



First Sunday of Epiphany
The Baptism of Christ
11 January 2026

Let us gather for worship

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

**Let us rejoice and shout for joy,
giving God the glory.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

**as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song

Breathe on me, breath of God:
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what Thou dost love,
and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with Thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God;
till I am wholly Thine
until this earthly part of me
glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with Thee the perfect life
of Thine eternity.

Let us confess our sins

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight
and the sin that clings so closely,
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

God our Father, we are sorry
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.
Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,

and do not care enough for the world you have made.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Song

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD,

Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.

We hear the word of God

Bible Readings

Isaiah 42:1-9
Matthew 3:13-end

Song

LIGHT OF THE WORLD,

You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

*So here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God;
And You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days,
Oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above;
Humbly You came
To the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
(Repeat)

Talk

What we believe

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

Let us turn to God in prayer

The Collect

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognise him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Our intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name
your kingdom come
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil and the evil one.
For the kingdom, the power,**

**And the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Final Song

FROM HEAVEN YOU CAME,

Helpless babe,
Entered our world,
Your glory veiled;
Not to be served
But to serve,
And give Your life
That we might live.

*This is our God,
The Servant King,
He calls us now
To follow Him,
To bring our lives
As a daily offering
Of worship to
The Servant King.*

There in the garden
Of tears,
My heavy load
He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow
Was torn,
'Yet not My will
But Yours,' He said.

Come see His hands
And His feet,

The scars that speak
Of sacrifice;
Hands that flung stars
Into space
To cruel nails
Surrendered.

So let us learn
How to serve,
And in our lives
Enthroned Him;
Each other's needs
To prefer,
For it is Christ
We're serving.

Final Prayer & Blessing

**In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing ...

Notices to take home

Sunday 11th January 2026

9am Holy Communion. Isaiah 42: 1-9 and Matthew 3: 13-end

10.30am Morning Worship. Isaiah 42: 1-9 and Matthew 3: 13-end

Wednesday 14th January 10am Holy Communion at St Peter's

Sunday 18th January 2026

9am Holy Communion. I Corinthians 1: 1-9 and John 1: 29-42

10.30am Morning Worship. I Corinthians 1: 1-9 and John 1:29-42

Wednesday 21st January 10am Holy Communion ay St Andrew'

Monday January 12th Prayer Meeting

St Peter's Centre at 7,30pm

NEW Monthly Coffee mornings

Thursday 15th January at 10am to 11.30am in the St Peter's Centre
The third Thursday morning of each month, come for coffee, cake ,
chat and companionship. All welcome.

SAPLINGS

Restarts Monday 12th January 9am to 10.30am in the St. Peter's
Centre during term times.

New members are welcome.

Thursday evening Home Group at 33 Lychgate Avenue restarts on
Thursday 15th January at 7pm. The group meets fortnightly for Bible
study, discussion, prayers. New members welcome.

For further details phone 01562720165 or 07504055760

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Tinned meat, tinned potatoes or mash, tinned vegetables, cartons of milk,
cordial or squash, coffee, tea bags, long life fruit juice, pasta sauce or cooking
sauce, instant noodles, tinned chopped tomatoes, cereals, tinned custard,
savoury rice.

Shower gel, toilet rolls, roll on deodorant, shampoo, bars of soap.