

Newsheet 4th January 2026 (Epiphany)



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Hymns: 552 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, 528 Only by grace, 351 Jesus in the new dawn, 85 Brightest and best

Collect: 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.

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.

Ephesians 3: 1-12:

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In 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: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸Although 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, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so 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. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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, ²asking, '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.' ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶"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."'

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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.' ⁹When 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. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

What's on

Sunday 4th January 2026	10am Epiphany Communion service: Streamed to our YouTube channel and zoom room <i>After the service please could we have helpers to take down and tidy away the Christmas decorations – the more the merrier!</i>
Tuesday 9.30am 3pm 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Youth Space Foodbank
Thursday 9.30-11 1pm 2pm	Stepping Stones Tea and Chat Communion
Sunday 11th January 2026	10am Communion service with Baptism of Thomas Niblett: Streamed to our YouTube channel and zoom room Godly Play meets in the hall after the first hymn (suitable for ages 4-14)

Contact office@speh.org.uk for zoom joining codes or to sign up for email updates (approx. monthly)

For prayer

- For those living in New Road, Oak Avenue, Old School Mews
- For those who are unwell or have asked for prayer including: Alma, Beth, Richard, Ken, Taylor, Jill, Jon, Heather, Judith, Sophia, Jeffrey, Dawn.
- We remember with thanksgiving the life of Malcolm Loveday and pray for Sue and the family and all who mourn. At their year's mind we remember John Lipscombe, Violet Roberts, Roy Bray, Roy Blaber, Joyce Andrews, Thomas Barwell, Marjorie Smith.

Youth Space meets again this Tuesday (6th) at 3pm for secondary school aged young people.

Stepping Stones resumes this Thursday 8th January from 9.30am in church.

Tea and Chat meets on Thursday at 1pm, followed by Communion at 2pm.

Godly Play meets next Sunday 11th January during the 10am service. Suitable for 4-14 year olds. If you're attending for the first time please complete a registration form available on our website or at the back of church.

Messy Church meets on Monday 26th January from 3.15pm

Can you help? We have lots going on during the week at St Paul's and can always do with more helpers, either at the events or preparing things at home. Whether with refreshments, organising the space, preparing crafts or general admin – if you have some time to offer, please let us know.

A huge thank you to all those who helped through the Christmas season in so many ways to make all the events and services very special.

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