

**Chesterfield Parish Church  
Saint Mary & All Saints**

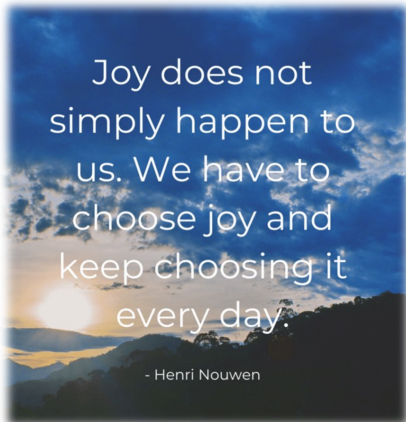
**The Joy of the Lord**

The people of Israel are overcome—with tears at the privilege of worshipping God in his Temple; with tears at the thought of the many years they have been in exile.

Ezra tells them not to be sad, for

***The joy of the LORD is your strength!***

***TO KNOW THE LORD IS TO HAVE A DEEP, DEEP JOY AT THE CENTRE OF OUR BEING. LET'S TEAR AWAY THE 'STUFF' THAT HIDES OUR JOY, AND LET THE JOY BE SEEN—AND FELT!***



**Epiphany III  
(26th January 2025)**

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's)
- 10.30 Choral Mass
- 18.30 Choral Evensong

**THIS WEEK'S SERVICES**

**MONDAY-SATURDAY**

**MORNING PRAYER** 09.00

**EVENING PRAYER** 16.00 (Thursday 17.00)

**MONDAY** Mass 12.15

**TUESDAY** Mass 09.30

**WEDNESDAY** Holy Communion (1662) 09.30

**THURSDAY** Mass 17.30

**FRIDAY** Mass 12.15

**SATURDAY** Mass 09.30

**NEXT SUNDAY** See back page

*The church is open for private prayer and visiting Monday-Saturday 09.00 - 16.00*

**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

*Full details of events may be found at [crookedspire.org](http://crookedspire.org), on the notices displayed in church, or from the organisers.*

**Please respect those who wish to prepare for Mass in quiet prayer; also those who wish to listen to the closing Organ Voluntary.**

**EPIPHANY III**  
**CHORAL MASS**

Processional Hymn: 205

Setting: Ireland in C

**Collect Prayer**

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.

**Amen**

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Nehemiah**

**Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: 472

## **Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Luke**

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

**Luke 4.14-21**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 75 (*t.355*)

Communion Motet: Jesu, the very thought of thee  
(Edward Bairstow)

Post-Communion Hymn: 505

Voluntary: *Allegro giocoso* (Organ Sonata)  
(Edward Bairstow)

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### **CHORAL EVENSONG**

Responses: Byrd  
Psalm(s): 33  
First Lesson: Numbers 9.15-end  
Office Hymn: 264  
Canticles: Farrant *Fauxbourdons*  
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 7.17-24  
Anthem: There shall a star come forth from Jacob  
(Felix Mendelssohn)  
Hymn: 351  
Voluntary: Overture to 'Saint Paul'  
(Felix Mendelssohn, arr. W T Best)

## Prayer Intentions This Week:

### Today 26th January - Epiphany III

- For the ways we make Christ known in our lives and through the work of our church and parish
- ◊ The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria
- ✦ *Eileen Harrison*

### Monday 27th January

- The East Scarsdale Team Ministry
- ◊ Liverpool - The Church of England
- ✦ *Elsie Weller; Lilian Wootton; Michael Sellors, priest*

### Tuesday 28th January - Thomas Aquinas

- Parish of All Saints Ashover and Brackenfield with Wessington (to include Handley, St Mark)
- ◊ Liwolo - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *Margaret Hill; Leonard Gordon; Stanley Moore*

### Wednesday 29th January

- Parishes of St Laurence North Wingfield, St Bartholomew's Clay Cross, St Mary's Pilsley (to include Danesmoor and Tupton)
- ◊ Llandaff - The Church in Wales
- ✦ *Peggy Smith*

### Thursday 30th January - Charles, King & Martyr

- Clergy, Readers & lay workers in Hardwick Deanery
- ◊ Missionary Area of Lodwar - The Church of Kenya

### Friday 31st January - John Bosco

- The Diocesan Chancellor, Registrar and legal team
- ◊ Lokoja - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Bess Short*

### Saturday 1st February - Brigid

- For all ministering in the Derby City Deanery
- ◊ Lomega - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *Bertha Stockton; Barbara King*

- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

- ◊ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

**Vicar:** Canon Patrick Coleman  
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Iain Faulkner; Venerable Karen Hamblin; Revd  
John Pinder-Packard; Revd Steven Tricklebank

**Parish Office:** 01246 206506  
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**Parish Reader:** John Gascoyne

**Churchwardens:** John Hague  
Colin McKenna

**Organist & Choirmaster:**  
Peter Shepherd choir@crookedspire.org

## Our prayers have been asked for:

John Robinson; Jean Madin; Colin Hutson; Jean Morris; Wendy Layton; Ambrose Mason; Paul Bates; Tony Ragan; Sue Hastings; Barbara Carter; David Pedrick; Joseph Watson; Imelda Davies; Ralph Turner; John Nickols; Terry; Les & Lynn Metcalfe; Jackie Turner; David McGhie; Shirley Francis; Olivia, Sebastian & baby Ophelia; Cathy; June Robinson; Joe Martin; Lodovico Mirani

✦ *David Wastie priest, RIP*

✦ *Andrea Sutcliffe, RIP*

✦ *Roxanne, RIP*

## Gwen & Tony Hallam

G'n'T have now safely moved, and wish to thank everyone at church for their love, prayers and messages of support.

## Post-Mass Refreshments

Next Sunday, 2nd February, tea/coffee will be served in the Saints Function Room, from 12 noon until 1pm.

## Dates for your diary (details to follow):

### Friday 28th February

6pm - 9pm: Social event in the Saints with refreshments and in-house entertainment. If you would like to contribute a 'turn' (musical or otherwise), please contact Peter Shepherd.

### Saturday 1st March

12 noon - 2pm: 'Come and be a chorister'

### Friday 18th April

4.30pm: Come and sing Stainer's Crucifixion, with solemn performance afterwards

## Next Sunday - 2nd February -

### Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Choral Mass & Procession  
Readings: Malachi 3.1-5  
Luke 2.22-40

18.30 Choral Evensong  
Readings: Psalm(s) 122 & 132  
Haggai 2.1-9  
John 2.18-22

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