

St John the Baptist, Catford & Downham Team Ministry

The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

18th January 2026



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Hymns:

♪	Processional-	94
♪	Gradual-	293
♪	Offertory-	360
♪	Communion-	287
	- Behold the Lamb of God:	
	GF Handel	
♪	Recessional-	62
♪	Voluntary- Great Fantasia & Fugue in G minor, BWV 542, JS Bach	

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 make 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 for ever. **Amen.**

1st reading: Isaiah 49.1-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹ 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.

² He 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.

³ And he said to me,
'You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I will be glorified.'

⁴ 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.'

⁵ 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.

⁶ The LORD 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.'

⁷ 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.'

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40.1-11

Refrain:

He hath put a new song in my
mouth: **even a thanksgiving unto
our God.**

¹ I WAITED patiently for the Lord:
and he inclined unto me, and heard
my calling.

² He brought me also out of the
horrible pit, out of the mire and
clay: and set my feet upon
the rock, and ordered my goings. **R**

³ And he hath put a new song in my
mouth:
even a thanksgiving unto our God.

⁴ Many shall see it, and fear: and
shall put their trust in the Lord. **R**

⁵ Blessed is the man that hath set
his hope in the Lord:
and turned not unto the proud, and
to such as go about with lies.

⁶ O Lord my God, great are the
wondrous works which thou hast
done, like as be also thy thoughts
which are to us-ward:
and yet there is no man that
ordereth them unto thee: **R**

⁷ If I should declare them, and speak
of them: they should be more than I
am able to express.

⁸ Sacrifice and meat-offering thou
wouldest not:
but mine ears hast thou opened. **R**

⁹ Burnt-offerings, and sacrifice for
sin, hast thou not required:
then said I, Lo, I come,

¹⁰ In the volume of the book it is
written of me, that I should fulfil thy
will, O my God: I am content to do
it; yea, thy law is within my hear.

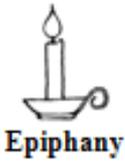
¹¹ I have declared thy righteousness
in the great congregation:
lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord,
and that thou knowest. **R**

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

A reading from the first letter of
Paul to the Corinthians.

¹ From Paul, called to be an apostle
of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
and our brother Sosthenes,

² 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:



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³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,

⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind –

⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you –

⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel: *John 1.35-42*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.
Glory to you O, Lord.

³⁵ John the Baptist was standing with two of his disciples,

³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!'

³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

³⁸ 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?'

³⁹ 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.

⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

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

⁴² 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).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Church Diary

Prayer Chapel open:
Weekdays 7.30am-5.30pm
Weekends: 9.30am-5.30pm

The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany
(18th) 10.30am Sung Mass with Children's Church and youth Church

Monday 19th Wulfston, bishop, 1095
7.30am Morning Prayer (MP)
5pm Evensong (ES)

Tuesday 20th
Richard Rolle, spiritual writer, 1349
7.30am MP. 8.30am Said Mass
5pm ES

Wednesday 21st Agnes, martyr, 304
7.30am MP.
10am Said Mass with Bible study.
5pm ES.

Thursday 22nd
Vincent of Saragossa, martyr, 304
7.30am MP. 5pm ES.

Friday 23rd 7.30am MP.

The Conversion of St Paul (25th)
10.30am Sung Mass

Prayers

For healing and protection for: Shea, Pelu Thomas, Alison Marrett, Dwayne, Eric, Annie, Beverley, Glyn, Drew Spikes, Ruth Bennett, Bilki, Marcel, Leila, Theresa, Valerie Stevenson.

For those departed this life, including Elsie Birkby, Kim, Betty Keehne, Theresa Olisa, Fr Martin Thomas, Evelyn Colville, and those with an anniversary of a death at this time including Martha Moore.

Notices

Fr Martin's funeral is on Wednesday 28th Jan.

I am funeral mass at St Thomas' church, Wells
12.30/45 burial (close family only)
12.30 refreshments in central Wells, venue tbc. All welcome!

If you are interested in attending please let Rev'd Peter or Shea know.

If you have any memories of Fr Martin you'd like shared at the funeral, speak to Rev'd Peter.

Please note that there is no **Mothers' Union** this month.

St John's school Quiz, 27th February, 7pm. £5 a person raising funds for the school. Soft drinks on sale (cash only), bring your own booze and snacks. Max 6 in a team.

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