



**The Team Parish of Christ the King
St Aidan's Church Brunton Park**

**Sunday 18th January 2026
Second Sunday of Epiphany**

This week's Gospel passage sees John the Baptist pointing to Jesus and saying: 'Look, here is the Lamb of God.' And perhaps it asks us particularly to reflect on the task of doing the same. As Christians, we're called to point to Jesus. To help others to look over in his direction, and maybe, like the two disciples, to go over and meet him. To allow others hear Jesus say: 'Come and see', as they discover for themselves who he is.

So how do we say, with our own lives, and our own words, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God.'? We often think that work is for specialists. For evangelists who know all the clever answers to questions of faith, or for vicars who spent years reading theology books. It can feel daunting to talk about Jesus when we're outside church, but it doesn't need to be. All that's asked of us is that when we see Jesus, we point to him and name him: 'Look, here is the Lamb of God.' So when has Jesus been present in your life? When has he given you strength when you felt weak, given you comfort when you were struggling, brought peace in turmoil, or joy in thanksgiving. Perhaps that story is worth sharing with others, so that they too can meet Jesus, hear him say: 'Come and see!', and discover for themselves who he is.

Isaiah 49. 1 - 7

See, the LORD is riding on a swift cloud
and comes to Egypt;
the idols of Egypt will tremble at his presence,
and the heart of the Egyptians will melt within them.
² I will stir up Egyptians against Egyptians,
and they will fight, one against the other,
neighbour against neighbour,
city against city, kingdom against kingdom;
³ the spirit of the Egyptians within them will be emptied out,
and I will confound their plans;
they will consult the idols and the spirits of the dead
and the ghosts and the familiar spirits;
⁴ I will deliver the Egyptians
into the hand of a hard master; a fierce king will rule over them,
says the Sovereign, the LORD of hosts.

⁵The waters of the Nile will be dried up,
and the river will be parched and dry;
⁶its canals will become foul,
and the branches of Egypt's Nile will diminish and dry up;
reeds and rushes will rot away.
⁷There will be bare places by the Nile,
on the brink of the Nile;
and all that is sown by the Nile will dry up,
be driven away, and be no more.

John 1. 29 - 42

The next day he 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.

TODAY 9.30am Epiphany 2 Rev'd Gerard Rundell will preside and preach.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon 7.30pm **Bible Study Group**
Tues 3.30pm to 5.00pm **After School Drop Off Club**

Wed 10.00am Church **Book of Common Prayer Midweek Eucharist**
7.30pm **PCC at St Cuthbert's**

Thurs 2.00pm Community Room. **Chat and Craft.**
7.00pm Church **Conversation at St Aidan's**
with Catherine McKinnell MP

Sat 10.00am **Saturday Café**
6.30pm for 7pm start **Burn's Night Supper**

Sun 9.30am **Epiphany 3** Mr Bernie Troughton will lead and Rev'd Gerard Rundell will preside and preach.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 26th Bible Study Group
Wed 28th St Aidan's DCC meeting

NOTICES

TODAY'S SERVICE LINK <https://bit.ly/StAidan2026Epiphany2>

BIBLE STUDY GROUP The Bible study group will continue its online sessions tomorrow, Monday 19th January at 7.30 pm, continuing to look at the book of Revelation. We have switched from Zoom to Microsoft Teams, but the format is exactly the same. Contact Ken Newitt (kmnewitt@outlook.com, 07770 480938) for the joining link or further details. All welcome.

CONVERSATION AT ST AIDAN'S: CATHERINE MCKINNELL MP – At 7pm on Thursday 22nd our local MP, Catherine McKinnell, has kindly agreed to join us for a conversation about the life and work of a Member of Parliament. Please do support the event and join us to ask all those questions you've always wondered about life in politics.

JIGSAW PUZZLES – Janice our Children's and Families worker is looking for donations of children's jigsaw puzzles suitable for ages up to 8 years. If you have any puzzles that you no longer have use for please speak to Janice or a church warden. Thank you.

Living on God's good earth: January

New year, new you

The new year is often a time when we feel pressure to make a new start, or try new things, but it can be hard to know where to begin. If you've never done a personal carbon footprint audit, this can be a great way to think about different areas of your life and see where simple changes can make a difference. The results can help you pick one area to focus on over the coming year. There are lots of carbon footprint audits available online, but a nice simple option is <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk>. If you want one with more detail, go for <https://www.climatestewards.org/offset>.

SUNDAY SERMONS

For anyone who would like one, written copies of the Sunday sermon are available from the preacher on request. Please contact either Gerard or the preacher of the day to be sent a copy

For Our Prayers:

For the church. Sacred Heart RC and St John's URC. Social committee, welcome team, tea and coffee, flower arrangers – all who make church an inviting place.

For the community

For the world – all countries facing hardship and conflict. For our own national and political life

For those in need – Esther Wooler, Sue Bates, Christine Crompton, Charlie Bennett, Lindsay Miller, Marion Newitt, Rebecca

For those who have died and, on their anniversaries, Agnes Roberts, Jeff Robinson, Eric Quenet, Joy Crute, John Edwards, Kenneth Thompson, Wilfred Simpson, Kenneth Riackaby, Margaret Scott, Daphne Stroud, Margaret Harris.



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