



**United Benefice of
Dolphinholme, Quernmore
& Over Wyresdale**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Sunday 18 January 2026**

WELCOME

Welcome to our services this morning, particularly to anyone who is visiting or is new to our congregation. We hope that you will all feel relaxed & at home. There are facilities for young children in church (toys, books etc). Please feel free to use them at any time during the service.

TODAY'S SERVICES AND READINGS

Dolphinhome St Mark's

4pm Family Service



Quernmore St Peter's

9.30am Morning Prayer



Christ Church, Over Wyresdale

11am Tractor Service



Isaiah 49: 1-7; 1Corinthians 1: 1-9; John 1: 29-42

Collect Prayer for Today

***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.***



BENEFICE

Blessing our homes

As we are working our way through Epiphany, it is an old Church tradition, during this season, to bless our homes, churches, pet's homes, etc for the year ahead. This is traditionally done by chalking, with blessed chalk, the following above, on, or near the door: 20+C+M+B+26 & praying together:

"May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Christus mansionem benedicat, "May Christ bless the house."

The meaning of the inscription is as follows :

The numbers represent the year, the + represents Christ (Jesus) & the letters are for the Wise men who visited Jesus in his home. The names we associate the Wise Men with are Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. However, these are also the first letters of the latin phrase, meaning 'Christ bless this house', as above.

If you want to give this a try, please take some of the blessed chalk home with you, following the service, chalk your homes and pray the prayer.

2026 will be a special year for **Blackburn Diocese** as it celebrates its Centenary. Look out for news of upcoming events in the next few months.



CONFIRMATION NEWS

If you are planning to get confirmed this year, please see Cindy or Pippa, briefly, following today's services, to arrange dates and times for classes.

St Mark's Dolphinholme

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www.achurchnearyou.com/dolphinholme-st-mark/

In Our Year's Mind for JANUARY

Barbara O'Riordan, Ruby Jean Wieck, Henry Cary Owtram, Nora Elizabeth Gorrall, John William Barnes, Brian Moss, Gill Close, Margery Carter, Alan MacLachlan, Iain Michael Smith, William Desmond Corless, George Cragg

As we begin 2026, not only is it an important year for our Diocese but also St Mark's. Our vicar, Cindy isn't going anywhere but our curate, Pippa is taking charge of St Mark's, for the next few months, so she will be your first point of contact. We wish her well!

In addition, the good news is that St Mark's is now free of the £45,000 of historical debt that has been hanging over us since

before Cindy's time!  The bad news is that the church gutters need some very costly repair work doing to them! If you would like to donate to the cost of this work, please speak to Rev'd Pippa. -

Also speak to her if you have a fundraising idea!

Welcome to everyone who will be showcasing their talents at today's service, as we help our Mother's Union celebrate a very important anniversary. Congratulations to them!



Mothers' Union

AGM with Holy Communion and enrolment of a new member, at Ruth's House on Thursday 22nd January at 2p.m. Anyone interested in finding out about us, please join us for the afternoon. You will be very welcome.



PCC will meet this Monday, at 7pm at **Ruth's**. Thank you to Ruth for hosting.



St Peter's Quernmore

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In Our Year's Mind for JANUARY

Hilda Wareing, Maurice Walker, Dorothy Walker, William Ewan (Bill) Burton, Isabella Ayrton

Welcome to our service of **Morning Prayer** and a special welcome to members of our **Sunday school**.



Christ Church Over Wyresdale

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Welcome to our **Tractor Service** and special thanks to all who have brought along real or toy tractors, etc.



PCC will meet on 29th January, in church, at 7.30pm.





Next Week's Services & Readings

Conversion of St Paul (also the 16th anniversary of being landed with our Vicar, incidentally!)
Sunday 25 January 2026

Dolphinhome St Mark's

11am Eucharist



Quernmore St Peter's

9.30am Eucharist



Christ Church, Over Wyresdale

5.30pm Evensong



Jeremiah 1: 4-10; Acts 9: 1-22; Matthew 19: 27-end

Please take this sheet home with you or pass it on to someone you know who could not be here today. You can also find the pew sheet on the website. If you have any items for this pew sheet please contact graham.rigney@gmail.com by the end of Thursday to ensure inclusion on Sunday

To receive a digital copy of the pew sheet every week simply subscribe via the website at dgowbenefice.co.uk (on the Blog page)!

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for all who are considering confirmation, at this time.

Please pray for all facing a challenging week ahead.

WINDOW ON THE WORLD please pray for

Peace in the Ukraine

Peace in the Middle East

The people of Iran as protest deaths rise

The people of Minnesota amid ICE deaths

HEARING LOOP IN OPERATION

