

Sunday 18 January – Second Sunday of Epiphany

Prayers written by Sheila Gunson

The response to “Christ be our Light” is “Shine in our hearts and show us the way”

Let us Pray

Dear Lord and Heavenly Father we come to you today in prayer to ask you to lead us on our journey into the year of 2026.

Throughout our lives we make many journeys and we trust in you Lord that you will be beside us and lighten our way. Our journeys will present many challenges and will also enrich us.

Christ be our Light. Shine in our hearts and show us the way.

Our world travels on its own journey with many challenges including climate change and politics. We pray that you will be our light to help us to see how we can best use the wonderful resources you have given us in this world.

Christ be our Light. Shine in our hearts and show us the way.

We pray for the light to shine on our world leaders and for their hearts and minds to be opened to hear your voice and hear how to work on the journey of peace this year.

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The lights in our churches continue to shine and we pray that you will show us how to welcome people to come on this journey to know you as a friend.

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We pray for all those who are unwell and ask you to comfort them as they journey back to good health. We ask you to care for Jericho Hasieber, Jo, Sarah, Sue Copsey, David Casemore.

Please take a moment to pray for those you know who are unwell.

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We all feel great sadness when the journey of life comes to an end. You help us to treasure the memories and to cope with this journey’s end.

Recently completing their life's journey are Monica Tanti, June Dennis, Ben, Marian Little.

From our Memorial Book we remember Jason Bond, Myrtle Lester, Joyce Pulford, Clement Horner.

Show them the light of your kingdom and comfort their friends and families.

Christ be our Light. Shine in our hearts and show us the way.

We now step forward on our journey into 2026 confident that you will be the guiding Light to us and the people of our world. We ask that you will help us to

- share responsibility
- grow in faith
- love one another
- care for those in need
- reach out to others
- welcome newcomers

Lord Jesus, help us to guard and grow this church.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen