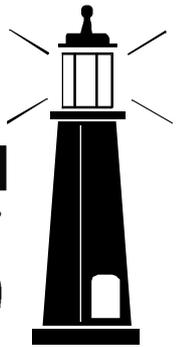


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**NEWS**



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**January 19th Epiphany 2**  
**St. Thomas' Church**  
 9.30am. Holy Communion.  
 Preacher. Revd. Avis Gordon.  
**St. Anne's Church**  
 11.00am. Service of The Word.  
 Preacher. Barry Price.

The January copy of  
 "CLIFTON LIGHT"  
 is now available at  
 the back of church.  
 Price 50p

**IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!!**  
**CHURCH KEYS**

If you are in possession of any church keys will you please see any of the church wardens to inform them of any that you may have as this information has to go onto the data base for insurance purposes and for the diocese records.

If this is not forthcoming new locks will have to be fitted!!!

Church Wardens.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES**

There are still a number of Gift Aid Church envelopes at the back of church which have not been collected. Could you please pick yours up as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Collect for 2nd Sunday of Epiphany**  
 Almighty God,  
 in Christ you make all things new:  
 transform the poverty of our nature by the riches  
 of your grace,  
 and in the renewal of our lives  
 make known your heavenly glory;  
 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.**

***THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:-***  
*Jesus is recognised and pointed out by  
 John to be God's chosen one.*  
 Susan Sayers.

*Please Pray for!*  
**CENTRAL AFRICA  
 ETHIOPIA, SUDAN.**  
**THOSE AFFECTED BY THE  
 RECENT FLOODING IN BRITAIN  
 THE BIG FREEZE IN NORTH AMERICA**

**PRaise**  
**GROUP**  
**The Praise Group will be re-starting  
 again on Thursday 23rd January**  
 387, Manchester Rd, Clifton  
 at 7.30pm  
 Come Sing, Praise and Study The Word  
 All are welcome.

**GOOD NEWS GROUP**  
**Wednesdays at 10.00am**  
**Clifton Neighbourhood Centre**  
 Please come and join us over a cup of  
 coffee, to chat and to study the Bible.  
 All are welcome.

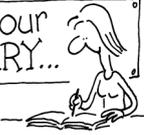
**FELLOWSHIP GROUP**  
**Tuesday 28th January 2014**  
 St. Thomas' Church, Clifton Green at 7.30pm  
 All are welcome

  
**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
 CHRISTIAN UNITY 18th-25th January**  
**UNITY SERVICE "THIS EVENING"**  
**WORSLEY ROAD METHODIST CHURCH at 6.30pm.**

  
 The **PRAYER GROUP**  
 will be meeting Tuesdays  
 at 7.00pm  
 in St. Anne's Church .  
 All are welcome.



**Tuesday 21st January**  
*Prayer Group*  
 St. Anne's Church at 7.00pm  
**Wednesday 22nd January**  
*Good News Group*  
 Clifton Neighbourhood Centre at 10.00am  
**Thursday 23rd January**  
*Praise Group*  
 387, Manchester Rd, Clifton at 7.30pm  
**Tuesday 28th January**  
*Prayer Group*  
 St. Anne's Church at 7.00pm  
*Fellowship Group*  
 St. Thomas' Church at 7.30pm  
**Wednesday 29th January**  
*Good News Group*  
 Clifton Neighbourhood Centre at 10.00am  
**Thursday 30th January**  
*Praise Group*  
 387, Manchester Rd, Clifton at 7.30pm

*for your  
 DIARY...*  


## OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 49.1-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.  
Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.' And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength. The LORD says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'  
*This is the word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 40.1-11

**RR:** *I love to do your will, O God, [your law is in my heart].*  
I waited patiently upon the Lord;  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.  
He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure. **RR:**  
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see and stand in awe and put their trust in the Lord.  
Happy are they who trust in the Lord!  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods. **RR:**  
Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for us!  
there is none who can be compared with you.  
O that I could make them known and tell them!  
but they are more than I can count. **RR:**  
In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure  
you have given me ears to hear you;  
Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required,  
and so I said, 'Behold, I come.  
In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:  
'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart.' **RR:**  
I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;  
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.  
Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness  
from the great congregation. **RR:**



**January 26th Epiphany 3**  
**St. Thomas' Church**  
9.30am. Family Service.  
Preacher. Revd. Avis Gordon.  
**St. Anne's Church**  
11.00am. Holy Communion.  
Preacher. Frank Wallace.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

### 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.  
From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*This is the word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL John 1.29-42

A reading from the gospel of John.  
John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'  
The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.  
When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.'  
They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day.  
It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.  
He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).  
*This is the word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**