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January and February 2026

As we step into a new year, January invites us to pause, reflect, and realign our hearts with God's purpose for our lives. A new year often brings resolutions, plans, and fresh hopes, but as people of faith, our greatest commitment is to walk more closely with the Lord each day.

The book of Lamentations reminds us that '*His mercies are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.*' This promise is especially meaningful as we begin a new year. No matter what the past year held—joys, challenges, successes, or disappointments—God's grace meets us anew. January is not about perfection; it is about renewal.

As a church family, this is a season to seek God together. Let us recommit ourselves to prayer, to studying His Word, and to loving one another more deeply. Growth does not happen overnight, but steady faithfulness produces lasting fruit.

I encourage each of you to ask God what He desires for you in this new year. Perhaps it is a deeper prayer life, greater compassion for others, or a renewed passion to serve. Whatever He places on your heart, trust that He will also provide the strength and wisdom to walk it out.

This January let us move forward with hope, unity, and confidence, knowing that God goes before us. I am grateful for each of you and excited to see how the Lord will work in and through our church in the months ahead.

May God bless you abundantly in this new year.

Katrina

Tuesdays at 09.15 Morning Prayer on Zoom. See Joyce for details

- Sunday 4th January **Covenant 10.30am Pilling Lane**
Epiphany 18:00
Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6
Matthew 2. 1-12
- Sunday 11th January **Baptism of Christ**
10.00 Holy Communion
Readings: Acts 10. 34-43
Matthew 3:13-end
- Sunday 18th January **Epiphany 2**
10.00 Holy Communion
Readings: 1 Corinthians 1. 1-9
John 1.29-42
- Sunday 25th January **Conversion of Paul**
10.00 Holy Communion
Readings: Acts 9.1-22
Matthew 19.27-end
- Sunday 1st February **Presentation**
10:00 Holy Communion
Readings: Hebrews 2.14-end
Luke 2.22-40
- Sunday 8th February **2 before Lent**
10:00 Holy Communion
Readings: Genesis 1.1-2.3
Matthew 6.25-end
- Sunday 15th February **Next before Lent**
10:00 Holy Communion
Readings: 2 Peter 1.16-end
Matthew 17.1-9
- Wednesday 18th February **Ash Wednesday**
10:00 Holy Communion
Readings: 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10
Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21
- Sunday 22nd February **Lent 1**
10:00 Holy Communion
Readings: Romans 5.12-19
Matthew 4.1-11

Quiz Evening on Friday 16th January 19:00 in the Darby and Joan club. Tickets £10 including nibbles and puddings, bring your own drinks.



Baby and Toddlers Tuesday 6th January and Tuesday 10th February

Coffee Morning
Saturday 10th January and Saturday 14th February

If you have any **prayer requests**, please contact Revd. Katrina Robinson-Brown. In January and February we will be praying for people who live on: Lidgett Lane, Lidgett Rise, Lodge Street and Manor Croft

Draw results:

December Draw Results:

1st prize: No. 12, Doreen Hope, £15

2nd prize: No. 100, Don Ward, £10

3rd prize: No 46, Jackie Clarkson, £5

Bonus prize: No 3 John Britton, £30

Eco tip for January: Change Pension Supplier

Pension funds represent the largest group of investors in the UK, holding around 2 trillion pounds in assets. By 2021, an estimated £128 billion was invested in fossil fuels from UK pension funds, nearly £2,000 for every person in the UK, Friends of the Earth found. A mass switch from fossil-invested pension suppliers across the UK would reduce 19 tonnes of GHG emissions per year. Investigating your pension supplier and making a switch should you discover their investments in fossil fuels puts increased pressure on suppliers to diversify and decarbonise their investments.

St Aidans Charity Shop – Open:

Monday-Friday 10am-4pm

Saturday 10am-1pm

Donations for the refuge

Any items of food, household cleaning materials or toiletries are gratefully received by the Refuge. The Refuge have limited storage space so at the moment these donations are all that can be managed. Please can any use by dates be checked on donations.