

This Week's Notices

Fylde Coast Women's Aid

The PCC has agreed that during January, I can collect nappies, pull ups and baby wipes for the babies and children. Our congregation has given generously with previous collections, so please help again if you can. There will be bags at the rear of church for donations. A huge thank you to those who have donated so far.

Parish Dinner

If anyone is able to contribute a prize for the raffle at the Parish Dinner please pass them to Susan McMahon. Chocolates, biscuits, wine and toiletries are always appreciated. Many thanks.

St Annes Churches Together

The week of prayer for Christian Unity is 18th - 25th January. On Saturday 24th January there will be a service hosted by Church Road Methodist starting at 2pm. All are welcome to join us.

Readers

We are in the process of compiling a new reader's rota. If you feel you would like to read at Mass, can you please let the office know. It will only come up about once every 8 weeks or so, Thank you Pam

Bible Study Group

We meet on Friday, 30th January in the Choir Vestry at 2pm. If you have enjoyed the Diocesan Advent Course, at the end of which our Bishops encouraged us to continue with this daily pattern of reading the Bible, why not come and join our fellowship group when we look at two of the Bible Readings for the following Sunday (1 February).

Empty Sweet Tubs

Thank you to everyone who has donated empty sweet tubs, this has now finished, any left I will take today. If you still have any I understand they can be taken to the Vic pub on Church Road. There will be a short piece from the family in the next magazine.

St John's Bells

A concert will be given on Saturday 31st January at 3pm, to support the restoration of the bells at St Johns. Admission is £8, children are free and can be obtained from www.ticketsource.co.uk or you can pay on the door. It would be lovely to see as many people as possible.

Stainer's Crucifixion

Advance notice, as in recent years there will be a performance of Stainer's Crucifixion on Sunday March 22nd. Rehearsal will be in the afternoon, registration from 1.45 with the performance.

If you are unable to go to the altar to receive your Holy Communion or a blessing, then please speak to a sidesperson who will arrange for you to receive in your pew.



NOTICES for next Sunday's Pew Sheet should be with the Parish Office by WEDNESDAY NOON at the latest. Notices handed in after this may not be included.

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Welcome



St Annes Parish Church
Sunday, 18th January 2026
Second Sunday of Epiphany

Our Worship & Diary for this Week

Today	Parish Mass Fr Peter Walsh	10.30 am
	<i>The Lamb of God</i>	
Monday	No Service <i>Christian Unity</i>	
Tuesday	Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily Canon Godfrey Hurst Bell Practice	10.30 am 7.00 pm
	<i>Religious Life</i>	
Wednesday	Low Mass Bill Hembrow LLM Wednesday Men	9.00 am 9.30 am
	<i>Justice</i>	
Thursday	No Service Choir Practice	
	<i>Families</i>	
Friday	No Service <i>Calling the Apostles</i>	
Saturday	No service <i>Church Governance</i>	

Services & Readings for Next Sunday

Sunday, 25th January 2026
Conversion of St Paul
Parish Mass and Holy Baptism- 10.30 am

Morning: First Reading - Jeremiah 9 1 - 22
Second - Act 9: 1 - 22
Gospel - Matthew 19: 27 - end

You are all very welcome to join us for tea & coffee after the service. This is served at the back of church.

Collections & Donations

A collection is taken during the service, but if you prefer you can make an offering or donation up to £20 via text
Text SAPC (amount) to **70085**, eg SAPC05 for £5
For cash on the Collection Plate, taxpayers please use the yellow Gift Aid envelope.

Collect & Readings for Today

Hymn 386. Alleluia sing to Jesus

Kyrie and Gloria See order of Service

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 made 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 forever.

First Reading *Isaiah 49: 1 - 7*

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. 2He 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.'

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1 - 9*

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: 3Grace 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.

Gradual Hymn 77, The race that long

Gospel *John 1 : 29 - 42*

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." 34And 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?' 39He 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. 41He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). 42He 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).

Offertory Hymn 456, Dear Lord and Father

Sanctus & Agnus Dei See order of service

Communion Hymns 530, O love, how deep
385, Just as I am

Motet Ave verum - William Byrd

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with you 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.

The Angelus

Dismissal Hymn 445, Bright the vision

FLOWERS

The Altar flowers have been given by the families of Irene and David Maher and Graham (Henry) Blant on their anniversaries. So missed and still very much loved.



We warmly welcome you all here today.

Please do introduce yourself after the service or complete the card in the pew and hand to one of our sidespersons. Please don't worry if children make a little noise, there are toy bags at the back of church for younger children and you can always use the choir vestry where there are books & toys.

FOR OLDER CHILDREN (4+), THERE ARE LITURGY BAGS. THE BAGS CONTAIN A CHILD-FRIENDLY SERVICE BOOKLET WITH ACTIVITIES LINKED TO THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE SERVICE

Toilets and changing facilities are available through the choir vestry at the back of church. Our churchwarden or sidespersons are here to help, so please ask.

For Our Prayers

Those who are Sick or in Particular Need

Ben Akrill, Angela Armit, Elizabeth Arnold, Tessa Bebbington, Ashleigh Broadbridge, Alison Cross, Muriel Driscoll, Justine Eadie, Fr Michael Fish, Marian Hopper, Sarah Kinghorn, Margaret Lane, Cathy Picken, Sheila Pinches, Deborah Pincock, Ian Reece, Brian Rose, Rebecca Stuart, Terry Sutton, Brenda Underwood, Jayne Weaver, Christine Whelan, Jan, Thomas, and Maurice

Long Term Sick and Housebound:

Winston Atkinson, Rita Fletcher, Ann Hazard, Paul Hodgson, Jan Hood, Doreen Taylor, Josie Wilkinson.

The recently departed:

Henry Percival-Smith, Alan Swindlehurst

Please also remember

Ella Jean who will be baptised next week