

## For our prayers this week



**Those who are ill or in need...** Alex Boorer, Laurie & Sarah Hamilton, Ashleigh Anand, Felix Snell, Val Hancock.

**Those who have died...** Chares Lucas, Regina Hallier, Clare Gummett.

**Anniversary of death...** Gertrud Edith Bown (2021), Martin Evans (2023) Boshra Hedayati (2001).

**Link Parish** of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green, Zimbabwe.



### THIS WEEK...

#### SUNDAY 04 JANUARY 2026

#### **THE EPIPHANY**

We welcome  
the Reverend David Evans  
to our morning Services

8am **HOLY COMMUNION**

10am **ALL AGE SERVICE**

6.30pm **EVENSONG**

#### WEDNESDAY 07 JANUARY

NO TODDLER GROUP  
- returning 14 Jan.

12 noon **PRAYER GROUP**  
Church

#### SATURDAY 10 JANUARY

7.30pm **JIGSAW PLAYERS CONCERT** Church



### NOTICES

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**THE BRIDGE** can be read  
and downloaded from:  
[southwark.anglican.org/thebridge](http://southwark.anglican.org/thebridge)

### INTERCESSIONS

A couple more volunteers are  
needed to do the intercession prayers.

Please speak to Tish or Lotwina.

### TRAIDCRAFT

We really need help with ordering  
and stock taking of the Traidcraft  
Stall. We have volunteers to man it.  
Please speak to Tish or Lucy Christie  
if you are interested.

### FRIDAY GROUP

are studying the letter of James.  
Meeting fortnightly at Mair Rabagliati's  
and simultaneously on Zoom –  
alternate **FRIDAY'S at 10am**.  
Everyone is welcome to join for lively  
discussion and coffee.

For further information contact  
Lynda Coleman via the Parish office.

### TODDLER GROUP

Wednesday's 9.15-11.15am,  
in the Hall - All welcome 0-5yrs.

**Returning 14 January.**

Suggested donation £3.

Christmas greetings have been sent  
to Christ Church by our  
**Mission Partners**,  
Lea and Petra Williams  
- see the card pinned to board  
at back of church.



### NEXT WEEK...

#### SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 2026

### **BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

8am **HOLY COMMUNION**

10am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

6.30pm **EVENSONG**

#### WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY

9.15am **TODDLER GROUP**  
returns

12 noon **PRAYER GROUP**  
Church

### **JIGSAW PLAYERS CONCERT**

In church on

#### SATURDAY 10 JANUARY

7.30pm

Goldberg Variations

For String Trio

Tickets £15

Students £5

Free for under 18's

## This week's readings

### A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

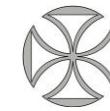
I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Ephesians 3.1-12

### Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel!"' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Matthew 2.1-12



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### SUNDAY 04 JANUARY 2026

### THE EPIPHANY

**Collect**  
Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star to worship  
the Christ-child: guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Post Communion**  
Lord God, the bright splendour  
whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been  
drawn by your light discern the glory of your  
presence in your Son, the Word made flesh,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Green / World Prayer**  
May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain, but by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes; Not by making our path easy, but by making us sturdy to travel any path; Not by taking hardships from us, but by taking fear from our heart; Not by granting us unbroken sunshine, but by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows; Not by making our life always pleasant, but by showing us when people and their causes need us most, and by making us anxious to be there to help. God's love, peace, hope and joy to us for the year ahead. **Amen**

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**8am HOLY COMMUNION**  
Readings Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

**10am ALL AGE SERVICE**  
Reading Matthew 2.1-12 Hymns 133, 626, 42, 709

**6.30pm EVENSONG**  
Readings Isaiah 60.1-9; John 2.1-11 Hymns 78, 716, 537 Psalm 98