

# Your guide to this coming week

## Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January

10am Bible Study - Church Centre (Lounge)  
11.30am Midday Prayer - Church Centre  
(A Service of Prayer for Christian Unity – Day 2)  
11am – 4pm Community Friendship Café – Centre  
6pm Bell Ringing Practice – In Church

## Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January

2pm Busy Fingers

## Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

12pm Midday Prayer – In the Church Centre

## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

12pm Holy Communion – In Church  
12.30pm – 2.30pm Church Open for visitors  
6pm Choir Practice – In Church

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

10am Sung Eucharist  
6pm Sung Evensong – In Church

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### 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.*

### Your Parish - Street by Street

Starting this month, each week we will be praying for a group of streets and their residents. You can find these streets on the map, pinned up in church.

**This week, please pray for the residents of:**

**Amberley Close** - Map no. 42 / Map Ref. F 4  
**Ashley Downs** - Map no. 69 / Map Ref. F 10  
**Akethorpe Way** - Map no. 86 / Map Ref. G 7

### United Service of Prayer & Praise

*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025*  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm**  
United Reformed Church – London Road North

**Toilet & Baby Changing available in the Centre**

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## WELCOME TO

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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If you would like to make an offering to St. Margaret's please place your gift either on the collection plate *before* the service or use the card-reader at the back of church.

Your gift supports our ongoing mission work & helps towards the upkeep of this beautiful church.

*Thank you for your kind gift.*

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

### 10am Sung Eucharist

Mass of St. Thomas - Thorne  
Presiding: Canon Simon  
Preaching: Sarah  
Deacon: Gerda  
Reader: Amelia  
Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11  
Gospel: John 2: 1-11  
Intercessor: Charles  
Hymns: 486, 704, 104, 448 & 630  
Anthem: Star of Wonder (Bullard)



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10am service booklet

Refreshments will be served in the Church Centre.

### 3pm United Service of Prayer & Praise

United Reformed Church–London Rd North

### 6pm Holy Communion

Presiding: Canon Simon  
Preaching: Canon Simon  
Reader: Ruth  
Reading: John 2: 1-11  
Hymns: 603, 143, 678, 661 (2 vs), 451 & 769

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## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

### 10am Sung Eucharist

### 6pm Sung Evensong

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### Collect (Prayer of the Week)

*Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## Readings for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January

### Old Testament: Isaiah 62: 1-5

The Lord says this: For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

### New Testament: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore, I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

### Gospel Reading: John 2: 1-11

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

