

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Holy Communion

18th January 2026



Collect

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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Isaiah 49: 1-7

Jeanne

Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the Lord called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow

and concealed me in his quiver.

³ He said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will display my splendour."

⁴ But I said, "I have laboured in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

Yet what is due me is in the Lord's hand,

and my reward is with my God."

⁵ And now the Lord says—

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant

to bring Jacob back to him

and gather Israel to himself,

for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord

and my God has been my strength—

⁶ he says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant

to restore the tribes of Jacob

and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,

that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

⁷ This is what the Lord says—

the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—

to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation,

to the servant of rulers:

“Kings will see you and stand up,
princes will see and bow down,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 **Yvonne**

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

2 To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:

3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. 5 For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— 6 God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you.

7 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. 8 He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 1: 29-42 **Fr Alex**

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

32 Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. 33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and

remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. 36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. 38 Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

39 “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

40 Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. 41 The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).

Hymns

Complete Anglican; Hymns Old and New

		<u>Number</u>
Proclamation	Hail to the Lords anointed	259
Kyrie		962
Gloria		Murray
Gradual	Christ whose glory fills the sky	105
Offertory	All my hope on God is founded	19
Communion	There is a redeemer	658
Recessional	Just as I am, without one plea	374

Notices

Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer who is **Mrs Shola Odedina-Barton**. See the front of the Contact Sheet for her contact email address. Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 426 0407 or email StephH@cofebirmingham.com if you have any concerns.

Fire escape

In case there is a need to evacuate church, please make yourself familiar with the fire exit routes before the service starts.

Compline

There will be a service of Compline on Wednesday the 21st January 2026, the Zoom link for which are

Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495

Passcode: 464983

Week of prayer for Christian Unity – 18th to 25th January

You can join in with the following services on Zoom during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Zoom link will remain the same for each service and is

Meeting ID: 865 9848 2706

Passcode: 481805

SOME OF THE TIMINGS HAVE CHANGED

18-25th January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity			
18th January	Sunday		
19th January	Monday	Mn Prayer	9am
20th January	Tuesday	Ev Prayer	5pm
21st January	Wednesday	Compline	9.30pm
22nd January	Thursday	Mn Prayer	9am
23rd January	Friday	Ev Prayer	5pm
24th January	Saturday	Ev Prayer	5pm
25th January	Sunday		

Jumble sale @ St Benedict's

St Benedict's are planning a jumble sale in March. If you have any jumble at home, please let Fr Alex have it.

Tidy up

We need to tidy up the scullery and sacristy, being clinical regarding the stuff we through away. If you are able to offer any help, please let Jeanne or Phil know and we'll coordinate at time to get it back into a pristine state.

PCC meeting

There will be a PCC meeting after the service this morning's service.

Swan group Candlemas service

At 4pm on Sunday 1st February there will be a Swan Group service for Candlemas at St Mary's church, Acocks Green.

Prayers

Saint Cyprian's church

Hear our gratitude gracious Lord for the repair works undertaken by NC Contractors after the recent break in. Help us to ensure that the Memorial Hall becomes a well-used and precious community asset.

Saint Michael & All Angels church

Facilitate loving Lord the kitchen design plans. May the decisions that we make facilitate a space which adds value to those external groups who look to use the hall.

St Benedict's church

Inspire our thinking and focus our planning around our first Jumble Sale in such a long time, Lord. Help us to know what to do, particularly around getting those who we serve in Bordesley into church.

Saint Mary's church

Thank you Lord for all the blessings you have given us, help the church family to find the right route, to getting our roof made watertight and less like a cascade during periods of rain.

Prayers at St Cyprian's church

We pray for all those who are in need at this time, for

Ollie, Beryl, Clarice, Harold, Maureen, Andy Newman, Dean, Darren, Lucy, Kevin, Lauren, Paul, Ken Long, Alan Carter and Pat.

We remember those who have died in faith... Peter Aldridge, Phyllis Macken, Lillian and for those whose years mind is in January ... Harry Saunders, Simon Ward, Alice Orme, Madge Burton, Emme Wright, Beverley Huxtable, Joyce Hulley, John Ellison, Ivy Loxton