

# St Alban's Parish Church



## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January Second Sunday of Epiphany

We gather together, as the faithful people gathered at the River Jordan, to bear witness to the Lamb of God revealed to us. Let us prepare ourselves to meet him and to walk in the way of justice, peace and truth.

**9.00 am Mass** Fr Graham  
**10.00 am Parish Mass**  
**President and Preacher** Fr Graham  
**Readings** Geraldine Rainey  
**Intercessions** Elizabeth Franklin

**6.00pm Evening Prayer** Mtr Linda

**Today at the Parish Mass:**  
**Hymns:** NEH 55, 56, 476

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### During the Week

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> 19.00 St Antony** Said Mass  
Fr Graham  
**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> 10.00 St Wulfstan** Said Mass  
Fr John

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**WELCOME** We are really pleased to see you. If you have any queries or are unsure about anything please ask.

#### Financial Information:

In December we received £8,479 and we spent £4,815

So far this year we have received £52,270 and we have spent £51,913 - this end-of-year balance is provisional and subject to audit. Full details will be published at the Annual Meeting 2023



## Next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January Third Sunday of Epiphany

God's mission in the world brings good news of forgiveness, joy and fulfilment. Let us worship together, seeking to follow God's Son and know the power of God's Spirit.

### Readings

**First Reading** **Isaiah 9:1-4**  
God's people have left the region and shadow of death for a light, joyful land.

**Second Reading** **1 Corinthians 1:10-18**  
Baptism begins the journey of inclusion in witness to the good news and upside-down kingdom, marked by the cross of Jesus.

**Gospel** **Matthew 4:12-23**  
With Jesus' withdrawal to Galilee, a new phase of the missionary Gospel begins.

### Services

**9.00 am Mass** Fr Graham  
**10.00 am Parish Mass**  
**President** Mtr Linda **Preacher** Fr Graham  
**Readings** Judy Appleby  
**Intercessions** Mark Lindsay

**6.00pm Evening Prayer** Mr Jim Weller

### Notices

**This Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> Jan. Messy Church 15.30**

**Food** placed in the box at the back of church will be shared between our **Pantry** and the **Hull Foodbank**. They need tins, jars, packets (including cereals), tea, coffee, biscuits, sugar.

### Serving the parish with you:

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## First reading      Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.' And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

## Responsorial Psalm 40



Let all who seek you re-joice in you and be glad.

1 I waited patiently for the Lord;♦  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the mire and clay;♦  
he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure. **R.**

2 He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;♦  
many shall see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.  
Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,♦  
who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie. **R.**

3 Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God. How great your designs for us!♦  
There is none that can be compared with you.  
If I were to proclaim them and tell of them♦  
they would be more than I am able to express. **R.**

4 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire♦  
but my ears you have opened;  
Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required;♦  
then said I: 'Lo, I come. **R.**

## Second reading      1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the

testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes,  
in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!  
Alleluia!

## Gospel      John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

## Intercessions

**We pray for** the courage to follow Christ from the calm of the Jordan to the bustle of Jerusalem and the horror of Calvary.

**We give thanks for** the courage and service of all who strive to bring peace, stand up against injustice, call out for the voiceless and defend the defenceless.

**We give thanks for** all those who make their life's work easing the burdens of others, for those everyday heroes who are extraordinary in the ordinary.

**We pray for** all for whom the joy of the good news of Christ seems far away and distant. For those who feel forgotten, undervalued, alone or distressed, for those who are sick or dying and the bereaved.

**We pray for** those who have recently died, together with all whose years mind occurs this week; Jeremy Grant, Kenneth Drinkall, Harold Lyon, Winifred Willis, William Dugdall, Joan Stone, Raymond Shaw, Patrick Martin-Smith, John Neale, Marjory Blakeney, Percy Henri, Frank Fletcher.