

# This Week's Notices

## Tree Festival

Might I tactfully remind exhibitors that the day to take down your decorations is Wednesday 7th January 2026 between 1pm and 2.30pm. We also need volunteers to help dismantle the trees please.

## 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. Collection from Sunday, 11th January

## Tea & Chat

The next Tea & Chat will be on Monday 5th January 2026 at Wetherspoons Trawl Boat Inn at 10.30am

## Food Bank

Howard Gent & myself, Diane Glister would like to invite the congregation to donate cash to us, so that we can supply goodies and food for the families struggling to make ends meet, especially over the Christmas period and into the new year at Heyhouses School.

## Sunday School

Sunday school is now taking a break until 2026. We will meet again on Sunday, 11th January 2026

## Empty Plastic Sweet Tubs

If you have any unwanted sweet tubs eg Roses, Celebrations etc, can you please leave them at the back of church. A local college who supports young adults with special needs are collecting them for a fundraising activity.

## Parish Dinner

The Parish Dinner is now booked for Friday, 30th January 2026. We have managed to keep the cost down to £35 a head for a 3 course meal and tea/coffee. The Glendower are very good at catering for any dietary requirements. If you would like to join us please give your name and full payment of £35 to Pam Kinghorn. by 8th January

## 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

## Thank you

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers, cards and words of condolence when my mum passed. It has been a tough few months but my mum is now at peace. Thank you once again. Robert and Liz Currie.

## Farewell Rasen

Farewell Rasen, Hello ??. I want to thank you for your continued support in my Guide Dog Puppy Raising. Rasen goes for training on 6th January then I will get another on straight away. As yet, name unknown. Ann Fletcher

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.

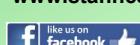


**NOTICES for next Sunday's Pew Sheet should be with the Parish Office by WEDNESDAY NOON at the latest. Notices handed in after this may not be included.**

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# Welcome



**St Annes Parish Church**  
**Sunday 4th January**  
**Epiphany**

## Our Worship & Diary for this Week

Today	Parish Mass	10.30 am
	<i>Our Parish</i>	
Monday	<b>No Mass</b>	12 noon
	<i>Forgiveness</i>	
Tuesday	<b>Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily</b>	10.30 am
	<i>Prisoners</i>	
Wednesday	<b>Low Mass</b>	9.00 am
	<i>Refuting heresy</i>	
Thursday	<b>No Mass</b> <b>Choir Practice</b>	6.00 pm 7.00 pm
	<i>Church order</i>	
Friday	<b>No Mass</b>	9.30 am
	<i>Prisoners</i>	
Saturday	<b>No Mass</b> <i>Religious communities</i>	

## Services & Readings for Next Sunday

**Sunday 11th January - The Baptism of the Lord**  
**Morning:**  
**First Reading -**  
**Second -**  
**Gospel -**

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

67, As with Gladness

## Kyrie and Gloria

See Order of Service

## Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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.

## First Reading *Isaiah 60: 1 - 6*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

## Second Reading *Ephesians 3: 1 - 12*

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

## Gradual Hymn

68. Bethlehem of

## Gospel *Matthew 2: 1 - 12*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then

he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## Offertory Hymn

490, Jerusalem the golden

## Sanctus & Agnus Dei

See Order of Service

## Communion Hymns

52, What child is this  
69, Brightest and Best

## Motet

Nativity Carol - John Rutter

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Angelus

## Dismissal Hymn

71, Hail thou source

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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 the younger children and you can always use the choir vestry, where there are books and toys.

For older children (4+) there is a liturgy bag. This contains a child friendly service booklet with activities linked to different parts of the service.

Toilets and changing facilities are available through the choir vestry at the back of church. Our churchwardens 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, Rev Mo Baldwin, 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, Jan Hood, Paul Hodgson, Doreen Taylor, Josie Wilkinson.

### Please also remember:

Fr Glen and Heather as they prepare for their new life