

St Michael and All Angels, South Westoe

18 January 2026

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Intention: Our Parish and People

8am – Mass (BCP)

11am – Sung Mass

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Hymns 103, 814, 451, 460, 826

12.45pm – Holy Baptism

6pm – Evensong at St Hilda's

1. Sunday 18 – Sunday 25 January: The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Prayer cards are available at the back of Church.

2. Monday 19 January at 7.15pm: Meeting of the Parochial Church Council.

3. Tuesday 20 January at 7pm: Society of Mary meets at St John's, Seaham Harbour.

4. Thursday 22 January: Choir Practice at 6pm.

5. Saturday 24 January: 10am – 12 noon: Coffee Morning supporting the work of Christian Aid.

6. Sunday 25 January at 3.30pm at St Cuthbert's Church, Hebburn: Cathedral Choir Deanery Evensong.

7. Monday 2 February: Candlemas and Dedication Festival – Blessing of Candles, Procession and Solemn Mass at 7.30pm. Preacher: Father Stephen Edmonds.

8. Update of Parish Prayer list: Please confirm if you would like a name to remain on this list.

This week's scripture readings at Mass

1 Samuel 15.16-23 | Mark 2.18-22

1 Samuel 16.1-13 | Mark 2.23-end

1 Samuel 17.32-33, 37, 40-51 | Mark 3.1-6

1 Samuel 18.6-9, 19.1-7 | Mark 3.7-12

1 Samuel 24.3-22a | Mark 3.13-19

2 Samuel 1.1-4, 11-12, 17-19, 23-end |

Mark 3.20-21

Churchwardens: Mrs M Thompson (456-3828)

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Cheques made payable to 'St Michael's PCC'

This week's services and prayer intentions

[Services in italics at St Hilda's Church]

Monday 19 January

St Wulstan

Intention: Christian Unity

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.00am Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 20 January

Ss Fabian and Sebastian

Intention: Persecuted Christians

5.30pm Evening Prayer

6.00pm Mass

Wednesday 21 January

St Agnes

Intention: Youth Ministry

10.00am Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 22 January

St Vincent

Intention: Forward in Faith

11.00am Mass (BCP)

Friday 23 January

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Intention: Those in need

11.15am Funeral Service at Harton

Cemetery Chapel | Lillian Graham RIP

Saturday 24 January

St Francis de Sales

Intention: Spiritual directors

10.00am Mass

Sunday 25 January

CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

Intention: Our Parish and People

Mass (BCP) at 8am

Sung Mass at 11am

Deanery Evensong at 3.30pm at St Cuthbert's

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COLLECT

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Isaiah 49.1-7*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.' And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

PSALM *Verses from Psalm 40*

I waited patiently for the Lord : and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling.
And he hath put a new song in my mouth : even a thanksgiving unto our God.
Sacrifice and meat-offering thou wouldest not: but mine ears hast thou opened.
Burnt-offerings, and sacrifice for sin, hast thou not required : then said I, Lo, I come,
In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will, O my
God : I am content to do it; yea, thy law is within my heart.
I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation : lo, I will not refrain my
lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest.

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1.1-9*

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL John 1.29-42

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

PRAYER AFTER 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. **Amen.**