



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

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

**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*

**Collect Prayer for Today**

**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.**



## 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 it's Centenary. Look out for news of upcoming events in the next few months.

## St Mark's Dolphinholme

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[www.achurchnearyou.com/dolphinholme-st-mark/](http://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!



We are looking for people who might be willing to occasionally help serve coffee after the service - this would only be occasionally but if you can help, please speak to a churchwarden or member of the clergy.

Would you like to provide flowers, in church, on the anniversary of a loved one or for a family celebration? If so, please speak to **Kath Pye** or a member of the clergy.





## 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



Congratulations to **Zach Berrington**, who was baptised last Sunday. Please pray for him as he begins his Christian journey.

Today we send all our love and best wishes to **David and Heather Curwen**, as they bid farewell to St Peter's. We are grateful for all that they have done, over the years, and we will miss them. X



## Christ Church Over Wyresdale

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

Thank you to all who donated or sponsored the elf run. To date the school has raised £230. If you would still like to make a donation or have sponsor money to return please either follow the link below or send the money into school in a clearly marked envelope.  
[https://www.justgiving.com/page/cawthorneselfrun?utm\\_source=CL&utm\\_medium=DT](https://www.justgiving.com/page/cawthorneselfrun?utm_source=CL&utm_medium=DT)

Earlier this week, **Bishop Philip** was in church to film for this year's Lent Course. We plan to run the course, in Lent, so you'll get a chance to see us on the 'big screen' then.





*Next Week's Services & Readings*

**Candlemas**

**Sunday 1 February 2026**

**Dolphinhome St Mark's**

**9.30am Morning Prayer**



**Quernmore St Peter's**

**10am Family Service**



**Christ Church, Over Wyresdale**

**11am BCP Eucharist**



**1Kings 17: 8-16; 1Corinthians 1: 18-end; John 2: 1-11**

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](mailto: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](http://dgowbenefice.co.uk) (on the Blog page)!

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## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Please pray for all who are seeking to follow the promises made at their baptism.

Please pray for all who struggle to heat their homes.

**WINDOW ON THE WORLD** please pray for

Peace in the **Ukraine**

Peace in the **Middle East**

All those affected by the landslide in **New Zealand**

The people of the **USA** as they prepare for winter storms

**HEARING LOOP IN OPERATION**

