

Please pray for our church family	
Mon	Jean Dean and family
Tue	Peter Dibbo and family
Wed	Assah Dube and family
Thurs	Marilyn Du Plooy and family
Fri	Pauline Eagle & Phil and family
Sat	Pat Edge & John and family
Sun	Robert & Annabel Elrick and family



Sunday 11th January

Epiphany 1



Verse of the Year: *"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah 43:18-19)*

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Services for Next Sunday			
18th Jan Epiphany 2	9am	Morning Prayer	Patches Chabala
	10.30am	Holy Communion	

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9am	Holy Communion	Adam Beaumont	Isaiah 43:18-19
10.30am	Morning Praise		

Notices for next week's bulletin to the Parish Office by Wednesday 9am please

Verse for the week & reflection:

"*The joy of the Lord is my strength*" (**Nehemiah 8:10**).

Welcome to 2026!! The Lord is indeed good and faithful. We seek to begin this new month with joy that is found in the Lord. Each year and month has its highs and lows of life, but we will choose inner strength and resilience that is rooted in God's character and his unwavering faithfulness.

We do not know how this year will plan out, but our confidence and hope rest in Jesus Christ our Lord. When we lean on him, we find the strength to keep going, no matter what we may be up against.

When we're overwhelmed by the storms of life: Remember that our hope isn't in circumstances improving but in God's promises holding true. Choosing joy in Him will guard our hearts from despair.

When we face personal trials: Whether it's health struggles, financial pressures, relational conflicts, or any other challenges, and feel we *can't do this on my own*. Declare like Paul: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." *Remember* that Jesus' joy provides inner strength when our own strength runs dry.

In our daily walk with others: May the Joy of the Lord within us be contagious with others. When we carry God's joy into our workplaces, homes, and communities, we will shine His light in ways words alone cannot.

The devil wants us to live discouraged and defeated. But choosing joy in the Lord is an act of resistance, of defiance—it declares that no matter what, we belong to Christ, and His victory is already won.

May His joy fill your heart and renew your mind.

Every blessing,

Patches

A gentle reminder:

Every Monday lunchtime, a prayer meeting is held at church in the quiet room from 12:30 to 1pm resumes on 12th January

Every Tuesday evening, a prayer meeting is held on Zoom at 7:30pm to 8pm resumes on 13th January

Link:

Meeting ID: 847 2365 8702

Passcode: 321957

Wednesday Holy Communion at 11am followed by light lunch in the hall. Resumes on 14th January

412 Youth – Please keep the 9th January free for the next Synergy event with Swindon youth for Christ. This is going to be a great fun event & a lovely chance to meet with other young Christians from around Swindon.

Natalie x

Please Note:

Patches will be on annual leave from 7th January to 13th January.

A Big Thank You!! To all who helped in making our Christmas Services a success.