



## NEWSLETTER

11th January 2026

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### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK —

Mike Anderson

"What a journey! We all knew it was coming. Our master, Melchior, had been getting very animated about something he'd seen in the stars. I knew because it's usually me who takes him drinks during his night-time observations. He'd been spending a lot more time than was usual drawing his charts of the night sky then going over to his library to check things out.

Eventually, he told us all to get ready for a long journey and, believe me, it has been long. We ended up picking up other camel trains along the way and Caspar and Balthazar and their retinues joined us.

We had a dicey moment with that King Herod though – can't help thinking he's a wrong'un! When Melchior told him we were looking for a child born to be king, Herod was clearly not pleased!

Eventually, we found the child and he was as beautiful as any! The way he gazed into his parents' eyes reminded me of my daughter when she was born. This baby boy didn't look like a king though. He was certainly not in palatial surroundings but that didn't stop our masters giving him kingly, expensive gifts like gold and frankincense. They gave him myrrh as well but I'm not sure why they'd do that. It's expensive alright but it's usually for when someone's died! I wonder what his family made of that!

Not a great gift for a young one if you ask me, but, of course, no-one will ask me. I'm just a long-suffering servant, glad to be on my way home!"

PS - No camels were harmed in the making of this journey!

*In your daily prayers, please remember especially the following members of our church family:*

Stephanie Cater, Brian Fairclough, Sarah Russell, Dorothy Williams, Mike Oswald, Janet Humphries, Sue Kirby, Lesley Davies, Agnes Yarwood, Peter Fallows, Bernadette Hallman, Alf & Maureen Fairclough, Carol Swinyard, David Brooks, Catherine Howe, Rob Scott, Rob MacDonald, Roger Jenkins, David Mason, Dave Smyth, Gwyneth Shackleton, Gordon Orritt, Stuart Prendergast, Ellie Clark, Anne & Joe Johnson, Cathrine Munikwa, Adam, Gill Sanderson and the bereaved family & friends of George Pennington



Names for this prayer list can be e-mailed to:  
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Keep up to date online with our church family at:

[www.stnicholasblundellsands.org](http://www.stnicholasblundellsands.org) and  [stnicholaschurchblundellsands](https://www.facebook.com/stnicholaschurchblundellsands)

## LATEST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 and you are intending to apply for a place at St Nicholas' CE Primary School in the school year beginning September 2027, please note that parents' monthly worship in church during 2026 is one of the criteria required.

We have services on Sunday and Wednesday mornings, plus Picnic Praise twice a month and Church@School once a month so we hope that you can find a time to suit your family. Please check our website for times and dates.

Cards are available from church on request and your attendance will be recorded on your card each month by our vicar Beth, our churchwarden Anne or our church-school link person Lesley each month.

For further information please contact Lesley Utley - [lesleyutley2@gmail.com](mailto:lesleyutley2@gmail.com). It would be great to hear from you. Please feel free to share this information with family, friends and neighbours.



### Happy New Year to you all!

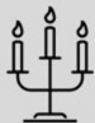
We look forward to welcoming you back to the below services and social activities as they resume:

Wednesday Communion and Bible study - 14<sup>th</sup> January

Bridge Youth Club - 15<sup>th</sup> Jan

Picnic Praise - 18<sup>th</sup> Jan

### PRAYER OF THE MONTH



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### Prayer For January

Lord of all time, thank you for your faithfulness throughout the years. Thank you that there is nothing in this coming year outside your control. Please bless, guide and inspire us each day to draw close to you and to live and love as you do.

Amen.

## OUR REGULAR SERVICES/EVENTS

### SUNDAYS

**8.30am** - Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer on **1st Sunday** of each month)

**10.30am** - Eucharist

**10:30am** All Age Service on **2nd Sunday** of each month (No Eucharist)

**4.30pm** - Picnic Praise on **1st and 3rd Sundays** of each month.

### MONDAYS

**6:00pm** – Prayers together in the council chamber

### WEDNESDAYS

**9:00am -10:00am** Church is open for private prayer

**10:15am** - Eucharist and Bible Study

### THURSDAYS

**9:00 am - 1:00pm** - 'Soupa Thursday'.

Tea/coffee, toast, soup, company and chat

**6:00pm - 7:00pm** - Bridge Youth Group



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### THIS MONTH'S RULE FOR LIFE

**Called to pray, read and learn.  
Sent to tell, serve and give.**

### **Suggestions for January...**

**Read** a psalm a day.

**Pray** for 5 people you love to know God more this year.

**Learn** Jeremiah 29:11 -13

**Tell** 2 people what God means to you.

**Serve** those around you with a smile and some time to listen

**Give** yourself 5 minutes quiet each day to connect with God and tell him what is on your heart.

Please e-mail items for newsletter  
(by Wednesday 9 a.m.)  
to: [stnicspa@gmail.com](mailto:stnicspa@gmail.com)



Our 10:30 Sunday Service is  
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## MORE NEWS .....



John and Elise's latest blog can be read here:

[Happy New Year! – SlumBlog](#)



This is a final call for NEW names for our Memory Garden plaques.

If you would like to add a name, and haven't already, please email Nicola at [stnicspa@gmail.com](mailto:stnicspa@gmail.com) before Wednesday 14th January, when the order will be going in.

Please note that we will also be replacing one of the plaques as the names are becoming illegible.



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