

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. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). 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).

Gospel Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

THE NICENE CREED followed by PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY HYMN # 413 Just as I am, without one plea

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRIESTLY BLESSING

FINAL HYMN # 352 In Christ alone my hope is found

SENDING OUT & POSTLUDE

The service is followed by coffee and our January Church Lunch

NOTICES

1. Our annual Service of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place this Thursday, January 22nd at 7.30 pm here in St. John's Church. The Orthodox Church is in charge this year, but their church is too small for the numbers anticipated and as we are only 200 metres away, they have asked to use our church. As usual, our choir will be contributing.
2. There is a Parish Church Council Meeting tomorrow morning. If anyone would like any points raised, please mention this to Shirley ROWSON before leaving today.

*Service on Sunday 25th January (Epiphany 3—Conversion of St. Paul)
Sung Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Paul PAYTON
Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 9:1-22; Matthew 19:27-30*

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et tout le monde est bienvenu

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE THIS MORNING



"I saw the Spirit descending
from heaven like a dove and it
remained on Him"

John 1:32

Sunday 18th January 2026 Epiphany 2—Week of prayer for Christian Unity

Chaplain (Locum)
Warden & Secretary
Warden
Music Director & Lay Chair
Congregational Worship Leader

Fr.. Paul Payton
Peter Owen
Bérengère Ross
Shirley Rowson
Alastair Ross

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COMMUNION SERVICE

NOTICES & MUSICAL PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN # 14 All hail the power of Jesus' name (Omit Vv. 2,3)

WELCOME & PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CONFESSION, KYRIE, ABSOLUTION, GLORIA

COLLECT PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

(49:1-7)

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

Reader: This is the word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

When God is our **strength, it is strength indeed; when our **strength** is our own, it is only weakness**

Saint Augustine of HIPPO (354-430)

A READING FROM ST. PAULS 1st LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

(1:1-9)

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, 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: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the **testimony** of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

If my **testimony makes anyone wish to emulate me, it is a mistaken **testimony**; it is not a witness to Jesus**

Oswald CHAMBERS (1874 - 1917)

Reader: This is the word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL HYMN # 337 I, the Lord of sea and sky

Gospel Reader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Gospel Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John

All: Glory to you, O Lord

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST JOHN

(1:29-42)

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 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?'