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Sunday 18th January 2026 The Second Sunday of Epiphany

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| Sunday 18th | 09:30 | Parish Eucharist with Sunday School |
| Monday 19th | 09:15 | Morning Prayer |
| Tuesday 20th | 17:30 | Evening Prayer on Zoom |
| | 19:00 | Tuesday @7 |
| Wednesday 21st | 17:30 | Evening Prayer on Zoom |
| Thursday 22nd | 09:15 | Morning Prayer |
| | 10:00 | Holy Communion |
| Friday 23rd | 19:00 | Burns Night Church Centre |
| | | No public worship today |
| Saturday 24th | | No public worship today |
| Sunday 25th | 09:30 | Parish Eucharist with provision for children |

Hymns

144. Dear Lord and Father of mankind

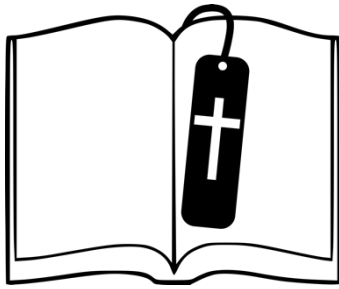
453. My faith looks up to thee

498. O happy day that fixed my choice

364. Jesus, the name high over all

The Collect (Opening Prayer): *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. Amen.



First Reading: Isaiah 49.1-7 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—he 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 40.1-12

Second Reading: 1 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.

Gospel Reading: 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 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 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. Amen.*



Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: Karen Cox, Sheila King, Dawn Spurway Pearson, Lucia, Pam Browning, Ian Turner, Michael King, Emily Maylon, Jim, Richard, Jenny, Roger Lewis, Colin May, Revd. Colin Wood, Tony May, Susie Usher, Marlene, Eileen Tooley and June Baker.

Recently departed: Anne Hatzfeld

Anniversary of death: 19th - Helene Shaw, 20th - Colin Knight, Jason Clarke, Anthea Potter, 22nd – Mary Ramsay, 24th - James Turton, Florence Plummer

We pray We pray for peace in all areas of conflict around the World, and we pray for peace in the Holy Land. For all those seeking safety and refuge in our Country.

For urgent prayer, contact Sue Davis (01243 262915) to start the Prayer Chain.



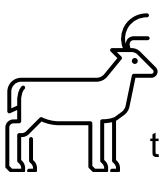
Bognor Churches Together invite you to The Annual World Day of Prayer Coffee Morning Friday 30th January from 10.30am in Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Centre, Hislop Walk, PO21 1JX. Join your fellow Christians and enjoy hot drinks and cake, a raffle, a bric-a-brac stall and fellowship. Entrance £2.00.

Donations of cakes gratefully accepted. Contact Gabrielle on 07736 814364 for further information.

And...The Gathering "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" Hosted by St Wilfrid's Church, Ellasdale Road, Bognor Regis PO21 2SG: Sunday 18th January, 6pm (doors open 5.30pm). All are welcome. For more information contact bognorchurches@gmail.com or visit facebook.com/bognorchurches



We are currently refreshing our children's provisions and would love your help in building a vibrant library for our young people. We believe that a great book can be a gateway to a lifelong journey with God, and we want to provide our children with the very best stories. Do you have any Christian books- fact or fiction- that your own children or grandchildren have outgrown? If they are in good condition and ready to inspire a new reader, we would be delighted to receive them. Please drop off any donations to church or speak to Emily (paghampew@gmail.com or 07784398293) who can collect them from you at home. Thank you for helping us nurture the next generation!



Burns Night You are invited for our annual Burns Night celebration on Friday 23rd January 2026 at the Church Centre, Nyetimber Lane, 18:30 for 19:00 start. Adults - £15.00, under 14s - £8.00. Two volunteers are needed. One for the toast for the Lasses and one for the response from the Lasses. Please contact Stephen for more information: stephen.coxrusbridge@btinternet.com and mobile no 07974177905.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2025: Thank you to all who contributed to the Poppy Appeal, using the collecting tin in church, which raised £119.56.



Lunch on Sunday: The next Lunch on Sunday will be held in the Mosse Hall, behind St Richard's Church, following the Parish Family Eucharist, at 12.45pm. A wonderful opportunity to enjoy a 2 course meal and fellowship in relaxed surroundings, at just £10 for adults, children free. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church, or please email the parish mailbox (strichardsaldwick@gmail.com) stating any dietary requirements. We look forward to seeing you there.



Valentine's Ball: There will be a Valentine's Ball in the Mosse Hall, on Saturday 14th February. Live music will be provided by our very own Regis Rhythms. More details to follow. For now, please save the date.



Thank you to the knit and natter group who have donated blankets for use in Church on a Sunday, please feel free to use if you are chilly, and return after the service



Bell Ringing Have you ever wanted to try bell ringing? Practice takes place on Mondays at 19:30 and new members are most welcome. Contact: Mike Wake-Tower Captain for more details 01243 264 254



The Collection Plate If you would like to make an offering, please use the contactless Payaz machine or the collection plate, both can be found by the door. Thank you for your generosity.



Support for the Food Bank is more important than ever. Urgently needed this week: sauces (ketchup/,mayonnaise), sponge puddings, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, UHT fruit juice and UHT milk.

Please note the dates when our community groups will next meet:

The Bear Necessities: on 9th February, 7.30 pm at The Bear Inn, Pagham

The Book Group: 6th March, 2pm, at Alison's house, Swandene, 01243 261131

Pints of View: on 12th February, 7.30 pm at The Inglenook Hotel, Pagham

Breakfast Club: on 4th February at 9.30 am at Manor Nursery.

Bell ringing: on Mondays at 7.30 pm at St Thomas a Becket

Don't forget, the Church is open every day, usually between 10am & 3pm. It is a beautiful place for quiet prayer and reflection.

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 9.1-4, Psalm 27.1,4-12*
1 Corinthians 1.10-18, Matthew 4.12-23

For any queries regarding our Pew Sheet, please contact Emily- paghampew@gmail.com