

SAINT PAUL, WHITLEY BAY

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD AND  
THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

5<sup>TH</sup> AND 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

*Welcome to your newsletter, which covers a period of two weeks.  
Please use it to help in your prayers each day.*

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**Collect, readings & hymns for the Epiphany of our Lord, 5<sup>th</sup> January**

**Collect:** O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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.**

**Readings:**

Isaiah 60: 1 – 6  
Ephesians 3: 1 – 12

**Hymns:** *Mission Praise*

529 O worship the Lord in the beauty of  
holiness  
342 Infant holy, infant lowly,  
740 We three kings of Orient are,  
65 Brightest and best of the sons of the  
morning,  
211 Hark! the herald angels sing

**Gospel:**

Matthew 2: 1 – 12

**Collect, readings & hymns for the Baptism of Christ, 12<sup>th</sup> January**

**Collect:** Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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.**

**Readings:**

Isaiah 43: 1 – 7  
Acts 8: 14 – 17

**Hymns:** *New English Hymnal*

436 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
12 On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry  
57 The race that long in darkness pined  
295 Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
486 We have a gospel to proclaim,

**Gospel:**

Luke 3: 15 – 17 & 21 – 22

## Intercessions and intentions for the next two weeks

**Please pray for all those on our prayer lists, especially:**

**Sunday Prayer list:** Jan Casey, Sarah Coxon, Jane Park, Cathy West, Hazel Welsh, Lucy Proctor, Barbara Hepworth, Fr Gavin, Rabija, Catherine, Ella.

**Wednesday Prayer list:** Rocco Allan, Michael Bradley, Christine Deighton, Deborah Henderson, Kay Lutz, Pam MacKenzie, Terry Mason, Sue Simpkin, David Simms, Maureen, Tony, Marie, Lottie.

**The recently departed:**

**Those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:**

**Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> January:** Michael Riley, Roland Sisterson, Marion Thompson, Judy Best, Peggy Fisher, Sue Lockwood, Ted Park, Jim Frost, Eddie Cowen, Ian Bell, Anne Turnbull, Syd Moore.

**Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> January:** Evelyn Foster, Mary Anne Patterson, Rita Robson, Margaret Rockett, Brenda Bell, Jarvis Wood.

<b>Prayer intentions for week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
Sun 5	<b>Epiphany of our Lord</b>	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 6	Of the day	<i>For staff and pupils returning to school</i>
Tue 7	Of the day	<i>Adopt North East</i>
Wed 8	Of the day	<i>Those affected by adverse weather</i>
Thur 9	Of the day	<i>Nightstop</i>
Fri 10	Of the day	<i>GPs</i>
Sat 11	Of the day	<i>Amnesty International</i>

<b>Prayer intentions for week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
Sun 12	<b>Baptism of Christ</b>	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 13	Of the day	<i>Our bellringers</i>
Tue 14	Of the day	<i>The unemployed</i>
Wed 15	Of the day	<i>Norham Deanery</i>
Thur 16	Of the day	<i>Fabric Committee</i>
Fri 17	Of the day	<i>Rape Crisis counsellors</i>
Sat 18	Of the day	<i>Week of prayer for Christian Unity</i>

### Services for the next two weeks

All Eucharist services held in church (except 8.30am on Sundays) are livestreamed & recorded via our YouTube channel: [www.bit.ly/OurStream](http://www.bit.ly/OurStream)

**Morning Prayer at St Paul's:** Monday to Thursday at 8.30am  
**Saturday Prayer at St Paul's** Saturday at 9.30am  
**St Paul's open for private prayer:** Saturday from 10am to 11am

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Epiphany of our Lord	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Choral Evensong (BCP) 6pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan		Eucharist 10am
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Baptism of Christ	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Taizé worship 6pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan		Eucharist 10am
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Prayer service for Christian Unity at St Andrew's Monkseaton 6.30pm

### Dates for your diary

Study sessions: <i>Christians and the Environment</i>	Saturdays 10am to 11am 11 <sup>th</sup> January to 1 <sup>st</sup> March
St Paul's Monday Group	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 7pm for 7.30pm
Week of Christian Unity	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> until Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January
Service of prayer for Christian Unity	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 6.30pm at St Andrew's
Memory café at Big Local	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2pm to 3.30pm
Scottish Night supper and quiz	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> January at 6pm
St Paul's Patronal festival	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January
Fiesta Festival of Light	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> February
2025 APCM reports deadline	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
CET applications deadline	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
St Paul's PCC meeting	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 7pm

## Notices

**Christians and the Environment study series.** How can our Scriptures and our faith help us respond to today's environmental issues? We're looking at eight key issues, one each Saturday between 10 and 11 am. Session 1 is Biodiversity, on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January. Session 2 is Climate Change, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January. The series runs through to 1<sup>st</sup> March. Don't worry if you can't come to all the sessions, just be there when you can. We're looking forward to our discussions.

**St Paul's Monday Group:** the next meeting of St Paul's Ladies' Monday Group will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, 7.00 for 7.30 in the Upper Room. Our speakers will be Kath and Harry Gilbert who will present their travelogue: Turkey, Unknown Places.

**Flower Guild:** Thank you to all who made a donation towards the cost of Christmas Flowers. £76.00 was raised.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** from Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January until Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January. A service of prayer for Christian Unity (organised by WBDCT) will take place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm at St Andrew's church (URC) Monkseaton. All welcome.

**St Paul's Patronal Festival** - Conversion of St Paul on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

**Scottish Night supper and quiz:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm at the Parish Centre to celebrate Burn's Night and our patronal Festival. Details to follow.

**St Paul's Annual Parochial Church Meeting:** preparations will be starting soon for the APCM which will be held in March. I will be contacting people for annual reports from committees, guilds and organisations over the coming weeks. Thank you in advance to everyone who helps in compiling the reports. Mary Evans, PCC secretary.

**Cullercoats Educational Trust:** the Trust is able to help individuals and groups from the parishes of St Paul's and St George's with funding for studies, promoting Christian religious activities and helping to achieve religious, social and physical education goals. See posters or speak to the vicar for more information. The deadline for the submission of application to be considered at the next meeting is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025. Please send applications to Mary Evans at [maryevans14@btinternet.com](mailto:maryevans14@btinternet.com)

**Newsletter entries:** for the next newsletter please pass them to Mary Evans *by 6pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025*, by phone on 0191 252 1424 or by email to [maryevans14@btinternet.com](mailto:maryevans14@btinternet.com)