ECCLESHALL PARISH

Intercessions

18th January 2026

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Pause for reflection as you offer the day to God.
As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever.
Amen.



Intercessions for this Sunday received with thanks from Erin Sohnrey

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Let us pray to the Father, who reveals his Son to the world and calls us into his light.

Lord God,
we pray for your Church throughout the world, that it may faithfully reveal Christ to all people.
Strengthen bishops, priests, deacons, and all your people in their calling and witness.
We pray especially for our clergy team here in Eccleshall, Phillip, Stephen, James, Barry & Cassie, may they be fulfilled by your light and Holy Spirit.
Guide us to listen for your voice, and to respond with obedience and trust.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of light and truth,
we pray for the nations of the world,
that your justice and peace may be known among all peoples.
We remember those places torn by war, oppression, or fear,
and those who suffer because of poverty, disaster, or injustice.
May your light shine in the darkness, and bring hope where hope seems lost.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God,
we pray for those who hold authority and power, locally, nationally, and internationally.
Grant them wisdom, integrity, and compassion, that they may govern for the good of all,
and seek peace rather than self-interest.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Loving Father,
we pray for our local community and for all who live and work here.
Help us to recognise Christ among us, in friend and stranger alike.
Make us attentive to the needs of others and generous in love and service.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Compassionate God,
we bring before you all who are in need this day:
the sick and suffering, the lonely and anxious, those
who mourn, and all who feel unheard or unseen.
Reveal your healing presence to them, and
surround them with your love and peace.
We also pray for all those who care for them, in
hospitals, in residential facilities or in their own
homes. Bless them with your spirit of understanding
and compassion, that they may do the best by
those in their care.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Eternal God,
we remember before you those who have died,
especially those we hold dear.
Grant them rest in your eternal kingdom, where
your light never fades.
Comfort those who grieve with the hope of
resurrection.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
