



## Please Pray for

...those who have died, including: **Jenny Knowles, Hazel** (Lucilla's cousin's daughter aged 13) and **Reginald Cloudsdale** (funeral at Wellow 2pm Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Feb)

...those who are unwell, including: **Brian Ambler, Debbie Arthur, Debbie Matthias, Glen Hunt** (operation), **Gwyneth Page**,

**Hilary and Martyn Lacey, Jeanine Stewart, Lawrence Nash** (in hospital in Winchester), **Maisy** (aged 15), **Mavis Eastwood, Michelle Harden** (surgery on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan and 6 weeks in plaster!), **Pam Farquharson, Rae Tugwell, Richard & Sue, Simon Bell**

During the four weeks of the 'Epiphany season' the Sunday Gospel readings describe the first encounters Jesus had with various people, in which he revealed who he was and the purpose of his coming. Sometimes these encounters were accompanied by 'signs and miracles' (as today's Collect says). But always they led to the 'renewing' and 'sustaining' of lives that were aimless

### Daily Bible Readings:

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. Try to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	Matthew 4:12-23	<i>Christ revealed as a prophet</i>
Monday	Isaiah 60:1-2,15-22	<i>The Lord will be your light</i>
Tuesday	Luke 1:67-79	<i>Christ, the light dawning</i>
Wednesday	Matthew 9:9-13	<i>Jesus calls Matthew</i>
Thursday	Ephesians 5:6-14	<i>Live as children of the light</i>
Friday	Philippians 2:12-18	<i>The call to shine as stars</i>
Saturday	Psalm 112:1-9	<i>Light dawns for the upright</i>
Sunday	Matthew 17:1-9	<i>Christ revealed as God's beloved Son</i>

**For the Week:** "Lord Jesus, you have called me as your disciple. Give me a heart that seeks you and feet ready to follow you. Amen." (Matthew 4:18-20; Psalm 27:8)



**For Throughout the Day:** "Lord Jesus, teach me how to fish for people. Amen." (Matthew 4:19)

### Readings for 1<sup>st</sup> February - Candlemas

Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 84; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

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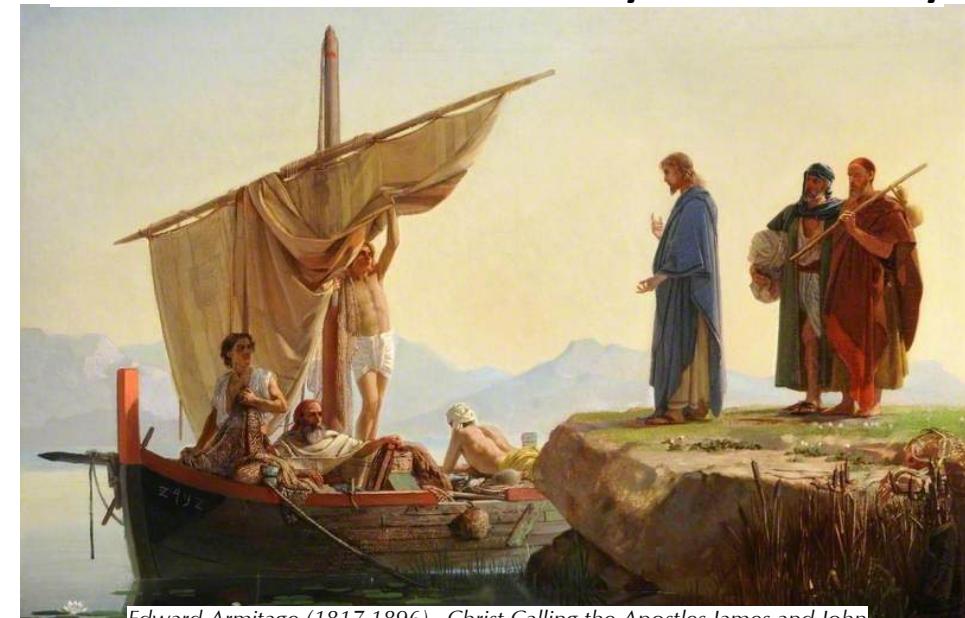
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**Thorngate & Blackwater  
BENEFICE**

