



Sunday, 11th January 2026 - Epiphany 1
The Baptism of Christ

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.

First Reading: **Isaiah 42:1-9**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Gospel: **Matthew 3:13-17**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And 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. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved,^{*} with whom I am well pleased.'

HYMNS & MUSIC FOR THE MASS

Mass Setting: *Mass of St. Thomas*, by David Thorne

- 108** When Jesus came to Jordan
- 236** Breathe on me breath of God
- 258** O thou who camest from above
- 128** Jesus, lover of my soul

Fugue on the Magnificat - J S Bach

PRAYERS

Please pray for those who are unwell: Jon Crow, Stuart Crow, Marcia, Annie, John Crocker, Dorothy Charlton, Sophia Vryoni-Dickson, Ray Harris, Bryan and Joan Bufton, Phillada Ware, Martin Nicholls, David Ryan, Geraldine, Frank, Michael, George Poole, Matthew, Robin, Christine Menzies, Michael Lewis, Henry Wills, Sian Pearson, Kaydee Short, Baby Cruz, Mollie Lievesley, Eileen Cleaver, Ann and Bryan Plaister, Celia Wells, Rachel Harris, Vanessa Blundell, Wanda Prosser, Hannah Spink, Steve Poole, Margaret Smith, Keith Tomkins

Please pray for those recently departed: Diana Dean, May Hughes **and for those in our Year's Mind:** Fanny Wootton, Kathleen Fudgell, Jean Palmer, Ellen Houseley (12th), Gwyneth Vowles (15th), Augustyn Lesnik (16th), Raymond Studdard (17th)

If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, please contact either Fr David, Caroline Plaice or Carolyn Larcey.

The Welcome Project Prayer

Lord, our God, source of all life, you reveal your compassion and mercy in the life we share. Bless us as we respond to your Spirit's invitation to open wide our doors to Christ. May the doors of our hearts remain ever open in holy and unconditional welcome. Bless *The Welcome Project* – that our welcome may be wide enough to receive all who need love and fellowship, as we reach out to welcome the stranger and friend alike and so welcome your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Peace

Holy and gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia; of Israel and Palestine. We pray for all those who are afraid; for those who are suffering and traumatised; and for those who are grieving, that your everlasting arms may hold them in this time of great suffering. We pray for those who choose war; that they will turn their swords into ploughshares and seek for peace. We pray for the leaders of nations; that they may follow the wisdom and compassion of Christ. We ask this in the name of your blessed Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Our Lady of Kyiv, pray for your children!

Prayer and Pastoral Care Needs

If you need prayer support either for yourself or for someone you know do let Fr David know in confidence. Fr David is also in church most Saturday mornings to offer counselling, prayer, hear confessions or just for a chat. If you, or a member of your family, is in hospital, or housebound through illness, please let Fr David or Caroline (warden) know, and a pastoral or holy communion visit can be arranged.

Prayer and Meditation for January

Heavenly Father, you sent your son into a confused and fragile world to show us the way to love and to bring us peace. May the simple beauty of Jesus' birth draw us to love what is deeply human and open our hearts to the gift of peace he wishes to give us.

“And light shines in the darkness; and the darkness could not overpower it.”

(John 1:5)

Leading Stations of the Cross on a Saturday in Lent

The Stations of the Cross are a series of images stationed at intervals around the walls of the church telling the story of the last hours of Jesus' earthly life, from his condemnation before Pilate to the placing of Jesus' body in the borrowed tomb. Introduced into the church by S. Francis of Assisi, they gave those who would never be able to visit the Holy Land themselves the opportunity to enact in their own church a pilgrimage of hope, walking with Jesus to the cross and the grave, and beyond (summarised from Stephen Cottrell *On Priesthood*)

Over the last few years, different people from the gathered community here have led a *Stations* during the Saturdays in Lent, which starts at midday, and usually last around forty-five minutes. To give you a flavour, some have used our HTH *Stations* booklet or similar, and there have been interpretations based around knife crime, relationship and bereavement. If you would like to explore leading a week, please do have a chat with Caroline (Warden) by Sunday 18th January. Thank you.

Knitted bible figures

Can you take on a small spring knitting project? Inspired by the woolly Magi, we're asking any knitters to make some more figures using the same pattern.

