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## Service of the Word / Epiphany 2

### Welcome

Methley is a **Dog-Friendly** and **Inclusive Church** – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.



### Prayers for those who are unwell

Richard, Ann, Sally, David, Michael, Jack, May, John, Steve, Janet, Julie, Karen, Joanne.

### Today's Service



#### Hymns

Opening: 65 Brightest and best  
Gradual: 111 Dear Lord and Father  
Offertory: 162 From heaven you came  
Closing: 857 I the Lord of sea and sky

Service Lead: Charlotte Taylor

Reader: Peter Bloodworth

Intercessor: Joanne Taylor

Hymnal: Stuart Davis

Welcomer: Lynn Williams



### Looking ahead in Jan/Feb:

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am **Service of the Word** at St. Margaret's Hall

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 11am **Covenant Service** with Methley Methodists

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> No service at St. Margaret's Hall

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 11am **Candlemas All Age Service**

### Licensing of Rev Terry Williams

as Team Vicar

by

The Right Rev Arun Arora, Bishop of Kirkstall  
at

St. Oswald's Church Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
at 7pm followed by light refreshments

### Methley Parish Prayer

Spirit of God,  
move among us here in Methley;  
make us one in heart and mind,  
make us one in love.

Humble, caring, selfless, sharing; Spirit of God, fill  
our lives with your  
purpose and love,  
Amen.



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### COLLECT

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the  
riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### FIRST READING Isaiah 49:1-7

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention,  
you peoples from far away! The LORD  
called me before I was born, while I was  
in my mother's womb he named me. He  
made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the  
shadow of his hand he hid me; he made  
me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid  
me away. And he said to me, "You are my  
servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have  
spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and  
my reward with my God." And now the  
LORD says, who formed me in the womb  
to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to  
him, and that Israel might be gathered  
to him, for I am honoured in the sight of  
the LORD, and my God has become my  
strength. The LORD says, "It is too light  
a thing that you should be my servant to  
raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore  
the survivors of Israel; I will give you as  
a light to the nations, that my salvation  
may reach to the end of the earth."  
Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of  
Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply  
despised, abhorred by the nations, the  
slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand  
up, princes, and they shall prostrate  
themselves, because of the LORD, who is  
faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has  
chosen you."

### PSALM Psalm 40:1-12

**R** Great are the wonders you have done,  
O Lord my God.

I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
He brought me out of the roaring pit,  
out of the mire and clay;  
he set my feet upon a rock and made my  
footing sure. **R**

He has put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see and fear  
and put their trust in the Lord.  
Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
who does not turn to the proud that follow  
a lie. **R**

Great are the wonders you have done,  
O Lord my God.  
How great your designs for us!  
There is none that can be compared with  
you.  
If I were to proclaim them and tell of them  
they would be more than I am able to  
express. **R**

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire  
but my ears you have opened;  
Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you  
have not required,  
then said I: "Lo, I come. **R**

"In the scroll of the book it is written of  
me that I should do your will, O my God;  
I delight to do it: your law is within my  
heart."  
I have declared your righteousness in the  
great congregation;  
behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O Lord, you know. **R**

Your righteousness I have not hidden in  
my heart; I have spoken of your  
faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your loving-kindness  
and truth from the great congregation.  
Do not withhold your compassion from  
me, O Lord;  
let your love and your faithfulness always  
preserve me. **R**

### SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

From 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  
spiritual 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 him you  
were called into the fellowship of his Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

### GOSPEL John 1:29-42

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming  
towards 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 baptising 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 baptise with water said to me,  
'He on whom you see the Spirit descend  
and remain is the one who baptises with  
the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen  
and have testified that this is the Son  
of God." 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

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.