**News & Notices - 25<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> February**



Edward Armitage (1817-1896) - Christ Calling the Apostles James and John

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> of Epiphany

8.15am	Communion (BCP) in Wellow
From 9am	Online Service <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches">www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches</a>
9am	Matins (BCP) in West Tytherley
9.15am	Matins (BCP) in Wellow
10.30am	Eucharist in Lockerley
11am	Morning Prayer in Sherfield English
6pm	Evensong (BCP) in East Dean
9pm	Online Night Prayer <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches">www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches</a>

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> of Epiphany

<b>Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1,4-9</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 1:10-18</b>	<b>Matthew 4:12-23</b>
Isaiah declares that in a time to come light will shine in the darkest corners of the land of God's people.	Paul reminds the church in Corinth that the Christian faith is not about being better than others, and appeals to them to unite around the cross of Christ.	The prophecy of Isaiah is lived out by Jesus, who makes his home in Galilee, where God had promised his light would shine.

## Monday to Saturday

9am & 9pm Online Morning & Night Prayer [www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches)

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January

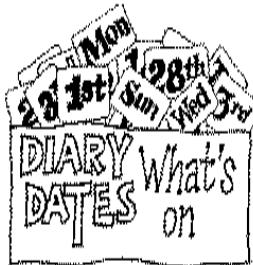
8.30am Eucharist at Lockerley (not at 9am!)  
9am Visit by Church Commissioners to Benefice

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January

7pm Joint Council Meeting at East Dean

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February - Candlemas

8am Communion (BCP) in Lockerley  
From 9am Online Service [www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches)  
9.15am Eucharist in Wellow  
9.45am/10am Breakfast Church in West Tytherley  
10.30am Celebration Service in Lockerley *Cancelled*  
11am Matins (BCP) in East Dean  
11am Candlemas Communion in Sherfield English  
4pm Messy Church in Wellow Village Hall  
9pm Online Night Prayer [www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches)



	8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> Mar
East Dean	9am (BCP) Communion	8am (BCP) Communion	6pm (BCP) Evensong	11am (BCP) Matins
East Tytherley	<i>Services will resume in warmer weather</i>			
Lockerley	10.30am Eucharist	10.30am Celebration	10.30am Eucharist	8am (BCP) Communion 10.30am Celebration
Sherfield English	11am Morning Prayer	11am Family Service	11am Morning Prayer	11am Communion
West Tytherley	8am (BCP) Communion	9am Eucharist	9am (BCP) Matins	9.45/10am Breakfast Church
Wellow	9.15am Sung Eucharist	9.15am Sung Eucharist	8.15am (BCP) Communion 9.15am (BCP) Matins	9.15am Sung Eucharist 4pm Messy Church

### Book Club at West Tytherley Church

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026, 6.45pm to 8pm**

Topic: Rekindling the Wonder of Childlike Wisdom. Book is 'Seeing Anew' Awakening to Life's Lessons by Martina Lehane Sheehan.

**All are very welcome. Wrap up warmly.**

## Charity of the Month

### January 2026



**Hope Now**

Hope Now is a Christian charity that aims to "bring hope, by sharing the love of Jesus and making Him known by ministering to those in spiritual, physical and emotional need." They want the message of the Gospel to touch the hearts of young and old, rich and poor, healthy and infirm, free and imprisoned. Hope Now works mainly in Ukraine, but since 2014 the work has extended to Moldova and Sri Lanka.

More details from: [www.hopenow.org.uk](https://www.hopenow.org.uk)

(Collection Baskets in Churches or send donations to Lockerley Vicarage)

## THE LITURGICAL YEAR

THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS ATTEMPT TO DEVISE AN ALTERNATIVE

