



**The Link**  
Sunday, 4th January, 2026  
Second Sunday After Christmas

Holy Trinity, 10.30am- Family Communion Service.

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## **HYMNS (ANCIENT & MODERN):**

**SCREEN** - Light of the World (here I am to worship)  
**721** - Love divine, all loves excelling  
**507** - We have a Gospel to proclaim  
**82** - See him lying on a bed of straw

## **THE COLLECT:**

God our Father, in love you sent your Son that the world may have life: lead us to seek him among the outcast and to find him in those in need, for Jesus Christ's sake. **All: Amen**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING:**

Today's reading is from **St Paul's Letters to the Ephesians**.

### Ephesians 1:3-14

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, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 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; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL READING:**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John** .

**All: Glory to you, O lord.**

### John 1:10-18

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (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.' ") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **PRAYERS:**

We pray for our communities and in particular for all who live in Coastal Road, Coniston Road and Easedale Close.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Derek, Julie, Elijah, Avril, and Peter.

We pray for the family and friends of Margaret Townley and George Mason who have recently died.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Ron Exley, Joyce Chesworth and Noel Richard Cooper.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

All praise to you, almighty God and heavenly king, who sent your Son into the world to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin: grant that, as we are born again in him, so he may continually dwell in us and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven, now and for ever. **All: Amen.**

## Notices and Announcements

**Flowers in Church** 🌸: The flowers at the Book of Remembrance and at the altar are In Loving Memory of Noel Richard Cooper.

**The First Tuesday Hub** will be meeting as usual on Tuesday 6th January at 1.30pm at Holy Trinity Church.

**The 9.15 Service, Sunday, 28th December:** We had a lovely alternative service on Sunday morning with crafts, carols and bacon and sausage buns. Thanks to all who came 😊

### Our Services and Events

**Tuesday, 6th January 2026, 10.30am:** St Mark's Holy Communion Service

**Tuesday, 6th January 2026, 1.30pm:** First Tuesday Hub, Holy Trinity.

**Tuesday, 6th January 2026, 7.45pm:** Prayer Meeting, Held in the Vicarage Prayer Room.

**Wednesday, 7th January 2026, 10am:** Wednesday Communion Service with MU Corporate Worship, Holy Trinity.

**Friday, 9th January, 2026, 11am:** Celebration of life for the late Margaret Townley.

**Saturday, 10th January, 9am:** Men's Breakfast, Holy Trinity.

**Sunday, 11th January, 9.15am:** The 9.15 All Age Service, Holy Trinity.

**Sunday, 11th January, 10.30am:** Morning Prayer at St Mark's

**Sunday, 11th January, 10.30am:** Sunday Communion Service in church and on Zoom, Holy Trinity.

