



## The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Hymns

- 146 When morning gilds the skies
- 163 Angel voices ever singing
- 278 Hands that have been handling
- 247 I heard the voice of Jesus say

### Notices

**The Blessed Sacrament Lamp** burns this week in loving memory of Thomas and Lily Beatrice Southworth, very special and dearly loved grandparents of Steve Riley. **R.I.P.**

**Congratulations to our 100 Club winners** in the January draw: 1<sup>st</sup> prize (£85) – Helen Kibbey; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize (£45) – Eric Salisbury; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize (£30) – Mari Griffiths. Thank you for your support! For membership details, please speak to David Jones, or email him at [david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk](mailto:david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk)

**Lillie Wilmot Funeral** will be held at 12:00pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at Thornton Crematorium.

**Donations and Giving:** We rely on generous individual giving for much of our income at St Faith's. If you are a UK taxpayer donations can be Gift Aided to provide additional benefit to the church. If you worship here regularly then please consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme by using this link - <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/great-crosby-st-faith-liverpool/>. There is a contactless donation point at the back of church for phone or card use.

### Events

**There will be an Ecumenical Prayer Service** for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity organised by Churches Together in Waterloo and Crosby at the Roman Catholic Church of St Peter and St Paul **today at 3pm** - all are welcome!

**RSPB Big Birdwatch Count:** St Faith's is signed up to take part in the annual national bird count on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 10:00am to 11:00am**. You are invited to join us at St Faith's and fill in your own count. We will send the totals to RSPB, who use the data to see which birds are doing well and which are struggling across the country. You will have a chart to record numbers and an RSPB colour sheet of all the common garden birds. There will also be tea coffee...and even biscuits! Just turn up on the day for 10:00am to join in the fun!

## This Week's Services

<b>This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist The Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>	Fr. Dennis Smith
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 9:30am Morning Prayer</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's</b>	Fr. Peter Walker
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 10:30am Eucharist at Nazareth House</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 12 noon Eucharist</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson
<b>Next Sunday, 11:00am, Eucharist The Conversion of Paul</b>	Fr. Steve Hall Readings: Acts 9.1-22, Psalm 67, Galatians 1.11-16a, Matthew 19-27-end

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## Please keep in your prayers

**The Diocese:** Good Shepherd West Derby, De La Salle, St John Bosco, St David Childwall, All Saints Stoneycroft, Broadgreen School, St Paul Croxteth, St Bartholomew Roby, Trinity Anglican/Methodist Page Moss, Huyton with Roby, St Gabriel Huyton Quarry, St Gabriel's.

**Parish:** Somerville Road, Birchdale Road, Ashdale Road, Oakdale Road, Thorndale Road, Ferndale Road, Rockland Road.

**The World:** For peace in all areas of conflict in the world. For those affected by fires, floods, famines and earthquakes. For emergency workers working in disaster areas. For refugees, asylum seekers and agencies that help them. For good stewardship of the earth and its resources. For all victims of cruelty, injustice and exploitation.

**The Church:** The unity of all Christians everywhere. Archbishop Stephen, Bishop Ruth, Ven Pete Spiers, our Archdeacon, Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, and local ecumenical partners.

**Those who are sick:** Joan McKortel, Alistair Byron, Fr. Michael Brinkworth, Angie Price, Susie Greenwood, Jill Deeprose, Holly Keira Barnes, Ken Welsby, Martin Goodwin, Evie Dunne.

**The recently departed:** Lillie Wilmot.

**Those who are to be remembered at this time:** Edgar Gilbert Phillips, Alice Dyson, John Fallows, Archie Hope, Brenda Henderson, Frank Mawson (Priest), Mary Clarke, Eric Simmons CR (Priest), Patricia Collins, Freda King, Bill Halsall, Muriel Harrison, Walter Parker, George Ashworth, Maggie Blanchard, Sarah Ann Cole, Fr. William Hassall (Vicar of St. Faiths), Millie Holland, Elizabeth Harper, Penny Thompson, Mary Waplington, James Clough, John William Chapman, William Charles Ford, Edith Brenkley, Philip Palmer, Annie Turner, Mary Jane Wilford, Brian Redhead, Charles Bailey, Colin Oxenforth (Priest), Arthur Patrick Hartland, Winston Churchill, Archie Pattison, Harry Morgan, Wyn Selby, Alan Morgan.

### 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.

### 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

Response (congregation):-

**Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad.**

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 foot upon a rock and made my footing sure.

**Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad.**

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.

**Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad.**

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.

**Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad.**

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'.

**Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad.**

'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.'

**Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad.**

I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation;  
behold, I did not restrain my lips,  
and that, O Lord, you know.

**Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad.**

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.

**Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad.**

**Second Reading, I 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 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.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness  
but will have the light of life.

**Alleluia.**

**Gospel, John 1.29-42**

The next day he 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 baptizing 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 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.” 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.