



**Berwick St James, Great Wishford, Little Langford, South Newton and Stoford,
Stapleford, Steeple Langford, Stockton, Winterbourne Stoke and Wylye with
Fisherton de la Mere**

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Isaiah 49.1-7; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42

Sunday 18th January – Second Sunday of Epiphany

09:30am	Great Wishford	Holy Communion (CW)
11:00am	Berwick St James	Plough Sunday Service
11:00am	Wylye	Holy Communion (CW)
6:00pm	Stockton	Evening Worship

Dear Friends



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 extends an invitation to draw upon this shared Christian heritage and to delve more deeply into our fellowship in Christ, which unites Christians worldwide.

Paul's epistles stress the importance of unity within the Church, urging us to live lives worthy of our calling with humility, gentleness, patience and love (Ephesians 4:1-3). Ephesians 4:4 summarises the teachings of Paul about unity, emphasising here, too, that the followers of Christ represent 'one body and one Spirit', united in a single hope. This metaphor signifies the Church as a unified entity transcending barriers of geography, nationality, ethnicity and tradition. Paul uses the metaphor of the Church being the Body of Christ to describe its unity within the diversity of its members.

Heavenly Father,
you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ
to continue his work of reconciliation
and reveal you to the world:
forgive us the sins which tear us apart;
give us the courage to overcome our fears
and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

From the Benefice Prayer Sheet

18	The Second Sunday of/after Epiphany The start of the week of prayer for Christian Unity May Your Spirit guide us on the way of peace on the way of honest dialogue on the way of reconciliation between peoples, on the way of disarmament and justice, on the way of freedom and life for all. Amen
19	Lord God, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power. Please look kindly upon all animals who are in need this day, whether they are in the wild, on the streets, in captivity, or elsewhere. Deliver those who are hurt, abused, hungry, and forgotten. Amen
20	We pray for an end to prejudice throughout our country and the world; that we respect all people as precious children of God; and that racism, sexism, and all other forms of discrimination will be forever banished from our hearts, our society, and our laws. Amen
21	We pray for the church and village community of Winterbourne Stoke and their Churchwarden Dee Montagu-Pollock.
22	We pray for the church and village community of Wylie. We pray for the church and village community of Wylie and Fisherton Delamere, their Churchwarden Roger Liddiard and Local Church Committee.
23	We pray for the church and village community of Stockton and their Churchwarden Claudia James.
24	Lord Jesus, the earth is yours and you have commanded the winds and the sea; help us to leave behind our consumer demand for plastics and move towards behaviours that are environmentally healthy; help us to follow your lead in caring for the world you love. Amen
25	Third Sunday of/after Epiphany and The Conversion of Paul O GOD, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may shew forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for

The long-term need for prayer	David Baldwin (South Newton), Joyce Binder (Steeple Langford), Thea Chalke; Pat Considine (Steeple Langford), Biddy Cox (Wylie), Anton Funnell; Andrew Howes (Wylie), Delia Napier (Wylie); Valerie Palmer (Wylie), Sheena Pratt (Stapleford),
Short Term Prayers	Daphne Smith (Great Wishford); Richard Tattersall (Great Wishford);
The Urgent Sick	
The Departed	Louisa Halliday (Great Wishford); Jerome Mostyn (Stapleford)
Those being baptized	Emily Joyce Hill being baptised at Stapleford this Sunday: for her parents Oli and Abi and godparents Megan; Harry, Tilly and Mikey
Weddings	Charles Morley and Tara Leese at Great Wishford on 17 th January

Sunday 25th January – Third Sunday of Epiphany

09:30am	Little Langford	Holy Communion (BCP)
11:00am	Stapleford	Holy Communion (CW)
6:00pm	Steeple Langford	Contemplative Worship for the Conversion of Paul

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