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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 1st March	Maggie P	Jean D	Christian H	Susan D	Jane A	In service	In service	N/A	Ella H Lewis W



SUNDAY'S READINGS AND INFORMATION

22ND FEBRUARY 2026

PRAYER

LENT 1

9.15am Holy Communion Service at CHS

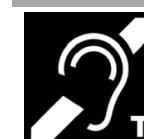
10.15am Coffee in the hall

10.45am Holy Communion with Sunday Club at CHS

We welcome David Wright to both our services.



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Collect & Readings 22nd February 2026

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 145 NIV-UK

- 1 I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.
- 4 One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.
- 5 They speak of the glorious splendour of your majesty – and I will meditate on your wonderful works. ⁶They tell of the power of your awesome works – and I will proclaim your great deeds.
- 7 They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.
- 9 The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.
- 10 All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you.
- 11 They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,
- 12 so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendour of your kingdom. ¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

- 14 The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.
- 15 The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.
- 16 You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
- 17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.
- 18 The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
- 19 He fulfils the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.
- 20 The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.
- 21 My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

1 John 5:13-15 NIV-UK

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴ This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him.

This is the word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

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

Drop In Thursdays:

Coffee and Company,
10.30am. All Welcome!
Hear Here clinic runs 1st Thursday of the month.



I wonder what Spiritual Maturity means to you? Is it a strict measure of how well we are doing with God? Is it a measure of how much we are being formed, shaped and grown in our discipleship? Is it about how much we know of the Bible and the wider shared faith? Paul gives us a glimpse into this answer through our Philippians 4 readings. He shares with us four key strands to look for in a spiritually mature person. Firstly: how to we act upon our thinking? Do we channel those thoughts back to where they came from, or do we act or speak impulsively? His call to us is to THINK upon these attitudes. Nicky Gumbel gave a brilliant acronym to help summarise us - before we speak or act, is a thought: True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary and Kind? Second, he challenges us about our prayer life. Leading us into thinking about prayer as our real language with God, a mode of thanksgiving, and a yearning that comes from our inner being that is petition. Moving from saying short arrow prayers of help me or help others to a spiritual hunger to praise our Father in heaven. Thirdly, he gives us this command: "let your gentleness be evident to all." How hard is that, in a world beset with anger, injustice, iniquity? Yet, he points us to the gentleness of Jesus. Bishop Andrew reminds us that gentleness is from a greek word, prautēs, which is better translated as: strength under control. The fruit of the spirit that is gentleness is one that comes by being able to harness and yoke this strength rather than be undisciplined or impulsive or unregulated. Easier said than done. Lastly, he calls us to rejoice! Again, I say it, rejoice. He demonstrates how much he has and continues to suffer (as prophesied) for the gospel, so this is far from an easy path. Yet, despite being in prison, he managed to find joy in all circumstances. Perhaps we can yearn for, look out for and celebrate the joy in the everyday as our starter. Which one of those challenges do you seek to grow in this Lent? Ask God to support your maturing - like a fine wine - into the person he longs you to be. Blessings, Rev James.



Journey through Lent with the Desert

Mothers and Fathers.

Starting Monday 23rd February, 7.30pm at CHS for six weeks.

Sign up on the sheet or let the office know. All welcome!

BISCUITS PLEASE: We are asking for regular offers of biscuits to serve at our various services and gatherings. In date, unopened and no nuts please. Thank you!

Change of service time

Sunday 29th March, Palm Sunday, will be a **10am joint service** with breakfast served before the service at 9.15am.

There will be no 9.15 or 10.45am service.

Upcoming Services at CHS & St. Luke's

Sunday 1st March
9.15am Communion Service
10.45am Intergenerational Service

Thursday 5th March
10.00am Midweek Communion

Sunday 8th March
9.15am Communion Service
10.45am Morning Worship with Sunday Club

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.



THANK YOU to everyone who helped on Thursday at St. Luke's. If you missed it, we have another one you can get involved in.

St Luke's Work Party inside and outside St Luke's on:
Saturday 14th March: 9.30-12.30
All welcome!