`DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Today

The church hall is currently undergoing a makeover which will continue for much of January, so please do take care when taking coffee after this service.
Thank you for your forbearance in this matter.

Wednesday
10.00am **Holy Communion with Revd. Canon Chris Butt**

NEXT WEEK January 25th
THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion with Holy Baptism
6.30pm Choral Evensong

Dates for your diary

On **Sunday 25th January, at 3.30pm** St Peter's Choir will be joining with other Birmingham Parish Church Choirs to sing Choral Evensong in Birmingham Cathedral. We very much welcome others to come and sing with us, or to come and listen to the service in the splendid Baroque surroundings of Birmingham Cathedral. Further details may be found on the poster at the back of church.

Sunday February 8th at 6.30pm there will be a Full Choral Evensong- watch this space for further details.

Saturday February 14th 3-5pm
Valentine's Day
Pre-Lent Social

Come along for an afternoon of tea, fun and games with a "heart-felt" theme!
Please sign up at the back of church to bring a plate of food to share.
It will be a "LOVE"-ly afternoon!

There will be two **Lent Courses** running this year, beginning **Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th February** respectively; the theme is 'Draw near: Life-giving habits for Lent'. Booklets to accompany these courses are available to order. Please see the poster and sign-up sheets at the back of church for more information.

WELCOME TO ST. PETERS CHURCH

Growing in Love, Deepening Faith,
Working for God, Welcoming All
To Newcomers: We are especially glad to see you.
By way of introduction please fill in a ***welcome slip***
at the back of the church *and return it to a Sidesperson or contact the Parish Office on 681 1940.*

Please take this notice sheet home.
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SERVICES FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 18th 2026
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8.00am
HOLY COMMUNION
Green Prayer Book

10.00am
PARISH COMMUNION
Common Worship ~ HA & M
Setting: Rizza

Organ Voluntary: Berceuse ~ *Louis Vierne*
First Hymn: 223
Gradual Hymn: 99
Offertory Hymn: 422
Sermon: Revd. Canon Kate Stowe
Anthem: Ave Verum Corpus ~ *Edward Elgar*
Communion Hymn: 747
Final Hymn: 810
Recessional Voluntary: Jubilate Deo ~ *C Armstrong Gibbs*

6.30pm
CHORAL EVENSONG
Green Prayer Book ~ NEH

Hymn: 377
Responses: Ferial
Psalm: 96
OT Lesson: Ezekiel 2.1-3.4
NT Lesson: Galatians 1.-11
Anthem: My eyes for beauty for pine ~ *Herbert Howells*
Homily: Revd. Canon Kate Stowe
Final Hymn: 216

RIP
Simon Bishop
Kay Coldicott Mike Freebury

SUNDAY JANUARY 18th 2025
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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.

First Reading:
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.'

Gospel Reading:
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?' 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).

Post Communion Prayer
God of glory, you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Confirmation and First Communion

We will be running sessions to prepare for Confirmation and First Communion in the New Year. If you are interested or would like to know more, please talk with Revd Pete or Revd Kate.

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Gift-Aiding
A reminder please: if you use one of the yellow giving envelopes, please ensure, to secure the gift aid, that the envelope is filled in and signed. Thank you.

Journey to Bethlehem.- a message from Oz
To complete the tableau in the West Porch, please over the coming weeks, bring small toys/dolls of any type that can fill up the village green. This invitation is to both adults and juniors. Toys can be reclaimed after Candlemas.

In readiness for our Ash Wednesday services, please could you look out any palm crosses you may have from last year and bring them to the parish office. Thank you.

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On Tuesday 27th January 2026 7.30 – 9pm there will be a Zoom webinar learning session from St Christopher's, Springfield. If you are interested in 'attending' please contact Pete Brayshaw at revdpeteb@gmail.com