Notices

Remembrance Poinsettia

Tony Reed Nicola, Mum & Dad Lesley Winterbottom Maureen Winterbottom Hilda Cooper Tom Cooper Alan Cooper Brian & Clara Spencer Marion & Tom Harpin Lyn Tupman Arthur & Vera Cocker David Owen Annie & Benny Thompson Alma Kershaw - our Mum Don Nelson George & Hetty Jones Henry Ballantyne Sal & Joe Hibbert Eric Brown Gill Thorpe Mike Magowan Keith Schofield Arthur & Annie Thomas Max Howard's Mama & Great-Grandad Fred Teddy and Alice Owen Wilfred and Vera Topping. Karlis & Zenta Birznieks Nikola D'Adamo Mavis & Roger Farrand David Green



Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee/tea and biscuits after the 9.15am service in the Church Hall. St John the Baptist Hey



Receiving & Sharing the Love of God Everyday

Sunday4th January 2026

Epiphany

8.00 am - Holy Communion 9.15 am - Holy Communion

Readings & Hymns

Processional 40 Angel Voices

First Reading Isaiah 60.1–6

Second Reading Ephesians 3.1–12

Gradual 233 Go, tell it on the mountain

Gospel Reading Matthew 2.1–12

Intercession Stay with me

Offertory 589 On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry

Communion 174 Father of Heaven, whose love

profound

Communion 87 Breath on me, Breath of God

Final 805 We Three Kings

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.

Post Communion

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.

Please take this pew sheet home to guide you in your bible study, aid your prayers and remind you of forthcoming events.

This Week

Wednesday 7th January

10.00 am Holy Communion



Our Prayers are asked for:

The World

For the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice & truth. We pray for peace & the laying down of weapons in Ukraine. We pray for restraint on all sides in the violence in Israel, Gaza, Iran, Sudan, Yemen & the Middle East.

The Church

Our Bishops David, Mark & Matthew. Archdeacon Karen, Area Dean Daniel and visiting clergy. All those who work in the background to provide a welcoming Church here at St John's.

The Community of the Parish

Staff & Pupils at Hey with Zion Primary School, Springhead Primary & Junior School. The staff and pupils at Laugh'n'Learn Nursery here at St John's. The staff & residents of Oakdene Care Home, Millfield Care Home.

The street of our Parish – the residents of Dunham Street.

Anniversary of Death

Marion Davies, Edward Clague, Brian Clegg, Shelia Pollock, Roy Fryer, Raymond Buckely, and Annie Wolfenden.

Day by Day

4th January In memory of Brian Clegg

The Sick

Hilary, Grace Stansfield, Terence Davies, Geoff & Hazel Gee and anyone close to our own hearts.

Please forward any items to be included in the pew sheets by the end of Wednesday each week to Barbara Ballantyne pewsheetstjohn@gmail.com 07855 502697

Psalm 72

- 1 Give the king your judgements, O God, and your righteousness to the son of a king.
- 2 Then shall he judge your people righteously and your poor with justice.
- 3 May the mountains bring forth peace, and the little hills righteousness for the people.
- 4 May he defend the poor among the people, deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.
- 5 May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
- 6 May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, like the showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more
- 8 May his dominion extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- 9 May his foes kneel before him and his enemies lick the dust.
-] 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.
- 11 All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor that cry out, the needy and those who have no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the weak and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
- 15 Long may he live; unto him may be given gold from Sheba; may prayer be made for him continually and may they bless him all the day long.

What do I do at Communion?

If you receive Holy Communion at any Christian Church, you are welcome to receive it here. Otherwise please come forward with everyone else to receive God's blessing, keeping your head bowed. If you are unable to come forward, please speak to a warden to arrange for Communion to be brought to you.

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