



## Please Pray for

...those who have died, including:

**David Lyon** (Memorial Service 1230pm Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Jan) and **Jenny Knowles**

...those who are unwell, including: **Debbie Arthur, Debbie Matthias, Gwyneth Page, Jeanine Stewart, Mavis Eastwood, Pam Farquharson, Rae Tugwell, Richard & Sue, and Simon Bell**

The 'Epiphany' (Greek *epiphaneia* – revealing, manifesting) is celebrated on 6 January, the last day of the Christmas season. It refers to the revealing of Christ to the 'Magi', the Wise Men from the East who searched for truth and found it at Bethlehem. The main theme of the Epiphany season is the revelation of Christ as the light of the world and the King of all nations – Gentiles and Jews.

### 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 2:1-12	<i>The wise men worship Christ</i>
Monday	Micah 5:2-9	<i>A ruler from Bethlehem</i>
Tuesday	Isaiah 9:1-7	<i>A light has dawned</i>
Wednesday	John 8:12-20	<i>Jesus is the light of the world</i>
Thursday	2 Corinthians 4:1-11	<i>The light shining in our hearts</i>
Friday	1 Thessalonians 5:4-11	<i>Live as people of the light</i>
Saturday	Psalms 118:14-29	<i>His light shines upon us</i>
Sunday	Matthew 3:13-17	<i>The baptism of Jesus</i>

### Prayers for this Week:

**For the Week:** "Lord Jesus, my King: Please give me the wisdom to seek you, the faith to worship you, and the desire to offer my gifts in your service. Amen." (Matthew 2)

**Mealtime Refrain:** "Let us stand up and shine, for our light has come: *God's glory has risen upon us.*" (Isaiah 60:1)

**Epiphany Mealtime Prayer:** *Christ our light, shine upon us. Refresh us by this meal to reflect your love to others. Amen.*



### Readings for 11<sup>th</sup> January – Baptism of Christ

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-end

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## News & Notices - 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> January



East Dean Church

Psalm 147:16  
*He gives snow like wool  
he scatters frost like ashes*

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> of Christmas

8am	Communion (BCP) in Lockerley
From 9am	Online Service <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches">www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches</a>
9.15am	Sung Eucharist in Wellow
9.45am/10am	Breakfast Church in West Tytherley
1030am	Celebration Service in Lockerley
11am	Matins (BCP) at East Dean
11am	Communion in Sherfield English
9pm	Online Night Prayer <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches">www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches</a>

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:[1-9]10-18
Jeremiah tells the exiled people of Israel that God loves them with an everlasting love and will turn their despair and sorrow into joy.	Every spiritual blessing we have – adoption as God's children, redemption, the promise of salvation – all come to us through Jesus Christ.	Christ, the Word that is God, in existence before all time, becomes flesh to live among us and bring us grace and truth.



### Monday to Saturday

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

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

9am Eucharist at Lockerley

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> of Christmas

8am Communion (BCP) in West Tytherley

From 9am Online Service [www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches)

9am Communion (BCP) in East Dean

9.15am Sung Eucharist in Wellow

1030am Celebration Service in Lockerley

11am Morning Prayer in Sherfield English

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

	18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	8 <sup>th</sup> Feb
<b>East Dean</b>	8am (BCP) Communion	6pm (BCP) Evensong	11am (BCP) Matins	9am (BCP) Communion
<b>East Tytherley</b>	Services will resume in warmer weather			-
<b>Lockerley</b>	1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist	8am (BCP) Communion 1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist
<b>Sherfield English</b>	11am Family Service	11am Morning Prayer	11am Communion	11am Morning Prayer
<b>West Tytherley</b>	9am Eucharist	9am (BCP) Matins	9.45/10am Breakfast Church	8am (BCP) Communion
<b>Wellow</b>	9.15am Sung Eucharist	8.15am (BCP) Communion 9.15am (BCP) Matins	9.15am Sung Eucharist 4pm Messy Church	9.15am Sung Eucharist



In these parishes, the Church helps to raise money for UNICEF by hosting **Lent Lunches** (a simple meal of soup, bread and cheese) between Noon and 2pm every Saturday in Lent (21<sup>st</sup> February to 28<sup>th</sup> March). If you feel able to host one of these please get in touch with the Vicar (as soon as possible). All of the money given goes to UNICEF and attracts Gift Aid.

## Charity of the Month January 2026



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.

The letters of HOPE indicate the areas of our work – Healthcare; Orphans; Prisons; and Education, Evangelism and Elderly. God has blessed this ministry since its beginning in 1985, and many lives have been changed for the better. Life is very difficult in Ukraine, and there is a great need to show compassion and love to the poor, but greater still is the need to introduce them to a God who loves and cares for them.

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

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

## THE MEAL DEAL

AVAILABLE AT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

ONE MAIN	ONE SNACK	ONE DRINK
<p>ALMOST CERTAINLY PASTA</p> <p>SUPPER FROM THE TEN-WEEK COURSE</p>	<p>RICH TEA, FOR INSTANCE</p> <p>A BISCUIT</p>	<p>SOMEONE BOUGHT A MACHINE</p> <p>SURPRISINGLY GOOD COFFEE</p>
<p>LOAVES/FISHES SELECTION</p> <p>QUICHE DU JOUR</p>	<p>SOMETHING THAT THE YOUTH GROUP MADE</p>	<p>GIN</p> <p>TEA, TO WHICH MILK HAS BEEN ADDED (TOO) GENEROUSLY</p>
<p>THIS THAT NOT ENTIRELY SURE NICE THOUGH</p> <p>BRING AND SHARE MYSTERY PLATTER</p>	<p>CURATE'S EGG POT</p>	<p>DILUTION GUIDELINES NOT TREATED WITH ADEQUATE RESPECT</p> <p>BEAKER OF SQUASH</p>
	<p>SERMON SWEETS</p>	