



St Clement's Monthly News

January 2026

A Happy New Year to you all.

That's the wish we make to the people we meet as we move into a New Year, and we mean it even though, in our heart of hearts, we know that it will probably be much like the last with its ups and downs, joys and sadnesses, hopes and fears. We also make resolutions to change something in our lives that will make us better in some way or another. But resolutions very often go by the wayside after a few weeks because we can't really change the people we are. So what can we do? Well perhaps all we can really hope to achieve is to work to be the best that we can be. To make the most of the gifts that we have and to be positive and cheerful in order to spread warmth and happiness to the people we live with and those we meet so that the greeting of Happy New Year is realised in the happiness that we spread. It's up to us to be welcoming and to live the Good News of the gospels. We are entering the Season of Epiphany which is that part of the story of Jesus when Wise Men travelled by the light of a star to find Jesus. They came in hope and trust and brought with them special gifts. They were strangers in the land of Judea and God guided them by the star until they found the Christ Child and offered him the gifts they'd brought with them. For us it shows that all are welcome into the fellowship and embrace of Jesus whoever we are and wherever we come from, and that whatever our gifts we can offer them for his use and service and they will all be accepted. No one, nor any of the gifts we can bring, will be rejected or turned away. That is so important to understand in our divided world today where the results of hatred and fear dominate our news headlines. As the New Year turns and we wish people happiness may we play our part in what we say and do to bring that hope and happiness to all whom we meet.



Rev'ds Matthew, John, Christine, Cath and Bryan thank you for your Christmas cards and messages and join now in wishing you all a very Happy New Year!!

Diary for January

Sun 4 th	10.30am	Epiphany Parish Eucharist
Mon 5 th	9.00am	Walking for Health
Tues 6 th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Wed 7 th	10.15am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Welcome Coffee morning
Fri 9 th	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Sun 11th	10.30am	Eucharist at the Parish Church
Mon 12 th	9.00am	Walking for Health Group
	4.00pm	Handbell Ringing
Tues 13 th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Wed 14 th	10.15am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Welcome Coffee Morning
Thur 15 th	12.30/1.00	MU New Year Meal
	7.00pm	Men's Group
Fri 16 th	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Sun 18th	10.30am	Eucharist at the Parish Church
	6.00pm	Mission Community Service at St John's Flixton
Mon 19 th	9.00am	Walking for Health Group
	4.00pm	Handbell Ringing
Tues 20 th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Wed 21 st	10.15am	Morning Worship
	11.00am	Welcome Coffee Morning
Fri 23 rd	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Sun 25th	10.30am	Eucharist at the Parish Church
Mon 26 th	9.00am	Walking for Health Group
	4.00pm	Handbell Ringing
Tues 27 th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Wed 28 th	10.15am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Welcome Coffee Morning
Fri 30 th	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Sat 31 st	10.30am	Winter Warmer Coffee Morning
Sun 1st Feb	10.30am	Eucharist at the Parish Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship Branch Church

MEN'S GROUP

St Clement's Men's group meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Lively discussions – bring your own liquid refreshment!! More details from: Graham Barlow on 07368238645 or e-mail: grahambarlow55@hotmail.com

**THE BRANCH CHURCH
HUMPHREY PARK COMMUNITY
CENTRE**

Morning Worship
10.30am Sun. Jan 4th

Brownies 6.00pm Every Tuesday
Meeting in the Parish Hall
Contact Samantha
Surmstonbrownies@gmail.com

**OUR FAMOUS WINTER WARMER
COFFEE MORNING**
Come and join us on
Sat Jan 31st at 10.30am
in the Parish Hall
Stalls, Raffle, Refreshments
and Irish Coffee

HANDBELL RINGERS

Our group of handbell ringers meets on Monday afternoons at 4-5pm
We would welcome new members to join our team.
If you would like to join us and learn a new skill (we're all still learning!) you would be most welcome.

CHURCH CHOIR
Do you enjoy singing?

We would like to recruit singers to join the choir and would value more voices. We practice on Friday nights 7-8pm going through the hymns for Sunday and also learn new anthems or revise ones we've sung before. Even if you can't come every Sunday it's OK to come on Friday nights and just join the choir on those Sundays when we sing the anthems. Interested? Speak to Rev Cath