

Weekly benefice diary 4th January 2026

Date	Church	Time	Service/event
4 th Jan	St A's	8am	Early Eucharist
	St Mary	10am	Parish Eucharist
	St A's	10.30am	Family Eucharist
	St Bart's	11am	Morning Worship
	St A's	1.30pm	Bluespot in Church AV upgrade
Mon 5 th	St A's	8am	Bluespot in Church AV upgrade
	St Bart's	7pm	PCC Meeting
	St Mary	7.30pm	Community Choir
Tue 6 th	St A's	8am	Bluespot in Church AV upgrade
	St A's	10.30am	Open Door
	Trinity	1pm	Book Club
	Trinity	6pm	Say Yes
	St A's	7.30pm	HeartSpace
Wed 7 th	St A's	9.45am	Little Fishes
	St A's	10am	Counselling in Vestry
	St A's	10.30am	Warm Welcome
	St A's	2pm	SHFB meeting
	Trinity	5.30pm	Youth Alpha
Thur 8 th	St A's	7pm	AA Meeting
	St A's	10am	Eucharist
	St A's	10.30am	Warm Welcome
	Trinity	10.30am	Bereavement Cafe
	St A's	11am	Balance Class
Fri 9 th	St A's	2pm	Messy Planning
	St A's	6-8pm	Counselling in Vestry
	St A's	7.30pm	Bell ringing
	St Mary	9am	Playgroup
	St A's	10.30am	Warm Welcome
Sat 10 th	St A's	noon	What's for Lunch
	St Mary	3.15pm	Community Cafe
	St A's	6.30pm	Choir Practice
	St A's	9.30am	Eucharist
	St A's	10am	AV Training
Sun 11 th	St A's	8am	Early Eucharist
	St A's	9am	Breakfast
	St Mary	10am	Parish Eucharist
	St A's	10.30am	Breakfast Church
	St Bart's	11am	Parish Eucharist
	St A's	4-6pm	Veterans fundraiser



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Epiphany

Reaching out together
to share God's amazing
faith, hope and love!

St Andrew's Young Church - Sundays 10.30am Come and enjoy stories, crafts & games.

St Andrew's hymns: 537, 71, Come let us use, The silent stars, B5, 82

Prayers for healing and wholeness: Diana Watson, Harvey Allen, Paul Joseland, Diana Barnes, Jim Young, Marjorie Rudolph, Tara Davies, Doreen Griffiths, Doris Gadd, Paul Grinnell, John Deane, Rob Purser, Mike Shinn, Kate Hume, John Thorneycroft, Margaret Lewis, Lisa-Jane Rawling, Derek Davies, Wendy Weaver, Terry Connell, Margaret Higgs, Barry Norwood, Neil Robinson, Nicky Eames, Linda Carlsberg, Frances Norwood, Doug Hughes.

Recently departed: David Horton, Tandi Chidarikire, Peter Bithell, Sheila Hankinson, Barbara Nobbs, Denise Bagri, Tom Harding.

First years mind: Lilian Guy, Michael Bamford, Jennifer Worthington, Ena Plant

Weekly birthdays: Graham Higson, Josh Gomersall, Maureen Bates, Vera Wilkinson.

Notices

Today we welcome Rev Roger Dunlop to the 10.30am service, celebrating Epiphany and the Covenant.

St Bart's PCC Meeting – Monday 5th January at 7pm.

Warm Welcome re-opens after the Christmas break, in St Andrew's on Wednesday 7th January.

Bereavement Café is open on Thursday 8th January and 5th February from 10.30am – noon at the Trinity Centre. A relaxed, friendly and safe environment to talk with others, share memories and make new friends.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity lunch in St Andrew's on Tues 13th and 20th January 12.30pm – 2pm.

The Big Board Games event – raising funds for St Andrew's Counselling on Sat 24th Jan 1-3pm in St Andrew's Church. Free admission, donations are welcome.

Next Sunday 11th January is Breakfast Church in St Andrew's. Come and share some breakfast from 9.00am through till 10.15am. Our service starts at 10.30am.

The Collect for Epiphany

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

First Reading **Isaiah 60.1–6**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.
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.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm **72.10–14**

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay
tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer
gifts.

**11 All kings shall bow down before him,
and all the nations do him service.**

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in
distress, and the oppressed who has no helper.

**13 He shall have pity on the lowly 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.

**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.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to **Matthew 2.1–12**

Glory to you O Lord

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

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.
Amen.

Gospel reading