



Bewsborough Bulletin

The weekly newsletter for Barfrestone, Coldred, Guston, Eythorne & Elvington, Waldershare, Shepherdswell and Whitfield
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Coming Up

Sunday 4th January

9.00am | BCP Communion | St. Nicholas'
10.30am | Holy Communion | St. Andrew's
within the Methodist Covenant Service
10.30am | Let's Worship! | Whitfield Village Hall
6.00pm | BCP Communion | St. Martin's

Wednesday 7th January

9.30am | Let's Chat | Whitfield Rec. Pavilion
9.30am | Let's Play | Guston Village Hall

Thursday 8th January

11.30am | Informal Communion | SS Peter & Paul's
7.00pm | Small Group | Whitfield

Friday 9th January

9.30am | Let's Play! | Whitfield Community Centre

For Our Prayers

A prayer as we begin this new year in hope and expectation:

God of new beginnings,

We thank you for the gift of this new year, 2026, and the fresh start it brings. As we look ahead, we place our trust in your faithfulness and enduring goodness. Guide us, your Church, in the year ahead, shaping our hearts and aligning our steps with your purposes for our communities and our world. May we be your hands and feet, bringing your light, hope, and healing to all people, especially those facing uncertainty.

Fill us with your love, that we may serve with courage and compassion, reflecting Christ's victory over sin and death. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Please pray for the following people, all known to God, who need our prayers and for those who tend to them and show them love and care:

Tallulah, Michael, Ian M, Janet B, Madge, Jill R, Ian, Marion G, Margaret C, Suzie, Kelly W, Susan. C, Sheila, Olivia, Margaret. S, David B and Gwen W.

Methodist Covenant Prayer

The Covenant Prayer was first used in 1755, at a service in London with around 1800 people present. Since then, the Covenant Prayer has often been used in Methodist services worldwide. It is usually said within a Covenant Service on the first Sunday of the year, and this year Rev. Harvey will be leading the service at St. Andrew's. The prayer points to deep surrender of ourselves in complete trust to God, and so I invite everyone across the parish to commit themselves this year, praying these wonderful words:

**I am no longer my own but yours.
Your will, not mine, be done in all things,
wherever you may place me,
in all that I do
and in all that I may endure;
when there is work for me
and when there is none;
when I am troubled
and when I am at peace.
Your will be done
when I am valued
and when I am disregarded;
when I find fulfilment
and when it is lacking;
when I have all things,
and when I have nothing.
I willingly offer
all I have and am
to serve you,
as and where you choose.
Glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.
May it be so for ever.
Let this covenant now made on earth
be fulfilled in heaven. Amen.**

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Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



Sunday and Mid-Week Worship for January

Date	Location	Service
Wed 31st December	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Informal Communion
4th January THE EPIPHANY White/Gold	St. Nicholas, Barfrestone	9.00am BCP Communion
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Holy Communion
	Whitfield Village Hall	10.30am Whole Church Worship
	St. Martin's, Guston	6.00pm BCP Communion
Thur 8th January	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Informal Communion
11th January BAPTISM OF CHRIST White/Gold	St. Pancras, Coldred	9.00am BCP Communion
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Morning Worship
	Whitfield School Hall	10.30am Whole Church Worship
	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Informal Communion
18th January Epiphany 2 White	St. Nicholas, Barfrestone	9.00am Morning Worship
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Whole Church Worship
	Whitfield School Hall	10.30am Whole Church Worship
	St. Martin's, Guston	6.00pm Evensong
Thur 22nd January	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Informal Communion
25th January Epiphany 3 / Conversion of Paul White	St. Pancras, Coldred	9.00am BCP Communion
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Holy Communion
	Whitfield School Hall	10.30am Whole Church Worship
	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Informal Communion

