

Newssheet 11th January 2026 (Baptism of Christ)



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Hymns: 70 Be thou my vision, 532 Open our eyes, Lord, 411 Lord Jesus Christ, 419 Lord the light of your love (Shine Jesus Shine).

Collect: Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Post Communion: Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 139: 1-18

¹O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.
⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
⁷Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
⁹If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.
¹¹If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night',
¹²even the darkness is not dark to you;
 the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.
¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
 intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,
 when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸I try to count them—they are more than the sand;

I come to the end—I am still with you.

Matthew 3: 13-end

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

For prayer

- For those living in Osier Place, Park Avenue, Pond Road and Priory Close. Go
- For Thomas as he is baptised.
- For Godly Play today, and all the church activities for children and young people.
- For the deepening of our faith, and the courage to be open to God's leading.
- 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 William Ball, Revd Iris Keyes, Phyll Ball, Gordon Smith, Elsie Bonney, Gwen Mason.

What's on this week

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)
Tuesday 9.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Foodbank
Thursday 9.30-11 1pm 2pm	Stepping Stones Tea and Chat Communion
Sunday 18th January 2026	10am Communion service Streamed to our YouTube channel and zoom room

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

Godly Play meets this 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 – particularly suitable for primary school aged children with parents or carers, but open to all.

Stephen Gamble: There will be a memorial service for Stephen Gamble (who used to be organist at St Paul's) on Friday 30th Jan at 12 noon at St Andrew's Church, St Andrew's Close, Wraysbury TW19 5DG – all are welcome.

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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