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SUNDAY'S READINGS AND INFORMATION

19TH JANUARY 2025

EPIPHANY 2

**1 THESSALONIANS 2: 1-12,
MARK 1: 9-11**

9.15am Communion Service at CHS

10.15am Coffee in the hall

10.45am Morning Praise with Sunday Club at CHS



Large print weekly sheets are available at the back of church

Next week	9.15 Service Warden	9.15 Prayers	9.15 Readings	Coffee	10.45 Service Warden	10.45 Prayers	10.45 Readings	Sunday Club	Screen / Sound
26 th Jan	Andy L	Andy L	Jo L	Lisa S	Lisa S	Ann WM	Ann W	TBC	Ruth B Lewis W

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Collect & Readings 19th January 2025

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.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 NIV - UK

2 You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. **2** We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. **3** For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. **4** On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. **5** You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed – God is our witness. **6** We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. **7** Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, **8** so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. **9** Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. **10** You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. **11** For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, **12** encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Mark 1:9-11 NIV - UK

9 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. **10** Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. **11** And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

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



Tuesday Prayers 10-10.30am at CHS An opportunity to pray together. Tea & Coffee available. All Welcome.

Midweek Communion at St. Luke's. All welcome to join in on **Fridays at 12 noon.**

*CHS - Church of the Holy

Whenever I prepare someone for interview, I often ask: how would your friends / colleagues / family describe you? If someone described you in three words, what would that be? Would it be Christian? Might it be kind and loving? For young people, the answers can be quite revealing. For those of us who have lived a bit, hopefully self-awareness has been growing and we listen deeply to what others say, and know both our strengths and areas for development. But I long that people know me for my faith, as I long for others to know you for your faith - and whatever your deep faith does as a consequence of having it. For it is that faith which inspires labours, so Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 1:3. Perhaps you can aspire to be full of faith, full of love and full of hope. This amazing church in Thessalonica underwent a rapid birth and injection of the Holy Spirit through Paul and Silas in AD50, grew quickly but was massively attacked and persecuted. Yet, they stood firm - they were faithful; full of faith. Not just standing firm for the gospel against all odds, but their faith was a sticky faith. I came across that term within the world of Church schools some time back, and I love it. Sticky faith is faith that doesn't run away; faith that lasts; faith that binds us to others who might then share that faith; faith that matters above all else; faith that inspires a journey towards holiness. Their sticky faith was known everywhere - the literal translation means "their faith has gone abroad" - so well known was it. Is ours? They became famous for their faith, not their good deeds. I wonder sometimes if we feel like we exist as a church just to do good deeds? I don't want to be known for my deeds - I long to be known for my faith. The questions I get asked often: "oh I wish I had your faith?" or "I just haven't taken that step of faith yet - how can I?". I don't want to spur people on just to do good deeds - any charity can do that - I want to spur people to find a sticky faith. This new year, do you feel the need for a real top-up of faith? Why not ask God to give you that gift - to be faithful; full of faith again, or perhaps for the first time.
Blessings, Rev James

Brick Church at CHS in 2025

Come and get building at CHS. Brick stations, stories, songs and refreshments!

FUN for ALL the FAMILY

Dates for your diary:

**26th January, 23rd February,
30th March & 27th April: 3 -4.30pm**

Upcoming Services at CHS & St. Luke's

Friday 24th January at St. Luke's
12.00pm Communion Service

Sunday 26th January
9.15am Communion Service
10.45am Communion with Sunday Club
3.00pm Brick Church

Sunday 2nd February
9.15am Communion Service
10.45am Intergenerational Service



Drop In Thursdays: Coffee and Company, 10.30am in the church hall. All Welcome! *Hear Here clinic runs 1st Thursday of the month*

MEN'S MINISTRY

Connect with God, others and food!

Tuesday 28th Jan - 7.30pm Curry at the Raj
Sat 22nd Feb - 9.30am Breakfast at the pub (tbc)
Tues 25th March - 7.30pm Curry at the Raj
Fri 25th April 7.30pm - Games Night at CHS
Invite friends! Chat to James for more info or keep an eye on the website.



The Chosen Course

Stay curious in 2025 and come to the Chosen Course at Church of the Holy Spirit.

Starts **Monday evenings, 7.30pm.**

SAVE THE DATE!

Preschool are having a Spring Fair on



Sunday 2nd March, 2 - 5pm.

Come along and support the preschool or help with set up, set down or run a stall. Chat to Carol L for more info.