



# PEW NEWS

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

11TH JANUARY 2026

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## Prayer Points :-

- for Ukraine, Sudan and all places where there is conflict. May peace come to places unrest and war
- for the Israel and Palestine and that the present ceasefire might develop into a more determined peace process
- for the Alpha course and that people who attend Alpha in St Mark's will discover answers to questions about life and faith, as well as enjoy fellowship with one another
- for the Bereavement Journey and that those taking part will find support, empathy and comfort as we consider the experiences of grief and seek to understand better together
- for our Day of Prayer. May it be a time of focused prayer and involve the coming of Christ's Kingdom in other places, in our community and in our lives

## Today : Sunday 11th January The 1st Sunday after The Epiphany

8.30am : **Holy Communion** (p201)  
First Reading : Acts 10v34-43 (p1104)  
Gospel Reading : Luke 3v15-22 (p1029)

10.30am : **Morning Prayer** (p201)  
Hymn 96  
Canticle Hymn 710  
1st Reading : Isaiah 42v1-9 (p728)  
*read by : Maureen Watt*  
Psalm 29 (p622)  
2nd Reading : Acts 10v34-43 (p1104)  
Hymn 294  
Hymn 636  
Hymn 107 (T&P)



6.30pm : **RSA SU Celebrate Service** Everyone very welcome!

**Next Sunday** : 8.30am : Holy Communion / 10.30am : Family Service / 7pm : Holy Communion / 7pm : The Well

## CHILDREN'S TALKS

Occasionally children will be invited to come to the front of the church for participation in Children's Talks. We would like parents / guardians to be aware that if children do join clergy at the front of church they will be visible in the service livestream on YouTube.

## Hymn 107 (T&P)

O Church, arise, and put your armour on;  
hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
in the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
we'll stand against the devil's lies;  
an army bold, whose battle cry is love,  
reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul  
but to rage against the captor;  
and with the sword that makes the wounded  
whole,  
we will fight with faith and valour.  
When faced with trials on every side  
We know the outcome is secure,  
and Christ will have the prize for which He died,  
an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,  
as the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride,  
Give grace for every hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

## THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY

The Bereavement Journey is a special opportunity for learning about the process of grief, and through this working together over seven weeks to develop ways of coping as well as collective support. The programme is for everyone who has been bereaved in any way and at any time. Meeting on Thursdays (7.30pm), anyone who would like to attend will be very welcome to join us in The Venue, Crozier Hall.

The programme features weekly videos which help us discuss different themes associated with bereavement. Participants are invited to contribute to the discussion, however nobody should feel pressured into speaking at any time.

We very much hope that the Bereavement Journey will be of help to all who come along as they seek to understand and cope with their experience of grief. For more information, please feel free to contact Dr Bob Brown (07514 129195) or Malcolm Kingston



## ALPHA

As always, everyone will be more than welcome to join us as we learn and share together about life and faith at Alpha. This is an opportunity to listen, ask questions and if you are comfortable, to share experiences. Please know that nobody should feel under any pressure at Alpha. It should be enjoyed by everyone! Alpha takes place on Tuesday evenings and will conclude on 10th March. We shall also meet on one Saturday (date TBC) during the morning and early afternoon. If you miss occasionally, please don't worry! A sample of the videos used during Alpha is found on our parish website. If you would like to know more, please do feel free to contact Malcolm, Sarah, Bob or anyone who you know has taken part previously. Again, please know that we would love for you to join us!

## Coming Soon :-

- ⇒ Monday (8.15pm) : **Football** at Redrock Presbyterian Church (over 18s - weather permitting)
- ⇒ Tuesday (7.45am) : **Early Morning Prayer** in The Upper Room of The Parish Office
- ⇒ Tuesday (7pm) : **Chi Me & Pilates** in The Crozier Hall
- ⇒ Tuesday (7.30pm) : **Alpha** in The Venue, Crozier Hall.
- ⇒ Wednesday (10.30am) : **Marksmen** in The Venue, Crozier Hall
- ⇒ Wednesday (3pm - 5.30pm) : **Cafe Hope** in The Venue, Crozier Hall followed by a short walk
- ⇒ Wednesday (8pm) : **Bowling Club** in The Crozier Hall
- ⇒ Thursday (10am) : **Ladies Walking Group** meeting outside of The Crozier Hall
- ⇒ Thursday (7.30pm) : **Bereavement Journey** in The Venue, Crozier Hall.
- ⇒ Thursday (7.30pm) : **Home Group** for more details please speak to Sarah
- ⇒ Saturday (10am - 4pm) : **Day of Prayer** in St Mark's Please feel free to join us at any time in St Mark's as we pray for needs which are international, local and personal
- ⇒ Saturday (10am-12noon) : **Drive Through Drop Off** outside of the Crozier Hall. All donations for the Armagh Food Bank are very much appreciated
- ⇒ Wednesday 21st (7.30pm) : **Midweek Service and Bible Study** in The Windsor Rm, Crozier Hall. Please note the change of restart date!
- ⇒ Thursday 22nd (7.30pm) : **Alive** in The Windsor Rm, Crozier Hall
- ⇒ Friday 23rd (7.30pm) : **GLOW Youth Club** in The Crozier Hall
- ⇒ Monday 26th (7.30pm) : **Safeguarding Trust Training** for all leaders and helpers of Parish Youth and Children's Organisations. Please do attend this important training if at all possible!

Sunday 25th January (10.30am) : **Sarah's Farewell Service** followed by Refreshments and a Presentation in The Crozier Hall. Please do plan to join us as we give thanks to God for Sarah's ministry amongst us and pray for her, Daniel and Margot as they move to a new ministry in Christ's Church. Sarah's Institution Service will take place on Monday 9th February (7.30pm) in St Ignatius' Church, Carryduff. A bus has been booked to transport those who would like to attend this special service. A Sign Up sheet is found in the church porch. The cost is £10 per person and should be put into a named envelope and placed on the church collection plate or brought to the office.

St Mark's, Armagh

# Day of Prayer

Saturday 17th January from 10am - 4pm

*Please feel free to call in for as long or as short as you would like to pray for needs personal, local and global*

Everyone Welcome



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SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY  
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6.30PM

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OF FELLOWSHIP WITH FRIENDS  
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