

SAINT PAUL, WHITLEY BAY

2ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY AND CONVERSION OF ST PAUL – PATRONAL FESTIVAL

18TH AND 25TH JANUARY 2026

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 2nd Sunday of Epiphany, 18th January

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. **Amen.**

Readings:

Isaiah 49: 1 – 7

1 Corinthians 1: 1 – 9

Gospel:

John 1: 29 – 42

Hymns: *Hymns Ancient and Modern*

100 All people that on earth do dwell,

199 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

53 Songs of thankfulness and praise,

262 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

170 The Church's one foundation

Collect, readings & hymns for The Conversion of St Paul, 25th January

Collect: Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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:

Acts 9: 1 – 22

Galatians 1: 11 – 16a

Gospel:

Matthew 19: 27 – end

Hymns: *New English Hymnal*

197 For all the saints who from their
labours rest,

394 Let all the world in every corner sing,

155 We sing the glorious conquest

376 I heard the voice of Jesus say,

368 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,

Intercessions and intentions for the next two weeks

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

Sunday Prayer list: Jan Casey, Cathy West, Lucy Proctor, Sue Bale, Bob Moore, Bruce Thompson, Sue Day, Catherine, Roger, Fiona, Roya

Wednesday Prayer list: Michael Bradley, Christine Deighton, Pat Eilback, David Hall, Deborah Henderson, Ava Kennedy, Kay Lutz, Pam MacKenzie, Terry Mason, Sue Simpkin, David Simms, Dave Stevenson, Maureen, Marie, Lottie, Tony.

The recently departed:

Those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:

Week beginning 18th January: Jane Anderson, Jarvis Wood, Beryl Carter, Olga Dolby, Margaret Richardson, Sarah Osselton, Beryl Barnes, John Aldren, Matthew Waller, Brian Vickers, John Dolby

Week beginning 25th January: Mary Stevenson, Shirley Richards, Walter Robson, Lillian Craggs, Robert Fairburn, Dorothy South, Lena King, Irene Downing

Prayer intentions for week commencing 18 th January		
Sun 18	2nd Sunday of Epiphany	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 19	Of the day	<i>The Roman Catholic Church</i>
Tue 20	Of the day	<i>The Lutheran Church</i>
Wed 21	Of the day	<i>The Orthodox Church</i>
Thur 22	Of the day	<i>The Methodist and Baptist Churches</i>
Fri 23	Of the day	<i>Free and Reformed Churches</i>
Sat 24	Of the day	<i>The Anglican Community</i>

Prayer intentions for week commencing 25 th January		
Sun 25	The Conversion of St Paul	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 26	St Timothy and St Titus	<i>Bishop Helen-Ann and Bishop Mark</i>
Tue 27	Of the day	<i>Holocaust Memorial Day</i>
Wed 28	St Thomas Aquinas	<i>Theologians</i>
Thu 29	Of the day	<i>Care of the environment</i>
Fri 30	Of the day	<i>Community initiatives</i>
Sat 31	St John Bosco	<i>Worship 24/7</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

Morning Prayer at St Paul's:	Monday to Thursday at 8.30am
Saturday Prayer at St Paul's	Saturday at 9.30am
Contemplative prayer group	Friday at 2.20pm
St Paul's open for private prayer:	Saturday from 10am to 11am

Sunday 18 th Jan	2 nd Sunday of Epiphany <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Healing service 6pm
Wednesday 21 st Jan		Eucharist 10am
Sunday 25 th Jan	The Conversion of St Paul – Patronal Festival	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am <i>visiting preacher</i> <i>The Revd. Richard Bryant</i> Encounter 6pm
Wednesday 28 th Jan		Eucharist 10am
Sunday 1 st Feb	Presentation of Christ in the Temple	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Choral Evensong (BCP) 6pm

Dates for your diary

St Paul's Bible Study	Saturdays 24 th Jan and 14 th Feb 10am
St Paul's Fellowship Group	Tuesdays 13 th and 27 th January 7pm
Week of prayer for Christian Unity	Begins Sunday 18 th January
Pray for schools	Tuesday 20 th January 7pm St Peter's
Memory café at Whitley Bay Hub	Thursday 22 nd January 2pm to 3.30pm
Patronal festival supper	Saturday 24 th January 7pm
Worship 24/7	Saturday 31 st January 12 noon to 5pm
CET applications deadline	Friday 6 th February
FiestaWB Lightwaves	Saturday 7 th February 5.30pm to 9pm
WB&DCT prayer service for Christian Unity	Sunday 8 th February Whitley Bay Baptist church
APCM reports deadline	Wednesday 18 th February
St Paul's APCM	Sunday 22 nd March

Notices

St Paul's Bible study: next sessions Saturdays 24th January and 14th February, 10am at the back of church. The sessions are looking at the Acts of the Apostles.

St Paul's Fellowship Group: next sessions Tuesdays 13th and 27th January, 7pm in the Parish Centre, looking at the Ten Commandments.

Visiting preacher: on Sunday 25th January we welcome The Revd. Richard Bryant to our 10am Sung Eucharist to celebrate our Patronal Festival.

Patronal Festival 2026: Saturday 24th January at 7pm Pie and Peas Supper with entertainment. Tickets £6 per person (including drink). Please, book your place by signing at the back of church by Monday 19th January.

Pray for schools: come along and join us as we pray for the schools in our Deanery on Tuesday 20th January, 7pm to 7.30pm at St Peter's, Monkseaton. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate our schools and offer our concerns in a simple format.

Prayer Service for Christian Unity: Whitley Bay & District Churches Together invite everyone to the Prayer Service for Christian Unity to be held on Sunday 8th February at 6pm at Whitley Bay Baptist Church.

Worship 24/7: everyone is welcome to join us in Worship 24/7 at St Paul's: Saturday 31st January from 12 noon until 5pm: drop in for a while or stay for the whole session.

Christmas flowers: Many thanks to all who donated towards the cost of Christmas flowers. £130.00 was collected. The Flower Guild

Lightwaves Festival: to be held at St Paul's on Saturday 7th February from 5:30pm until 9pm. There will be a trail of Light Sculptures in the church grounds and inside the Church will be lit with a light projection accompanied by music composed for the event. Refreshments available.

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. The deadline for the submission of application to be considered at the next meeting is Friday 6th February 2026.

Newsletter entries: for the next newsletter please pass them to Mary Evans *by 6pm on Friday 30th January 2026*, by phone on 0191 252 1424 or by email to maryevans14@btinternet.com