

## THIS WEEK

**Monday** 9am Walking for Health Group  
4pm Handbell ringing  
**Tuesday** 9.30am Morning Prayer  
**Wednesday** 10.15am Holy Communion  
11am Welcome Coffee Morning  
**Friday** 7pm Choir practice

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>** 10.30am Winter Warmer  
Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 9: 1 – 22  
Galatians 1: 11 – 16a  
Matthew 19: 27 – end

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# ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH

**18th January 2026**

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

### TODAY'S HYMNS

223 All hail the power of Jesu's name  
810 Thou whose almighty word  
621 Dear Lord and Father of mankind  
451 Just as I am  
510 Will you come and follow me

### TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 49: 1 – 7  
1 Corinthians 1: 1 – 9  
John 1: 29 – 42

### THE 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.

**Amen**

### THE GOSPEL

<sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!' <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' <sup>32</sup> And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> 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." <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard

him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> 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?' <sup>39</sup> 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. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> 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).

## INTERCESSIONS

### Please Pray for:

#### **The Church:**

Pray for the worldwide church, one body united in worship of one God celebrating the fullness of God in our diversity. Pray for our bishops David, Mark and Matthew, archdeacon Karen and area dean Peter. Pray for our parishes of St Clement and St Mary and all those who work and worship in them.

#### **The World:**

Pray for people living in areas of war and conflict. Pray that all world leaders will work towards bringing peace and justice for all people. Pray for all people who are persecuted for their faith, that they will be sustained by the unending love of God.

#### **The King and Government:**

Pray for the health and well-being of King Charles, Queen Camilla and all the royal family. Pray for the government as they respond to an ever-changing world order, that their responses will be just and wise and for the benefit of all mankind.

#### **Community:**

Pray for the children and young people in our community, that they may find the guidance and support they need as they grow and take their place as adults in our society. Pray for the parents, teachers, youth workers and

other influential adults who help shape the citizens of the future.

#### **The Sick:**

We hold in God's care all those we know who are sick, including Alastair Moore, Annette Ulian, Eileen McKay, Elaine Blezzard, Beryl O'Neil, Alison Griffiths, Frank Kilroy, Christopher Brown, Toby Gurion, Robbie Dickson and Emma Coulson. May they find healing in body, mind and spirit.

#### **The Departed:**

Pray for Terry Jackson, Sandra Wrigley, Paul Sharples, Linda Furnell, Dot McGoran, Thomas Penfold and any others known to us who have died recently and for the families and friends who grieve for them. May all who have gone before us rest in peace and rise in glory.

#### **Anniversaries:**

John Stretch, Maud Hawley, Florence Wilson, James Leonard, Dorothy Hughes, Anthony Molyneux, Doris Kettle, Charlotte Stringer, Annie Leah, William Johnston, John Fraser, Evelyn McCaig, James Appleby, Alfred Griffiths, Mary Rhodes, Arthur Peat, Helen Farrimond, Sarah Ashton, John Constantine, Edwin Hatton, Jane Lindsay, James Mellor, Joseph Ball

#### **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. **Amen**

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

This week's flowers have been donated by Andrea, Daniel and Rachel in loving memory of Mum, Audrey Hall

#### **MISSION COMMUNITY SERVICE,**

**Tonight at St John's, Flixton at 6pm .**

Archdeacon Karen Best will preach at the service.

Come and join with our sisters and brothers to worship God together.