



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

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

Recently Departed: Janet Martin (funeral at Grange Baptist 20th January)

**Hymns at St George's:** 636 The Church's one foundation, 98 Christ is our cornerstone, Cornerstone – Hillsong's video, 144 Dear Lord and Father.

#### Notices:

**Youth and Families Enabler** – we have secured funding for an 18 hour a week appointment for a Youth and Families and are currently advertising: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/16-108BH/news/165582/> Please share this, particularly if you know any qualified youth workers, and speak to Rachel for more information.

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

**PCC meeting** - Tuesday 27th January at 7.00pm. If you have a report to make at that meeting, please make sure you send it to Darrell by 16th January in order that he may circulate all reports to PCC members on Saturday 17th January. Thank you

**Foodbank** - Collection tray at the back of the Church. Current urgent needs are: UHT milk, herbs and spices, tinned veg and custard. The latest information on foodbank stocks can be found here: [www.gloucester.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.gloucester.foodbank.org.uk) Thank you!

Day	Time	Location	Event					
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	St George's	Eucharist Epiphany 2	Welcomer Darrell	Crucifer David	Readers Derek Stuart	Intercession Susan	Coffee Diane Erna
	5.00pm	St Margaret's	Evensong					
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer					
	7.15pm	Small Hall	Youth Group					
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup>	09.30am	Small Hall	Coffee Pot					
	10.00am	St George's	Eucharist					
	1.30pm	Main Hall	Fun & Free					
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel	Evening Prayer					
	7.30pm	St George's	Refresh – celebrating the week of prayer for Christian Unity					
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer					
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel	Evening Prayer					
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup>	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 23 <sup>rd</sup>								
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	St George's	Church in Tuffley litter pick – meet at St G's, equipment provided!					
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	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

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# Sunday

## 18 January 2026 Second Sunday of Epiphany

### 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

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

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. The LORD 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 Psalm 40:1-12

**R** Great are the wonders you have done,  
O Lord my God.

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 feet upon a rock and made my  
footing sure. **R**

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. **R**

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. **R**

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. **R**

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

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. **R**

### SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

From 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.

### GOSPEL John 1:29-42

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

John the Baptist 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 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 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.

