



22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023  
 Week of Prayer for  
 Christian Unity

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**Notices**

**Car Parking**

If you come to church by car, please remember that parking is available at Mount Pleasant Health Centre. The limited space in our church car park can therefore be reserved for those who cannot walk easily.

**Organ Restoration**

After decades of service, our organ now needs over £12,000 worth of work, to restore it to good condition for the coming decades. Would you like to contribute? Please see Nigel Ridgway to find out how!

**Cake Sale**

To launch the fundraising for our organ, there will be a cake sale in the hall after the Parish Eucharist next Sunday. Bring cash or a bank card, and remember your Tupperware, to take your delicious slices home!

**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.*

10.00 am Music

Entrance hymn 157 Firmly I Believe and Truly  
 Offertory hymn 129 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind  
 Recessional hymn 144 Father, Lord of All Creation

**This Week**

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am  
 Online: Mon, Wed  
 In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> January** Mark 3: 22 – 30  
 9.30 am Standing committee meets  
 7.00 pm Choir practice

**Tue 24<sup>th</sup> January** Mark 3: 31 – 35

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> January** Matthew 19: 27 – 30  
 12.00 noon Holy Communion

**Thu 26<sup>th</sup> January** Luke 10: 1 – 9

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> January** Mark 4: 26 – 34

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> January** Mark 4: 35 – 41

**Next Sunday: 29<sup>th</sup> January**

**Presentation of Christ in the Temple:  
 Candlemas** Luke 2: 22 – 40

8.00 am Holy Communion  
 11.30 am Cake sale in the hall  
 3.30 pm PCC gathering



Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

### First Reading: Isaiah 9: 1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 4: 12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

### Post-Communion Prayer

***Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.***

