

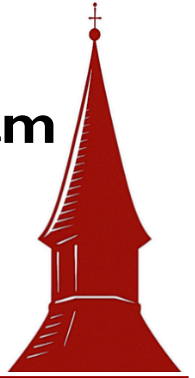
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# Welcome to St Mark's Church, Newnham

Sunday, 25th January 2026

Conversion of St Paul

Jesus Christ ...*forever*



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## Today's services

### 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Service Leader and Preacher: The Revd Jim Robinson

### 9.30am Holy Communion

Service Leader: The Revd Jim Robinson

Preacher: The Revd Canon Tom Buchanan

### Practicalities

There is a fully accessible toilet as well as baby-changing facilities in the Community Centre across the car park behind the church.

### Children

All are welcome in God's house and we delight in all ages gathering for worship. Please don't worry if your little ones make a noise or need to run around. There is a play area at the back; if younger members are more comfortable there, they are very welcome to dive in. Junior Church runs at the same time as the 9.30am service every week during term time. It is open to all ages and is based around storytelling and wondering, with art and craft too.

We begin in church and then head round to the Community Centre, returning for the Eucharist and then back out for a feast!

### Collection

We are not taking an offering during our services at this time, but there is a collection plate at the back of the church along with a giving station where you are able to donate via card payment. You can also give via our website.

Visit us online at: <https://stmarksnewnham.org> where you can sign up for our email.

**Hymns:** 96(i) Brightest and Best

494 I, the Lord of sea and sky

95 Bethlehem, what greater city

**Anthem:** Up, good Christian folk - Woodward

**For your prayers:** Anne Howie; Michael Wallis.

## **Collect Prayer for the Week:**

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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.

## **Acts 9.1-22**

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound

before the chief priests?’ Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

**Psalm 36**



How pre-cious is your lov-ing mer - cy, o God.

John McCann

**Matthew 19.27-end**

Then Peter said in reply, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

Services this week
<p><b>Tuesday, 27th January</b></p> <p><b>11am, Holy Communion (BCP)</b> led by The Revd Jim Robinson</p>
<p><b>Sunday, 1st February (Candlemas)</b></p> <p><b>8am, Holy Communion (BCP)</b> led by The Revd Jim Robinson</p> <p><b>9.30am, Holy Communion</b> led by The Revd Jim Robinson with The Revd Andrew Hurst preaching</p>
<p><b>Morning Prayer</b> is said in church at <b>9am</b> on <b>Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.</b></p>

Charity of the Month: ITAC (Cambridge Churches Homeless Project)
<p>It Takes A City (ITAC) manages the emergency winter accommodation for rough sleepers in Cambridge. Over the course of the winter about 50 men, women and their dogs are supported in the accommodation. Many of the people accommodated have high support needs because they have complex mental health or substance use issues and have already been banned from other accommodation in the city. The ITAC staff provide personalised trauma-informed support and look to resettle them in longer term accommodation where they will receive appropriate support.</p>

## Notices and Dates for your Diaries

### Lent Lunches

If you would like to host a lunch during Lent in aid of a charity of your own choice please get in touch with Sue Payne (susanruthpayne@gmail.com or 01223 328996).

### Foodbank Collections

Please bring donations for the foodbank to church on Sunday 1st February, or on Thursday 5th February to 19 Kings Road (Eleanor Scott) 9am-3pm, or 1 Millington Road (Rosey Gardiner) 8am-6pm. The weekly email has an up-to-date list of what's needed.

### Men's Informal Coffee Group

Over the last few months, a growing number of men from St Mark's have gathered each Monday at 10:30 am for coffee at Wolfson College. The group meets at the gate on Barton Road and then walks straight in to the Porter's Lodge and through to the college's coffee bar. There is no formal programme, just drinks, chat and laughter. All St Mark's men are welcome to come and join the discussions.

### Bound by Love

On Friday, 13th February at 7.30pm, St Mark's Arts & Events Team presents an evening of words and music from Jane Bower (readings and songs), Peter Britton (piano) and Philippa Jones (cello). Jane and friends invite us to reflect upon and enjoy myriad expressions of love on this St Valentine's Eve. Admission is free but there will be a retiring collection.

## Useful contacts

**For pastoral enquiries or questions about special services (baptisms, weddings, and funerals) please contact our vicar. For information about our visiting group please contact our administrator.**

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