

## DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

### Today

The church hall redecoration will continue for the rest of January, so please take care when taking coffee after this service. Thank you.



**3.30pm** St Peter's Choir will be joining with other Birmingham Parish Church Choirs to sing Choral Evensong in Birmingham Cathedral.

Please do come and support them if you can.

### Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion with Mother Laura

**NEXT WEEK January 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**CANDLEMAS**

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am All-Age Eucharist

### Dates for your diary

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

### **Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** **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.



**Going for Gold (Eco Award)**

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](mailto:revdpeteb@gmail.com)

## 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  
Sideperson or contact the Parish Office on 681 1940.*

**Please take this notice sheet home.**

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## **SERVICES FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup> 2026 THE CONVERSION OF PAUL**

**8.00am  
HOLY COMMUNION**  
Green Prayer Book

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

Organ Voluntary: Prelude VI ~ C V Stanford  
First Hymn: 507  
Gradual Hymn: 631(i)  
Offertory Hymn: 787(i)  
Sermon: Keith Whitehead  
Baptism: Jules Fred Green  
Anthem: Be thou my vision ~ Bob Chilcott  
Communion Hymn: 587  
Final Hymn: 477  
Recessional Voluntary: Postlude V ~ C V Stanford

**6.30pm  
CHORAL EVENSONG**  
Green Prayer Book ~ NEH

Hymn: 388 (i)  
Responses: Ferial  
Psalm: 119.41-56  
OT Lesson: Isaiah 56.1-8  
NT Lesson: Colossians 1.24-2.7  
Anthem: Teach me O Lord ~ Thomas Attwood  
Homily: Revd. Pete Brayshaw  
Final Hymn: 439(i)

### **RIP**

Simon Bishop  
Joan Humphreys

Mike Freebury

## SUNDAY JANUARY 25th 2025 THE CONVERSION OF PAUL

### Collect

O God, who through the preaching of the blessed apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world: grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### First Reading:

#### Acts 9:1-22

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 19:27-30

Then Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

### Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost didst send thy Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to bear witness to thy truth and to draw everyone to the fire of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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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.

### St. Peter's Parish Magazine RENEWAL OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please support our parish magazine and take out a subscription for the 12 monthly issues - full of facts, fun and fulfilment. You can receive a printed copy or get it by email. In 1973, each copy cost 3 pence (old money) - it is slightly more now, but still very good value! If you are already a subscriber you will get renewal information with the February magazine. If you are new to the magazine, sign up at the back of church or speak to Maggie Davies.



### 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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Have a look at the back of church for information on knitting / crocheting poppies for a Remembrance display later this year.