



## SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



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### **Second Sunday before Lent**

Welcome to Saint John's especially all who are visiting today.

An audio *loop system* is in operation for those with hearing aids. The order of service is available to download from the website and the 10.30am is livestreamed on St John's Malone YouTube channel. Those baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and are communicant members of their own church are welcome to receive Holy Communion, according to conscience.

**Today: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel *said***

**10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist Coffee/tea follows this service**

**The Eucharist ~See service booklet for 10:30am if available or below for page references in the BCP 2004**

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**Collect**

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

## First Reading Genesis 1:1–15, 26-2:3

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. <sup>6</sup>And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. <sup>9</sup>And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. <sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” <sup>27</sup>So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup>God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. <sup>2</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Second Reading** Romans 8:18–25

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading *Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Mathew chapter six beginning at verse twenty five. **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ***

### **Matthew 6:25–34**

<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to

your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God our creator,  
by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart  
of the earthly paradise,  
and the Bread of life at the heart of your Church.  
May we who have been nourished at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's Cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Services this week**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm Zoom Compline** See eNewsletter for access code and link

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February** with prayer for those in need will take place in the Side Chapel. The prayer list is in the Side Chapel.

*A cup of tea/coffee is now available after this service.*

**Next Sunday: Sunday before Lent | 15.02.26**

**9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel** *said*

**10.30 a.m. Family Eucharist** *Coffee / Tea follows this service and all are welcome*



## **Prayer Diary: Week beginning 18/01/2026**

### **Porvoo Communion Churches:**

**Church of England:** Diocese of Worcester, vacancy – bishop of Worcester, Bishop Martin Gorick (acting bishop)

**Church of Norway:** Diocese of Hamar, Bishop Ole Kristian Bonden

**Notices:** Sign up for the regular email Newsletter – Please do sign up for this to keep up to date with the parish programme events and link to the parish magazine.

**PARISH MAGAZINE:** A limited number of hard copies of the magazine will be available at the rear of the church but printed copies of the magazine are limited as we move to digital distribution of the Magazine by a link in the eNewsletter. Please let the parish office know if you do not already receive the eNewsletter by email [secstjohns@btconnect.com](mailto:secstjohns@btconnect.com)

**Contactless Payments** The Select Vestry has made a contactless payment devices available in the parish and may be used for any donations you'd like to make at social time after the service in the hall or in the vestibule.

**Giving and Stewardship** in St Johns' much of our income received is through the Free Will Offering Scheme using either envelopes or increasingly, by Standing Order. Standing order forms are available by asking the Churchwardens or contacting the Office or [secstjohns@btconnect.com](mailto:secstjohns@btconnect.com). Alternatively if you wish to make a donation then the account details for St John's are also available from the Wardens. Your donations help us maintain our buildings and support ministry and outreach here in St John's and more widely.

### **Organising your wedding in St John's**

Weddings are special occasions in the life of any family and of the Church. We'd be delighted to talk to anyone contemplating their wedding in St John's. When considering getting married please check possible dates with the Rector before confirming any other arrangements. It is expected that couples will make a regular commitment to the life of the Church in preparation for marriage.

### **Hospital Visiting**

The Rector would appreciate knowing if parishioners are going into or are in hospital or discharged and is pleased to offer pastoral support.

### **Safeguarding**

The Rector, select vestry and parish leaders are committed to uphold the good practice to the parish's ministry with children, young people and vulnerable adults. Should you have any concern or suspicion regarding child welfare in the parish please contact a member of the **Parish panel**. Rev Canon Stephen Fielding 9066 6644 | Mrs Patricia Armstrong 07854005699  
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### **Church Organisations**

Sunday School; Mothers' Union; St John's Choir; Servers/Acolytes; Junior Orchestra; Parents & Toddlers; Seated Seniors Pilates; Walking Group; Study Group; Select Vestry and its Committees plus Churchwardens and Glebewardens' responsibilities; The Bigger Picture

### **Non-parochial groups**

Scout Group; Guide Organisations; Scottish Country Dancing; Cappella Caeciliana Choir; NI Community Chorus; Laura Walker Ballet School;

### **Other Parish Activities**

Parish Panel Safeguarding Team

Bible Reading Fellowship Notes are available

Thursday morning Eucharist & Coffee

Midweek Zoom Compline - online

Worship Rotas – reading, intercessing, administering the chalice

Audio Visual Team for livestreaming

Coffee Rota

Parish Magazine and eNewsletter

Advent & Lent Parish Books

Clergy Vestry Cleaning; Church Linen & Sacristy Team

Choir refreshments for Choral Evensong

Church Counting Rota

A small parish library is available to borrow from in the Edward Darling Room

The Book Exchange – available all through the week in the annex between the two halls

Church and Parish Halls and Rooms cleaning

Parish Office – see above

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