Do you have a knitting friend or family member who might be interested?

These will be generic figures which can be used as disciples and followers, crowd (angry and happy!), wedding guests and so on. We will also need to make a couple of identifiable figures such as Mary and Adult Jesus.

Mtr Diane can talk about how these figures can be used in our work with children & families both at church and in the school.

An example of one of the figures, currently playing 'Joseph', is available at the back of the church - this took three evenings of knitting. You'll need 3mm needles and a small amount of double-knit yarn. I can provide the pattern and agree with you the character you'll make.

Thank you in advance for your support in this project which will engage and inspire the children we work with. Nick Stephenson

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Regular Services:

Sunday 10am Mass. **Tuesday 12 noon Mass.**

Thursday 10am Mass. **Friday 6pm Mass**

Refreshments are served after Sunday and Thursday Mass.

Next Messy Church – 18th January

Additional monthly Services in the Chapel of Reconciliation & Peace at 10am

First Saturday - the Holy Rosary will be prayed for peace.

Last Saturday - a Mass for healing with anointing will be offered.

Holy Hour of prayer – Last Sunday of the month at 4pm

Live streams of Sunday Mass (10 am), Tuesday Mass (12 noon), Thursday Mass (10 am) and any other advertised services being streamed, and recordings of previous services are available at

<https://www.youtube.com/@HolyTrinityHorfield>

Bookings for the Hall, Helliwell and Blancharde rooms can be made via:

<https://www.sharesy.com/v/holy-trinity-horfield>



Getting involved: 11th January 2026

Activities

- **Welcome Conversations** – Third Saturday of the month, usually 11am – midday. **17th January** - Sally Shirley will facilitate a conversation entitled Past Betrayals and New Beginnings through the paintings *Return of The Prodigal Son* by Rembrandt and *Judas Iscariot* by Eilif Peterssen.
- **Mothers Union**, Thursday, 15th January – Mothers' Union AGM, 2.00 pm in the Helliwell Room.
- **Horfield Families Group** Wednesday, 14th January. Curling evening lead by Julia Morgan. 7.30pm at the Parish Hall. All welcome
- **Burns Night supper** - Friday 30th January. Full details on separate page.

Raffle prizes wanted - We would be grateful for donations of suitable raffle prizes for the Burns Supper on 30th January. Please bring to church or leave at back of church clearly marked. Thank you.

Craft Club - "Weekly 'Craft Club' every Monday. Bring along your own craft work to do or have a go at the craft of the day (materials supplied).

Pantomime Time (Oh yes it is!)

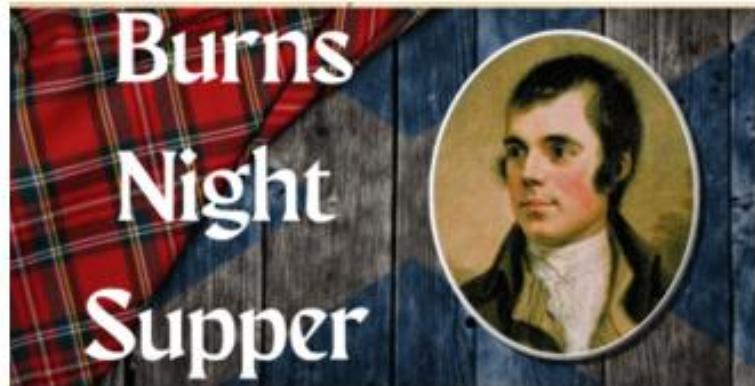
The Whitefield Players present **TREASURE ISLAND**

Friday, 30th January, 7.00 pm & Saturday 31st January, 2.00 pm & 7.00 pm.

Patchway Community Centre, Rodway Road, BS34 5PF.

Tickets – Adults £10, Children £5

www.thewhitefieldplayers.co.uk, or call 07749276378



FRIDAY, 30TH JANUARY 2026

Doors open 7.00 pm, dinner at 7.45 pm

Holy Trinity Church Hall, Wellington Hill, Horfield

Come and join us for a 5 Course Scottish menu

Including Traditional Haggis or Roast Beef,

Neeps and Tatties

(Vegetarian option available)

Entertainment Bar Raffle

Tickets - £20 per person



For tickets, please email or message

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All welcome, bring your family and friends

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