your clean, empty plastic confectionery and cracker tubs to church by 8th February 2026 to be recycled. Ann Lucas will take them to Glossop Parish Church and they will ensure that they are delivered to the nearest collection point at Mottram Wood. This initiative is run by the Pub/Restaurant chain managed by Greene King between 1 January and 15 February 2026. The tubs will be sent to a plastic reprocessing centre where they're shredded, before being sold onto plastic manufacturers to use in place of virgin plastics. All money raised from the sale of Tub2Pub plastics will be given directly to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Or alternatively if you are planning to visit Mottram Wood Pub /Restaurant at Hattersley roundabout, take them up yourself, but don't forget to register your car as you go in or else you'll get a parking ticket.

Diary of Services in Church in January 2026

Please note funerals can sometimes be arranged at short notice

Sat 3rd	10.00 am	Prayer Saturday	Vince Ryder
Sun 4th	10.00 am	Morning Prayer	Vince Ryder
Wed 7th	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Sue Leighton
	11.20 am	Coffee Morning	TBA

Sun 11th	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev David Ridley
Mon 12th	1.15 pm	Funeral	Rev David Ridley
Wed 14th	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev David Ridley
	11.20 am	Coffee Morning	Ann Lucas

Sun 18th	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev David Ridley
Wed 21st	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Sue Leighton
	11.20 am	Coffee Morning	Ann Lucas

Sun 25th	10.00 am	Morning Prayer	John Roberts
Wed 28th	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Norman Shaw
	11.20 am	Coffee Morning	Ann Lucas

Follow St Andrew's Church on AChurchNearYou website where you can find all the latest information about services and events. Our entry is administered by Judith Shaw please contact her if you would like to advertise an event. If you have anything you would like to be included in the next Newsletter (subject to editorial review) then contact the Wardens - Ann and Sue. The wardens telephone if you need to contact us – 07598164646.