



26<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
**Epiphany 3**  
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<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup></b>	8am	Eucharist (St James)
	9am	Eucharist (St Johns)
	10.30am	Worship 4 Everyone & Baptism Celebration (St James & YouTube)
	10.30am	Eucharist (Christ the King)
<b>Tues 28<sup>th</sup></b>	12.30pm	Baptism (St James)
	10am	Welcome Café (Church House)
<b>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup></b>	11.30am	Craft Club (Church House)
	10:30am	Eucharist (St James)
<b>Fri 31<sup>st</sup></b>	10am	Jimmy Tots (Church House)
	12.45am	Don Abbey's Funeral (St James)
<b>Sat 1<sup>st</sup></b>	9am	Parish Prayers (Zoom)
	10am	Coffee morning and jigsaw sale (Church House)
<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	10.30am	Eucharist (St James & YouTube)
	3.30pm	Reflective Worship (St James & YouTube)

### Parish Notices

**The Parish Office** is closed to visitors on Mondays and closes at 11.15am on Fridays.

**Don Abbey's funeral** will be in St James Church at 12:45 on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January

**Mothers Union.** The February meeting will be on Wednesday February 5th, and will be the AGM, followed by refreshments. All are welcome to attend this meeting. We will be pleased to accept jigsaws for sale at our **Coffee Morning on February 1<sup>st</sup>** 10-12 in Church House.

**Quiz** to raise money for the pod project. Cost per entry £1 Available in all churches from today – Closing date 9<sup>th</sup> February

**Sunday Lunch** Please accept my sincere apologies but due to circumstances the lunch this month has been cancelled. However, there will be a special Valentine themed meal on the 16th February. Please see separate flyer for details. Jan

**QUINGO** – There will be a Quingo evening on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7:30pm in Church House. Tickets £7 including supper from the Parish office.

**FOOD BANK** "Our" foodbank in Sparkhill had one of its busiest days EVER this week.... They have used up all supplies of coffee, sugar, cooking oil and washing powder....

**SHINE YOUTH** are looking for dedicated male volunteers to join our Youth Wellbeing Café team! You will need to have experience working with young people between the ages of 11-18 years old, be a good listener, be warm and welcoming, and be a relatable role model for young people. Volunteers are required from 3.30 – 5.45 pm on Thursdays in term time. The Youth Wellbeing Café takes place at The Bridge in Shirley, 234 Stratford Road, B90 3AG. Please email james@shineyouth.org.uk for more information and an informal chat about the charity and the volunteer role. Thank you!

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**For Prayer** Work With Young People in Our Parish: Uniformed Groups

**Those Who Have Died** Sylvia Standbridge, Reginald Bayliss & Don Abbey

**Years Mind** Sheila Almond, Peter Daykin, Hazel Whyte, Reginald Shrimpton, Wesley Gardner, Roy Mellor, Ivor Jackman, Jennifer Kelly, Barbara Evans, Dennis Franklin & Edmund Stile

**Work on the POD** will start on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and will last 8 weeks. During this time the Thursday Eucharist will be in Church House. There may be other limitations to access to the Church building – Please watch this space for further information.

### Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts. In the same way, all of us, whether Jews or Gentiles, whether slaves or free, have been baptized into the one body by the same Spirit, and we have all been given the one Spirit to drink. For the body itself is not made up of only one part, but of many parts. If the foot were to say, "Because I am not a hand, I don't belong to the body," that would not keep it from being a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, "Because I am not an eye, I don't belong to the body," that would not keep it from being a part of the body. If the whole body were just an eye, how could it hear? And if it were only an ear, how could it smell? As it is, however, God put every different part in the body just as he wanted it to be. There would not be a body if it were all only one part! As it is, there are many parts but one body. So then, the eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" Nor can the head say to the feet, "Well, I don't need you!" On the contrary, we cannot do without the parts of the body that seem to be weaker; and those parts that we think aren't worth very much are the ones which we treat with greater care; while the parts of the body which don't look very nice are treated with special modesty, which the more beautiful parts do not need. God himself has put the body together in such a way as to give greater honor to those parts that need it. And so there is no division in the body, but all its different parts have the same concern for one another. If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness. All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it. In the church God has put all in place: in the first place apostles, in the second place prophets, and in the third place teachers; then those who perform miracles, followed by those who are given the power to heal or to help others or to direct them or to speak in strange tongues. They are not all apostles or prophets or teachers. Not everyone has the power to work miracles or to heal diseases or to speak in strange tongues or to explain what is said. Set your hearts, then, on the more important gifts. Best of all, however, is the following way.

Luke 4.14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'