

**ST MARTIN'S**  
Brighouse  
**Sunday**  
**25<sup>th</sup> January**

**Celebrant / preacher**  
Rev Paul / Rev Stephen  
**Reader**  
Dereck Frearson  
**Prayers**  
Agneta Webb

**THIS WEEK WE ARE PRAYING FOR**  
King Charles and Queen Camilla, our link Parish of St Paul, Bugwema, and their Priest Rev Osije; Bishops Toby and Smitha; Rev Paul and Rev Stephen; the staff and pupils at St Andrews Junior and Infant Schools, the residents of Churchfields Road  
**and for**  
Graham Davies, Adam Ayres, Margaret Bancroft, Christine Palethorpe, Roy Williams, Nigel Ashworth and for all those caring for them.

**ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH**  
25<sup>th</sup> Eleanor Aldred,  
29<sup>th</sup> Kath Empson

**BIRTHDAY**  
25<sup>th</sup> Dotty Baker  
27<sup>th</sup> Trish Ayres  
30<sup>th</sup> David Longden  
31<sup>st</sup> Alice Whitaker

**NEXT WEEK**  
**Reader**  
Graham Lawley  
**Prayers**  
Elizabeth Lawley

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## **SOUPER SUNDAY**

**Next Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, will be Souper Sunday when a simple meal of soup, bread and cake will be served. Everybody welcome.**

## **THURSDAY MORNING EUCHARIST**

**There is a simple Eucharist every Thursday at 10.00am. This is followed by tea/ coffee, cake and general chit chat. Everyone is welcome.**

## **FRIENDS OF THE RYDINGS**

The next event will take place in the far gallery at Brighouse Library on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 1.30pm when the speaker will be Paul Blakey MBE who will speak to us on Street Angels..

Refreshments will be served prior to the talk.

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

**Our very small band of church cleaners (only 2 at the moment) would clearly like some help. If you can help on Friday mornings from about 9.30am to do some light vacuuming or dusting, please see Colin at church (or just turn up)**



## January 25<sup>th</sup> – Epiphany 3

### Collect

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### First Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

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. 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.’ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 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. 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: Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake. From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ 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. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 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. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

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.

### Prayer after Communion

Father almighty, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. **Amen**