

Sunday 11th January, 2026 The First Sunday after Epiphany
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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 14th 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\(magazine@springfieldcambridge.org.uk\)](mailto:Editor(magazine@springfieldcambridge.org.uk)) by today at the latest.

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 191 Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.*

- 1 When you walk through the waters I'll be with you, you will never sink beneath the waves.
- 2 When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames.

- 3 When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side.
- 4 When you dwell in the exile of the stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes.
- 5 You are mine, O my child; I am your Father, and I love you with a perfect love.

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Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 600 Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
Gentle as is the dove,
Teach us the truth and help us believe,
Show us the Saviour's love.*

- 1 You spoke to us, long, long ago, Gave us the written Word; We read it still, needing its truth Through it God's voice is heard.
Chorus

- 2 Without your help, we fail our Lord, We cannot live His way, We need Your power, we need Your strength, Following Christ each day.
Chorus

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Psalm 29

Isaiah, Chapter 42, verses 1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

² He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,^[a]
a light to the nations,

⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,^[a]
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

² Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendour.

³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.

⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,^[b]
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, ‘Glory!’

¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.

¹¹ May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Hymn 334 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings!

2 Then cleansed be every heart from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
prepare we in our hearts a home
where such a mighty Guest may come..

3 For you are our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge, and our great reward;
Without your grace we waste away
Like flowers that wither and decay.

4 Stretch out your hand, to heal our sore,
And make us rise to fall no more;
once more upon your people shine,
and fill the world with love divine.

5 All praise to you, eternal Son,
Whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Holy Spirit, for evermore.

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St. Matthew, Chapter 3, verses 13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, ^[a] with whom I am well pleased.'

Anthem

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 470 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 People and realms of every tongue
declare his love in sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

3 Blessings abound where Jesus reigns;
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blessed.

4 Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

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Benediction & Choral Amen