

HOLYWOOD PARISH

Sunday 1st February 2026

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Dear friends

“Blessed are the poor... in spirit” (Matthew 5:3 NIV)

Last Sunday (25th January) we were blessed by presentations from Christians Against Poverty at our morning services; I commend them to you on downtoearth tv or have a look at their own online resources and how they can offer support. But how come Jesus, in one of this morning's readings, seems to commend a form of poverty? Well, we know that Jesus was not speaking about finances and he was also promising a radical change of circumstances. He says that those who recognise their spiritual poverty will discover that the kingdom of heaven belongs to them. This is good news.

The apostle Paul takes a similarly contrary-sounding approach in today's epistle reading (1 Corinthians 1)- emphasising the centrality of the cross at the heart of Christian preaching. The cross looks like weakness and defeat but, defying human philosophy, it is God's way of salvation. As we welcome a new staff member, Thomas Murray and his family this weekend, this is a powerful reminder of Jesus' model of ministry; we serve the king who became poor so we can become rich. Please pray for Thomas, Jodie and the children as they settle into our parish.



If you need help of any kind- prayerful or practical, please get in touch with us directly or through the parish office.

Yours in Christ, Gareth



General Vestry Register Review



The general vestry register comprises 250–300 names, It should be much larger. Parishioners and those who attend worship from outside the parish should (over 18yrs old) and contributing to parish funds should seek out a form from the wardens or office and submit it before 23rd February,

Welcoming the Murrays

Our new Associate Minister, Thomas Murray, will be taking part in services from Sunday 1st February. Please pray for Thomas, his wife Jodie and their children. Come along and meet them and make them feel very welcome among us.



Welcome Lunch 8.2.26

If you are new to Holywood Parish we would you to join us for lunch after norming services on Sunday 8th February. Let us know you are coming and any food allergies etc. by emailing: welcome@holywoodparishchurch.co.uk



Men's Society Tuesday 3rd February

Grant Turnbull–Architecture, Graphics, Art, Acting, Events

Mothers' Union Wednesday 4th February

Presentation on 'Scams and Safety'

Both of the above: 7.30pm Parish Centre



PrayerLine



We have a group of intercessors which faithfully prays (in confidence) for issues brought to them. If you would like them to pray for you please contact the clergy or the parish office. Updates to prayer requests are particularly welcome too.



Praying Together

Monday–Saturday 7.30am–7.45am Morning Prayer

Monday Evenings 7.00pm

Friday Mornings 8.45am

Sunday and Midweek Services

Sunday 1st February Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8.00am	Holy Communion Form 1
9.45am	Holy Communion at Morning Worship
11.30am	Holy Communion Form 2
5.30pm	Choral Evensong
7.00pm	Holy Communion at Evening Worship

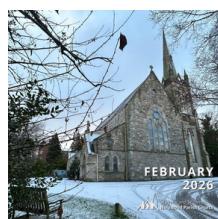
Sunday 8th February Second Sunday before Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion Form 1
9.45am	Morning Worship
11.30am	Morning Prayer
5.30pm	Compline
7.00pm	Evening Worship

Parish Magazine

Pick up a parish magazine in church or contact
the office for an online copy.

Subscription and postal charges apply for
printed copies.



Midweek Communion: Wednesday Mornings at 10.30am

Service recordings on [downtoearth tv](#) [here](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Please contact the parish office

Pre-School Praise	PSP needs helpers to support their work with toddlers and families. If you don't mind getting your hands covered in paint please speak to Bridget or Emily
Sound and Visuals	If you would like to be trained in operating the church's AV setup- please speak to Simon or visit the folks at the desk on a Sunday.
Sunday Morning Tea and Coffee	Can you help us by preparing tea and coffee or assisting with clear up afterwards. Just let us know in the office.

Thank you for your financial support to the parish. If you like to discuss financial matters- standing orders, Gift Aid etc. please contact our Honorary Treasurer, Brian Beatty, through the parish office (details below).

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