



Week Commencing Sunday 25th January 2026

We Pray For: We Pray For: Peter, George, Terry, Phil, Sarah, Paul & Children, Andy and children. Jamie and Family.

Recently Departed: Leonard Gear

Hymns at St George's: 229 God rest ye, 555 Peace perfect peace, I believe video filmed in Ukraine, 525 One more step.

Notices:

Tuesday 17th February 6.30-8.30pm will be usual (legendary) **Pancake Party** at English Martyrs – this is a free event, but please sign up ahead so that there will be enough pancakes! Sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Lent Groups – any requests or ideas for Lent Groups? Please let Rachel or Gioia know.

Holiday Club (4th-6th Aug 2026) – If you would like to join the planning team please speak to Gioia.

Foodbank - Collection tray at the back of the Church. Current urgent needs are: Tinned ready meals and vegetables. The latest information on foodbank stocks can be found here: www.gloucester.foodbank.org.uk Thank you!

Day	Time	Location	Event					
Sun 25 th	9.00am	St Margaret's	Eucharist					
	10.30am	St George's	Eucharist Epiphany 3	Welcomer Erna	Crucifer Sylvia C	Readers Sylv Derek	Intercession Paul	Coffee Sylv
Mon 26 th	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer					
	7.15pm	Small Hall	Youth Group					
Tue 27 th	09.30am	Small Hall	Coffee Pot					
	10.00am	St George's	Eucharist					
	1.30pm	Main Hall	Fun & Free					
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel	Evening Prayer					
	7.00pm	Small Hall	PCC					
Wed 28 th	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer					
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel	Evening Prayer					
Thu 29 th	10.30am	St Margaret's	Eucharist					
	10.30am	Small Hall	Thursday Club					
	2.00pm	Small Hall	Art Group					
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel	Evening Prayer					
Fri 30 th								
Sat 31 st								
Sun 1 st	10.30am	St George's	Eucharist Candlemas	Welcomer Margaret	Crucifer Mark B	Readers Lynne Jonathan	Intercession Gioia	Coffee Sue Linda R
	5.00pm	St Margaret's	Evensong					

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COLLECT

Almighty God,
who caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of your servant
Saint Paul:
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful
conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to your
truth;
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

Either **Jeremiah 1:4-10**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Or **Acts 9:1-22**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see

nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptised, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." All who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?" Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

PSALM Psalm 67

R Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations. **R**

O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.
Then shall the earth bring forth her
increase,

and God, our own God, will bless us.
God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear
him. **R**

SECOND READING Either **Acts 9:1-22**

Or **Galatians 1:11-16a**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being.

GOSPEL **Matthew 19:27-end**

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

Peter said to Jesus: "Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues
of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to
preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your
love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

