

## DIARY DATES

*Please pray for our services and events today and during the week.*

**Monday 20th January 1.15pm** Handbells Practice

**Monday 20th January 7.30pm** Bellringing Practice

**Tuesday 21st January 1.45pm** Toddlers

**Wednesday 22nd January 7.45pm** Online home group

**Sunday 26th January 8.30am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**Sunday 26th January 10.00am** All Age Communion

**Please refer to the website for the most up to date information**

**Any donations towards church coffee / teas would be most welcome. A box is available at the front of the serving hatch.  
Thank you.**

### Communion

We welcome to receive communion: a) confirmed members of the Church of England (or those intending to be confirmed); b) children who have been formally admitted to communion in this or another church. Visitors who are baptised and regularly receive communion in another Church may also receive. Everyone else is warmly invited forward to receive an individual prayer of blessing. (NB Non-alcoholic wine is available during the All Age Service; join the left queue and indicate to the server.) If you would prefer a gluten free wafer and/or non-alcoholic wine, please let the sidesperson know.

### Prayer

If you would like someone to pray with you after a service, for anything concerning you in your life or someone else's, please ask a Minister.

internet unless requested otherwise.

### Collect for The First Sunday of Epiphany

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The latest Church Notice Sheet is always available at <https://almondsburychurch.org.uk/notice-sheets/> usually from the Friday before the Sunday to which it relates.

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# St Mary's Almondsbury Church News



## Sunday 19th January 2025

### The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

**Petition:** Give us this day our daily bread

**Matthew 7:7-11**

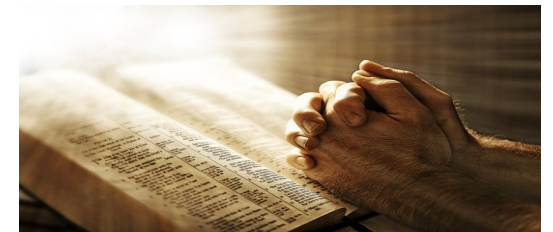
**(Exodus 16:1-5,13-16)**

### 8.30am Holy Communion (CW)

Led by Anjali Kanagaratnam

### 10.00am All Age Service

Led by Val Slade and Anjali Kanagaratnam



**Creating connections with God,  
each other and our community.**

## Charity of the month-January Homebank

Homebank is only one part of Avonmouth Social Hub at St Andrews church. It includes NE Bristol Foodbank warehouse, carpentry and cookery training units, Citizens advice and cafe outreach. So many lives are being touched and helped in very direct ways. An army of volunteers and a few paid staff keep it working efficiently. Yet it all began with one student's wife, motivated by a heart for the poor, taking an initiative. Thank you for your ongoing support of this vibrant local charity. Speak to me if you have household items to donate.

Pam Skelding

### Prayer Sermon Series

Each week in January and February we will be focusing our services on prayer as follows:

Sun 5 Jan	Why pray?
Sun 12 Jan	Adoration
<b>Sun 19 Jan</b>	<b>Petition</b>
Sun 26 Jan	Intercession
Sun 2 Feb	Unanswered prayer
Sun 9 Feb	Confession and reconciliation
Sun 16 Feb	Contemplation and listening
Sun 23 Feb	Spiritual warfare

Individual weeks will draw on the book by Pete Greig, How to Pray, and the Prayer Course. More information is available at <https://prayercourse.org>

Baptism of Cleo to be held on  
Sunday the 26th January 2025  
at 12 noon.

Please pray for the family on this special  
occasion.



### FOOD DONATIONS

Thank you for your donations of food to the Sisters of the Church in St Paul's which are **collected 9.30am on Tuesday mornings**. Please continue to give generously. The donations are much appreciated. The box is by the glass doors as you enter the Church.

### Online HOME GROUP

All are welcome to the homegroup on Wednesdays at 7.45pm for 8pm: <https://zoom.us/j/9312563357?pwd=REd3VkvKcUt3U0dkQINWRWkyTHFaZz09>  
Meeting ID: 938 1727 632 Passcode: 340584

To donate to St Mary's please use the BACS system  
Account Name: Almondsbury PCC Sort Code: 40-14-20,  
Account Number: 21074598 and reference 'Donation'.  
Or use the QR code. Thank you for your generosity.

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St Mary's Church, Almondsbury

[www.almondsburychurch.org.uk](http://www.almondsburychurch.org.uk)  
The Church Wi-Fi password is: godisgood

### TEA, TOAST & PRAYER

All are invited to join us for Tea, Toast & Prayer in the Church from 9.00am on Saturday 25th January 2025 praying from 9.30am. Please join us for this important time.

### PCC Prayer request

- 1: Smooth handover for the Lich Gate Team
2. discernment of the church mission and vision
3. Peace in areas of conflict

*We are sorry to hear of the death of Margaret Grace Comber whose funeral will be held in church on Friday 24th January at 11.00am. Please pray for the family.*



### TUESDAY PRAYER

All are invited to a time of morning prayer every Tuesday morning at 24 Gloucester Road (Old Cottage Hospital). Arrive from 8am, pray from 8.15am-8.45am.

### BABIES AND TODDLERS

Every Tuesday in term time  
1.45pm until 3.15pm in Almondsbury Church.  
All parents, grandparents and carers with their babies and toddlers are welcome.

#### NOTICE

We are currently looking for another leader, or if anyone is interested in joining a Rota. Please speak to Sandy Thompson.