

who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter). *John 7.85-42*

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord  
**ALL Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### **Prayer for the Week**

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service: strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Bible Readings next week Third Sunday after Epiphany**

Isaiah 9.1-4 Ps 27.1-10 1 Corinthians 1.10-18 Matt. 4.12-25

### **Pray for the Faithful Departed**

We remember before God: Daisy Searby, Bessie Dutra, Frederick Barber, Richard Vines, Katherine Palliser, Moira Wischer *whose anniversaries occur this week.*

### **Commemorations of the Week**

**January 22 Vincent of Saragossa**, Spain (d. 304). Deacon and martyr in the Roman persecutions. Nothing certain is known of his life, except his martyrdom. **January 24 Companions of St. Paul, Timothy, Titus and Silas.** Referred to in Paul's Letters and the Acts of the Apostles. **January 25 Conversion of Paul the Apostle.** Described in Acts 9.3-10; 22.6-16, & 26.12-18. Paul's conversion involved a complete re-reading of the Hebrew scriptures as he came to understand Jesus as messiah, having previously considered him cursed by God.

### **St George's SUMMER SCHOOL 24 -26 January**

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### **January arrangements**

Parish groups are in recess in January. During the week the Holy Eucharist is celebrated each Thursday at 10.15am. The Parish Office reopened 9 January with limited hours.



**St George's Anglican Church | Malvern**

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**15 January 2017**

**Sentence** God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *7 Corinthians 7.5*

### **Collect**

You, who teach us a new song, and train our feet to follow: meet us in our searching and turn our eyes and hearts to the One who gives his life for the world; through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. **Amen.**

### **A reading from the book of Isaiah**

*This reading is another of the servant songs in Isaiah. Here the servant is plainly identified as Israel the nation. From its infancy Israel had been God's chosen servant, intended to make God's glory evident among all nations. This song laments the failure of that mission but concludes with acknowledging that God's purposes come about despite human shortcomings.*

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.'

And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings

shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.’  
*Isaiah 49.1-7*

Reader Hear the word of the Lord  
**ALL Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 40.1-14 APBA page 262 at 10am TiS 23**

*This psalm is thanksgiving for deliverance from trouble. In response to God’s goodness, the psalmist will live according to God’s ways as a ‘sacrifice’ of praise instead of a formal offering in the Temple.*

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

*From Paul’s letters we learn that he was a team leader who worked closely with others, women as well as men, in the mission of the infant Church. We also learn that the church in each place lived in relationship to the church in every place. The theme of unity among all Christians dominates this letter.*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of\* Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*7 Corinthians 7.7-9*

Reader May your word live in us  
**ALL and bear much fruit to your glory.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**ALL Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
Jesus returned to Galilee and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

**ALL Alleluia!**  
Reader The Lord be with you

**ALL And also with you**  
Reader A reading from the holy gospel according to St Matthew

**ALL Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*John the Baptist’s ministry was to testify to Jesus. Here he calls him ‘the Lamb of God’ and links Jesus’ life to the removal of the guilt and shame of human wrongdoing in the way that the Passover lamb removed the preceding year’s sins. Later John’s gospel will place Jesus’ crucifixion on the day of Preparation before Passover when a lamb was sacrificed in the Temple. Jesus is the true Passover lamb whose death ends the violence of sacrifice forever.*

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus,