



**Below are details about who to contact for information and support.**

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Next week	9.15 Service Warden	9.15 Prayers	9.15 Readings	10.15 Coffee	10.45 Service Warden	10.45 Prayers	10.45 Readings	Sunday Club	Screen Sound
Sun 25th Jan	Joan G	Joan G	Barbie H	Lisa S	Martin J	Martin J	Sandy J	TBC	Ruth B Lewis W



## SUNDAY'S READINGS AND INFORMATION

### 18TH JANUARY 2026 JOURNEY THROUGH PHILIPPIANS

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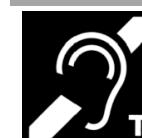
**9.15am Holy Communion Service** at CHS

*10.15am Coffee in the hall*

**10.45am Intergenerational Service** at CHS



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## Collect & Readings 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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.

### Philippians 1:27-2:4 NIV-UK

<sup>27</sup> Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel <sup>28</sup> without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved – and that by God. <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, <sup>30</sup> since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

**2** Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

*This is the word of the Lord:*

**Thanks be to God**

#### Drop In Thursdays:

Coffee and Company,  
10.30am. All Welcome!



*Hear Here clinic runs 1st Thursday of the month.*

**Men's Curry** - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January,  
7.30pm at the Rajdoot. Chat to James

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

#### 2026 Brick Church Dates

15<sup>th</sup> February, 29<sup>th</sup> March  
3pm at CHS.



**Midweek Communion** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of  
the month **10am at CHS, 5<sup>th</sup> February**

\*CHS - Church of the Holy Spirit

In 1964, a clergyman and missionary, James Seddon, who was rooted in his passion for global mission, penned the words to a hymn we know today as 'Go forth and tell! O Church of God awake!' His words, which speak of going to where darkness still lies and of doors that are open wide were inspired by Jesus' Great Commission to His disciples, before His Ascension into Heaven, to spread the Good News to all the Earth.

As Christians, we, too, are called to be messengers of the Gospel; a Gospel of good news of Light coming into our darkened world; joy, peace; sacrificial love; forgiveness and hope of an eternal life to come.

We know how much we can be encouraged at receiving good news from family or friends – news of the passing of an exam or driving test or a new addition to the family; or job promotion. God provides us with opportunities to share His Good News – maybe a personal testimony; or explaining to someone the reason for the hope we have; sharing a piece of scripture we have found helpful; or through kind actions.

In proclaiming the Gospel, we can draw on the strength and wisdom of God's Holy Spirit, which guides us to speak with truth and boldness. As the body of Christ, we are called into an active partnership as 'Gospel Proclaimers', along with our brothers and sisters in Christ across the world. So let each of us use every opportunity God gives us to tell others of His love. Blessings, Rob.

#### Change of service time

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Palm Sunday, will be a **10am joint service** with breakfast served before the service. There will be no 9.15 or 10.45am service.

#### Prayer Central

Join together as church in monthly prayer on Wednesday evenings, 7pm at CHS. Starting on 4<sup>th</sup> February.



#### Upcoming Services at CHS & St. Luke's

**Sunday** 25<sup>th</sup> January  
**9.15am** Communion Service  
**10.45am** Morning Worship with Sunday Club  
**4.00pm** Bereavement Service  
**Sunday** 1<sup>st</sup> February  
**9.15am** Communion Service  
**10.45am** Intergenerational Service

Reskilled is a very small charity focused on helping long term unemployed people back into work. **We need another trustee.** We meet (online) 4 times a year. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact William Lowries

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** Connect with God, others and food! Invite friends! **Women's Curry Evening Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm** Chat to Carol for more info or sign up on the sheet.

**Help is needed!** Can you help with furniture? Tables and chairs need moving every week. Times / days: Every Sunday after the service. Wednesdays from 12noon and Thursdays after 12 noon, can be flexible with Thursday for a Friday/ Saturday. Please let James or the office know if you can help.

#### Noah's Ark Toddlers

**Wednesdays, 9.30 -11am at CHS**

A stay and play for 0 - 5 years with their parents/ carers. A warm, welcoming, safe toddler group with refreshments. Suggested donation £2.