

# Welcome to our worship

Ingrave Churches: St Stephen's, St Nicholas'  
and All Saints East Horndon (CofE)

1st February 2026

Today is Epiphany 4 - "Do whatever he tells you"

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**Welcome to our service.**  
**If you're new here we'd**  
**love to welcome you.**  
**Please introduce**  
**yourself and stay for**  
**coffee.**

To find out more about our  
churches and how we're  
trying to serve the  
community, speak to a  
member of the  
congregation or visit our  
web site  
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## **Brentwood Foodbank:**

**February shortages:**  
Tuna/sardines, cornbeef,  
tinned fruit, tinned custard,  
tinned macaroni cheese,  
long life milk, instant  
coffee, rice bags/pouches,  
washing powders.

**Please be as generous**  
**as you can to help local**  
**people in need of help.**

## **Have you been baptised?**

If you're interested in  
baptism (adult or child)  
please speak to Paul.

## **Collect for** **Epiphany 4**

**God our creator, who in**  
**the beginning**  
**commanded the light to**  
**shine out of darkness:**  
**we pray that the light of**  
**the glorious gospel of**  
**Christ may dispel the**  
**darkness of ignorance**  
**and unbelief, shine into**  
**the hearts of all your**  
**people, and reveal the**  
**knowledge of your glory**  
**in the face of 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.**

## **Special Notice**

*Please consider joining our*  
*team of readers or*  
*intercessors for Sunday*  
*worship. Speak to Paul or*  
*one of the PWs for more*  
*info.*

## **300th Anniversary of St** **Nicholas' 2034-36**

To join the group looking  
at preparing the building  
for the next 300 years,  
please speak to Paul

## **£ Giving Support the** **Church £**

*Offering plate and a QR*  
*code at the back of*  
*church. To give on a*  
*monthly basis please visit*  
*the website.*

*This week .*

## **Tuesday**

10:30am, Collective  
Worship at IJS

8pm, Alpha via Zoom

## **Wednesday**

9:15 Toddler Church/St N  
10am HolyCommunion/N

## **Thursday**

11am, Holy Communion at  
St Stephen's

## **Friday**

10am - 12noon:  
Foodbank collections at St  
Stephen's

*One of our IJS teachers is*  
*running the London*  
*Marathon to raise funds for*  
*St Francis Hospice. Click*  
*[here](#) to support*

# Today's Bible Readings

## 1 Corinthians 1.18-end

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

19 For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' 20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

26 Consider your own call, brothers and sisters:

not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

28 God chose what is low and despised in the

Do  
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John 2:1-11

world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, 29 so that no one might boast in the presence of God. 30 He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

## John 2:1-11

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also

been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' 4 And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.'

5 His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' 6 Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim.

8 He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it.

9 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom

10 and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**This week's Alpha: Why Did Jesus Die?**  
**What difference could it make to my life?**  
Try Alpha: This Tue on Zoom.

No need to register. Click below to join  
<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84184849578>

Alpha