

## The Greenway Benefice Sunday Sheet

Holy Trinity Badgeworth, St Paul's Shurdington, and St Mary's Witcombe with Bentham

*(Sunday services, readings and prayers are on this sheet, please look in the Three in One\* for other news and notices)*

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**



### Today's Services:

10.30am Holy Trinity Benefice Holy Communion

*This will be the only service in the Benefice today - all welcome.*

### Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

### Lectionary Reading

**Isaiah 9.1-4**

#### The Righteous Reign of the Coming King

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**Psalms 27.1, 4–12**

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? •  
The Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?  
4 One thing have I asked of the Lord  
and that alone I seek: •  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord

all the days of my life,  
5 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord •  
and to seek his will in his temple.  
6 For in the day of trouble  
he shall hide me in his shelter; •  
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me  
and set me high upon a rock.  
7 And now shall he lift up my head •  
above my enemies round about me;  
8 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with great gladness; •  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.  
9 Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; •  
have mercy upon me and answer me.  
10 My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' •  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.  
11 Hide not your face from me, •  
nor cast your servant away in displeasure.  
12 You have been my helper; • leave me not, neither  
forsake me, O God of my salvation.

#### 1 Corinthians 1.10-18 Divisions in the Church

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

#### Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## Gospel Reading

### Matthew 4.12-23 Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.'

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

### Jesus Calls the First Disciples

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen.

<sup>19</sup>And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

### Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

## This week's prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

- Those living in Bishop Road.
- Our Curate: Revd Daniel Newman
- We are also praying for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East, that they may freely live in peace.

### Shurdington Primary School

We are continuing our school links, and we pray for the staff and pupils. This term's school value is Thankfulness.

### Our Frontline Prayer

We thank you, Heavenly Father, for the gift of this community. We commend one another to you on our different frontlines.

Wherever we are, whatever we do, whoever we are, may the Holy Spirit guide us in all things so that we may do God's will in the world, in the service of Jesus Christ and with great joy. Amen

## In Church next week



### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February Presentation of Christ

8am	St Paul's	Holy Communion BCP
9:30am	St Paul's	Worship
11am	Holy Trinity	Worship
11am	St Mary's	Sunday Worship

### ECO tip for January

Help reduce the number of birds being lost from our skies by providing them with food and water. Then take part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch (Friday 23-Sunday 25 January) by spending an hour counting birds - you don't need your own garden to take part and they provide a free identification guide. Details at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

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