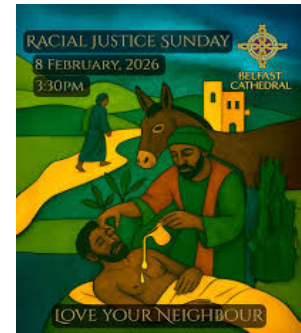




**8<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**  
We extend a warm welcome to  
Rev Ian Souter and to all our  
members, friends and visitors,



**For meditation:** *God of compassion, comfort our loneliness.  
God of tenderness, confirm our faith.  
God of the Cross, strengthen our endurance.*

*A prayer of a Ugandan Christian*

### **NEWS AND VIEW**

Today is Racial Justice Sunday. It is a day dedicated to addressing issues of racism and promoting racial justice within the church and society. The theme for this year emphasises the importance of love and respect for all individuals, encouraging communities to reflect on their roles in fostering inclusivity and understanding among diverse groups.

The theme is taken from 1 John 4:21 "Whoever loves God must also love his brother"

**And** for the romantics you might have noticed that this week also brings Valentine's Day on Saturday!

Apparently there were two St Valentine's martyred in Rome in 269-270AD, about the same time as the Roman feast of Lupercalia – this latter feast involved fertility rites in honour of the Goddess Februato Juno (or according to some, Pan). Or – the date could be down to folklore that said this was the day on which birds chose their mates!

### **FOR PRAYER**

God of all people, you are the one who brought us into being, knitting and weaving us together, and forming us even before we were born. God of all Nations, you stitch and sew this intricate image of you, like a garment of many colours, stitched, sewn and hemmed. Come Holy Spirit, show us your beauty reflected in all peoples of the earth, So that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary. Different faces of the one humanity that God loves.

*We remember the congregation at Trinity Radstock in our prayers this week.*

### **LECTIONARY READINGS** – 15 February

Exodus 24: 12 -18                      Psalm 2  
2 Peter 1: 16 -21                      Matthew 17: 1 - 9

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5: 14 – 16

### **DIARY**

#### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

Grace 3.30 – 4.30pm

After school fun for children with a Guardian. Helpers welcome from 2.30pm

#### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

Café 9.30 – 12 noon

All welcome.

#### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

Morning worship 11.00am

led by Greville Mills

### **Every Person was Created**

Every person was created  
by God's glorious grace.  
Formed with many variations,  
all can find a place;  
all have got a special value,  
purpose, in the human race.

Young and old from every nation,  
one great family  
can create, in combination,  
hope and harmony;  
with our different skills and talents,  
make one marvellous unity.

With new peace and understanding  
all can thrive and grow;  
children, adults, learn together  
where God's world might go,  
if we lean upon each other  
what true richness we can know.

We must free our full potential  
to respect and care,  
God lights up our live through others,  
breaks through everywhere;  
lifts his people up triumphant  
when we recognise him there.

Miriam Bennett