

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2026      The Second Sunday after Christmas**  
**Minister: Rev. Ian Taylor, A.C.I.B.S., B.D., Th.M., Dip. P.S.R.P.**  
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*Members of the congregation who are able to stand are invited to do so as the Bible is brought in and taken out of the Church.*

Welcome & Intimations

- **The Sunday School** will meet in **Room 2** today.
- Please ensure all **mobile phones** are **switched off or in silent mode** during the Service.
- **Please place your offering in the Offering Plates** as these are uplifted during the Service.
- **Tea and Coffee** will be available after Church **today in the Cameron Hall.**
- There will be a **Vestry Hour** at 10am on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>.January, 2026** followed by our **midweek Service** at 11.10am.
- **Copy for the next edition** of the Church magazine should be sent to the Editor(**magazine@springfieldcambridge.org.uk**) by **Sunday 11/01/26 at the latest.**

Introit

Call to Worship

**Hymn 606 Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders,**

- 1 Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders,  
unmistakable and clear,  
mighty signs that show your presence,  
overcoming doubt and fear.
- 2 Lord, you sometimes speak in whispers,  
still and small and scarcely heard ;  
only those who want to listen  
catch the all-important word.
- 3 Lord, you sometimes speak in silence,  
through our loud and noisy day ;

we can know and trust you better  
when we quietly wait and pray.

- 4 Lord, you sometimes speak in Scripture,  
words that summon from the page,  
shown and taught us by your Spirit  
with fresh light for every age.
- 5 Lord, you always speak in Jesus,  
always new yet still the same :  
teach us now more of our Saviour,  
make our lives display his Name.

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Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

**Hymn 245 It's a world of sunshine, a world of rain;**

1 It's a world of sunshine, a world of rain;  
it's a world of laughter, a world of pain;  
it's a world we must share, where we must learn to care,  
for the world belongs to God.

*This is God's world after all,  
this is God's world after all,  
this is God's world after all,  
Yes, it's God's good world.*

2 It's a world of plenty, a world of need;  
it's a world of love, and a world of greed;  
it's a world we must share, where we must learn to care,  
for the world belongs to God.

*Chorus*

3 It's a world of water, a world of drought;  
it's a world of faith, and a world of doubt;  
it's a world we must share, where we must learn to care,

for the world belongs to God.

*Chorus*

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Jeremiah 31:7-14

7 For thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
'Save, O Lord, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.'

8 See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labour, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

9 With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations<sup>[a]</sup> I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

10 Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.'

11 For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
12 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

13 Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
14 I will give the priests their fill of fatness,

and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the Lord.

Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ<sup>[a]</sup> before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, <sup>[b]</sup> having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this<sup>[c]</sup> is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

**Hymn 543 Longing for light, we wait in darkness**

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Chorus*  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

*Chorus*

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

*Chorus*

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

*Chorus*

5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

*Chorus*

Bernadette Farrell(b.1957)

St. John 1:10-18

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, <sup>[a]</sup> and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, <sup>[b]</sup> full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, <sup>[c]</sup> who is close to the Father's heart, <sup>[d]</sup> who has made him known.

Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

**Hymn 139 Praise the Lord, you heavens, adore him;**

1 Praise the Lord, you heavens, adore him;  
praise him, angels, in the height;  
sun and moon, rejoice before him,  
praise him, all you stars and light.

2 Praise the Lord! for he has spoken;  
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;  
laws which never shall be broken  
for their guidance has he made.

3 Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;  
never shall his promise fail;  
God has made his saints victorious;  
sin and death shall not prevail.

4 Praise the God of our salvation!  
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;  
heaven, and earth, and all creation,  
laud and magnify His name!

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Benediction

Choral Amen