

*St. John the Evangelist, Clifton.*

# Weekly Service sheet.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Epiphany 3



## Welcome to St. John's, Clifton

**Celebrant:** Rev. Paul Webb

**Reader:** Christine Cooper

**Intercessor:** Carol Stubley

## Roots and Shoots

Our next Roots and Shoots service will be this Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February @ 9am all welcome.

## Please keep in your prayers:

Those known to God and us, who are ill, as well as: Sylvia Nicholson, Sandra Hall, Jack Eccles, Angela Taylor, Graham Davies, Margaret Jackson, Jordan Wilkinson, Ed Spivey, Charlotte Bailey, Ann Taylor, Steve Rhodes and Rev. Anne Samuels

## Please Help

Help is appreciated on Sunday morning helping serve and clear away, teas and coffee.

## RIP

Edna Thompson Don's Aunty passed away 10th January. May She Rest in Peace. Please Keep Don, Hilary, and Family in your prayers.

## Anniversary of Death

Harry Barrett (26<sup>th</sup>)

Bette Akers (29<sup>th</sup>)

## Within our Diocese

**Toby Howarth** - the Bishop of Bradford - acting Diocesan Bishop of Leeds

**Smitha Prasadam** – Bishop of Huddersfield

**Bill Braviner** – Archdeacon of Halifax

**James Allison** ~ Area Dean

**Paul Webb and Stephen Hannam** – our vicars at St John's, Clifton

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## Service sheet Readings, Prayers and Hymns

**January 25<sup>th</sup> – Epiphany 3**

### **Collect**

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**First Reading** - 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

### **Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake. From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Father almighty, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. **Amen**

**A Church built on a hill, cannot be hid**