



## **Pew Sheet for 18 January 2026**

*A warm welcome to everyone attending today's service*

### **The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

*Please come into the hall for refreshments after the 09:30 service.*

#### **Collect:**

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Hymns:**

<b>CP444</b>	God is working his purpose out
<b>CP453</b>	Great is thy faithfulness
<b>CP622</b>	Will you come and follow me
<b>CP2</b>	Christ Whose Glory fills the skies
<b>CP437</b>	Go Forth and Tell O Church of God

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

## **Readings:**

### **Corinthians 1 1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are  
sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all  
those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of  
God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you  
have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every  
kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened  
among you - so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait  
for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen  
you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our  
Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into  
the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **John 1 29-42**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared,  
"Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the  
world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who  
ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not

know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

**Post-communion prayer:**

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Dates for your diary

**SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026 - The Women's Group** meets when Rod Clarke will be showing slides of the National Gallery Van Gogh Exhibition. Come along, enjoy the paintings and learn a little about Van Gogh's life. All are welcome; we start at 10am and finish by 12noon.

**SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026 - The Listening Group of St Mary's** will be commissioned during the 9.30am service. Rod and Malcom will speak about the listening group for anyone who needs someone to talk to. We will commission Elena and Naven who will be joining the listening group on this day.

**FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2026 - The Thanksgiving Service for the life of Mrs Mildred Schutz** who recently passed away at the age of 102 will be held at St Mary's at 2 pm, followed by the wake in the church hall.

**SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026** - We will welcome a **special guest speaker, Jan Hancock** who works with the Msking Connections Team, helping with the rehabilitation of prisoners prior to release at the 9.30am service.

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026** - Ash Wednesday 8.00 pm service. Please put this in your diaries.

**Lent is coming early below is a list of Forthcoming Events during Lent** (Dates and times will be confirmed in next week's Pewsheets.)

- Stations of the Cross during the Lent season
- Foot Washing on **Maundy Thursday**
- Good Friday Workshop
- Easter Sunrise Worship
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Evensongs
- Healing and Wholeness Prayers
- Special Sunday evening services with music and youth involvement
- Communion during the Holy Week