

'A vibrant worshipping church, learning and growing together, welcoming all, sharing God's love whilst serving our community'

"Serve wholeheartedly as if you were serving the Lord" Ephesians 6:7

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**Sunday 19 January 2020**  
**Second Sunday of Epiphany**

## PARISH PRAYERS

**We pray for the sick and distressed** mentioned in our prayer book.  
 We pray for all whose year's mind anniversary occurs around this time.

## NOTICES

**Flower Rota.** Thank you to everyone who made donations to the flower fund during last year. This allowed us to have flowers in Church throughout the year. The Flower Rota for 2020 is on the notice board. If you would like to provide flowers for the anniversary of a loved one or to commemorate a special event, please put your name against the relevant date. Donations can be given to either Pauline Eccles or Barbara Trigg to provide flowers for a specific date, or alternatively placed in the box in Church. If you can gift aid, please use one of the yellow envelopes for the donation. Many thanks.

It's the **Parish Lunch** next Sunday (26 January) at 12.45pm at the Pickled Goose, Barton. Interested? Please contact Eilwen on 07840 855497 or Marion on 07764 208298 to reserve your seat!



### Today's Gospel: John 1.29-42

Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."

### Next Week: Matthew 4.12-23

### THIS WEEK (19 January 2020)

Reader: A Lonsdale  
 Isaiah 49.1-7  
 1 Corinthians 1.1-9  
 Intercessor: A M Robinson  
 Sidespersons: D Harris, A Gibb  
 PCC Duty: J Patten, A Gibb  
 Flowers: P Eccles, B Trigg  
 Coffee: C Wilkinson, B Trigg  
 Sacristan: E Smith

## WHAT'S ON

The indoor **Bowling Group** meets on Thursday afternoons 2.00pm til 4.00pm in the Parish Centre main hall.

**Share IT** would like donations of long-life milk, instant custard, cooking oil, men's disposable razors, small cartons of juice and sachets of drinking chocolate/ coffee. Our next food parcels are for Easter and we are collecting bottles of squash for this.

### Services this week:

Sunday 10.00am: Family Eucharist  
 Tuesday 8.30am Morning Prayer  
 Wednesday 10.30am: Eucharist (Traditional)  
 Thursday 8.30am Morning Prayer  
 Friday 10.00am: Holy Communion (common worship)

### NEXT WEEK (26 January 2020)

Reader: S Birch  
 Isaiah 9.1-4  
 1 Corinthians 1.10-18  
 Intercessor: P Eccles  
 Sidespersons: S Saul, O Laurie  
 PCC Duty: G Saul, A Mooney  
 Flowers: P Eccles, B Trigg  
 Coffee: P Jackson, P Eccles  
 Sacristan: E Smith

# Bishops take to the stage for 'The Mark Drama'!

Advance notice that the Diocese will be bringing two performances of 'The Mark Drama' to life in February / March 2020.

Staged at Blackburn Cathedral on **Saturday February 29 and Sunday March 1**, all three of our Bishops will be in the cast along with some other members of the Bishop's Leadership Team – collectively creating an amazing and impactful dramatisation of Mark's Gospel. Tickets are available to purchase on Eventbrite via these links : [Saturday performance](#) and [Sunday performance](#).

Please note the performance is not suitable for children aged 8 and under. Cost is £7.50 per head, please speak to Rie if you fancy going, we can arrange lifts to the cathedral.

## What is The Mark Drama?

In 90 minutes, it's an innovative way of experiencing the Gospel of Mark and communicating it to others, performed as theatre-in-the-round.

It is an amazing experience for Christians, reminding them of the work of Jesus, and it's also great for anyone investigating the Christian faith.

