

THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, ALFRETON &  
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2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Christmastide: Weekly Bulletin 03<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
CONFESIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

**Saturday 03<sup>rd</sup> January:** 6.30pm Mass: Molly Egan RIP

**Sunday 04<sup>th</sup> January:** 10.30am Mass: Becky Smith RIP

**Monday 05<sup>th</sup> January: Epiphany (Holiday of Obligation)**  
**Eve Mass 6.30pm:** Winnie Stenson Ints

**Wednesday 07<sup>th</sup> January:**

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Izabela & Krzysztof Ints

**Friday 09<sup>th</sup> January:**

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Mary Hickey Ints

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January:** 6.30pm Mass: Mieczyslaw RIP

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January:** 10.30am Mass: Michael O'Donnell Ints

Sick & Housebound:

**Please pray for** – Shirley Oakes, Ian Martin, Val Kerlin, Mary Pfeffer, Hazel Titon, Martin Mullally, Elsie Stewart, Brian Bradford, Peter Egan. Ted Bennett, Jim Johnson, John Oliver, Karen Parker, Bridie Joyce, Mick Mullarkey, Kath McGrath, Mark McCallum, Roseanne Coyne, Cecilia Fletcher, Thomas Graczky Maureen Fuller, Paul Fuller, Isobel Hopkins, Diana Davey, Eugene Grant, Patrick Mackell and Pennie Burton. **Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.**

This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Moya Mellors/Alison Bailey

Sunday 10.30am Fiona Molumby/Catherine Galloway

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Laveena/Feo

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller

Sunday 10.30am: Francis O'Brien/Fungai Chingwenje

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Shawn/Laura Morris

Clay Cross

**Sunday 04<sup>th</sup> January:** 9am Mass: Jennings Family Ints

**Tuesday 06<sup>th</sup> January: Epiphany**  
**(Holiday of Obligation)**

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Sheila Hall Ints

**Thursday 08<sup>th</sup> January:**

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Mary Shelton Ints

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January:** 9am Mass: James Family Ints

January 2026 Cleaners

**Alfreton:** Bridget W

**Clay Cross:** Maggie Smith

Collection for 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Alfreton	£303.83
Clay Cross	£220.10
Standing Order	£237.00

<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>£760.93</b>
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Candles CTK	£51.51
Christmas Collection	£1205.54

*Many thanks for your generosity*

**“Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection”**

Winston Churchill

Christ the King Alfreton & SS Patrick & Brigid church Clay Cross:

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## **Second Collection: Next Saturday/Sunday (10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December): Sick and Retired Priests**

**Heartfelt Thank you:** As we started the new year 2026, I would like to offer a heartfelt and personal thank you to all of you who sent me your good wishes, cards, prayers, and generous gifts. I am truly grateful for your kindness and thoughtfulness. On behalf of the parish, I would also like to express a sincere word of thanks to everyone who worked so hard to prepare our churches for this year's celebrations. Your time, effort, and quiet dedication do not go unnoticed. Thank you as well to all who have supported parish life in so many ways throughout 2025: our PPC members, Finance Committee, Parish Hall manager, catechists, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, readers, church cleaners, collectors, counters, musicians, florists, altar servers, and all those who help in anyway make our churches warm, prayerful, and welcoming every single Sunday. Each role, whether seen or unseen, is a gift to the parish community. As we continue to discern the shape of parish life moving forward, we recognise that there are challenges ahead. Yet we are deeply grateful to God for the gift of faith we share and for the privilege of living and witnessing that faith together in our small corner of the Church. I wish you all a very Happy New Year 2026. May God bless you and your families with peace, good health, and renewed hope in the year ahead.

**First Holy Communion session** for candidates and parents on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 5pm.

**Parish Lunch, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm** We look forward to seeing you there.

**Volunteers needed:** This coming Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, and on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January we will celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Liturgically, the Christmas season concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Following the Sunday Masses on Baptism of our Lord, at Alfreton after 10.30am Mass and Clay Cross after 9am Mass, we would like to take down the Christmas decorations, tidy the churches, and put everything back in good order. If you are able to spare a little time after Mass, your help would be greatly appreciated. We are looking for willing and committed volunteers for this simple act of charity and service to our parish community. Many hands make light work — and it is also a lovely way to work together as a parish family. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

**Just a quick and friendly heads-up for everyone.** As you may know, the Lloyds Bank branch in Alfreton will be closing on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026. We will still be able to pay cash into the parish account at any Post Office. However, Lloyds have recently informed us that from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026, cheques will no longer be accepted at the Post Office and can only be paid in at a Lloyds branch, such as Sutton or Chesterfield. Thankfully, we don't receive many cheques, but to avoid extra travel, work, and confusion, we kindly ask hall hirers and donors, where possible, to pay directly into the parish account. Paying by direct debit or bank transfer will really help simplify things for everyone. All the bank details are already available in the newsletter. Thank you, as always, for your understanding and support.

**Musically minded parishioners may be interested in the Meet the Director of Music event at the Cathedral on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January** where, in a presentation of both words and organ music, Peter Siepmann will share some of his own musical history, as well as some thoughts about Music at the Cathedral; admission is free, but those attending are asked to register online at <http://stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/what-s-on/upcoming-events/meet-the-director-of-music> [cathedralmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:cathedralmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**The synodal parish: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm.** Join Canon Andrew Cole for the first diocesan Mission Lab of 2026. We'll explore how listening, praying and growing together can release your parish for mission, bring a renewed sense of common purpose, and nourish community leadership. Register for the Zoom link at [bit.ly/mission-lab](https://bit.ly/mission-lab)

**New Year 2026: Resolutions, Faith, and Parish Commitment:** As we begin a new year 2026, many of us make resolutions — to be healthier, kinder, more patient, or more prayerful. These intentions are good, but as Christians and as a parish family, our New Year resolutions can go even deeper. The Church gently reminds us that faith is not lived in isolation, but in community. Before we think about preaching the Gospel outside our parish, we are first called to live the Gospel within it. Jesus Himself said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:35). A loving, welcoming, forgiving parish is the most powerful sermon we can ever give. Late Pope Francis often reminds us that the Church is not a museum for saints, but a hospital for sinners. That means our parish must be a place where people feel accepted, listened to, supported, and encouraged — even when we are imperfect. Creating such a community requires commitment: commitment to prayer, to patience, to volunteering, to forgiveness, and to walking together even when it is not easy. In 2026, let us resolve not just to attend our parish, but to belong to it. Let us speak kindly, avoid gossip, offer solutions rather than complaints, and support one another in times of joy and difficulty. Let us make space for the young, care for the elderly, welcome newcomers, and encourage those whose faith feels fragile. The Gospel grows best in good soil — and that soil is our parish community. When our parish becomes a place of love, unity, service, and joy, the Gospel will naturally shine beyond our walls. May this New Year be a time when each of us asks: What small step can I take to make our parish a more loving community? With God's grace, and by working together, 2026 can be a year of renewed faith, deeper unity, and joyful witness. Let us walk this New Year together — trusting that God, who has begun this good work in us, will bring it to completion.