

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**The Baptism of Christ**

10.00 a.m. Church Family Communion with Children's Church

4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

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**Collect for Today**

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

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**Service Readings**

Isaiah 43:1-7 (*p.682*), Acts 8:14-17 (*p.123*) and Luke 3:15-17,21-22 (*p.57*)

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**Please pray for**

... Shirley Parfoot, Rupert Tear, Lucy Wallis and Roger Young.

... the family and friends of Brian Phillips, Joseph Parke, Lilian Bottomley, Jim Harris, Graham Sparks whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in Queen Eleanor's Road, Raymond Crescent, Reindorp Close and Ridgemount.

... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

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**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**Financial Giving**

We take a collection during our services. If you don't give regularly by standing order or the envelope scheme, please put your donation in the bag, tap the card reader on your way out, or use the QR code on the back of this news-sheet. Thank you.

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## Dear Friends

Today, in our Sunday Services, we'll be focussing on the Baptism of Jesus. It took place right at the beginning of his ministry, and is recorded by all four Gospel writers. Many people were coming to the Jordan river to be baptised by John the Baptist; and Jesus also comes. As John baptises him the heavens open and the Holy Spirit descends on him like a dove; and he hears those extraordinary words, 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased' (Luke 3:22).

Jesus' baptism is the second event in this season of Epiphany. It began last Sunday with the Wise Men, or the Magi, following the star to Bethlehem, and finding Jesus there. That was the first 'Epiphany moment', or moment of revelation or realisation; Jesus is the Messiah for the whole world, not just for the Jews. Jesus' baptism is the second 'Epiphany moment'; here we discover Jesus as God's dearly beloved Son – and God as a deeply loving Father; here we also discover the Holy Spirit – the third person of the Trinity. It's a moment in time when we see God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit acting together – the Trinity revealed.

Through these five Sundays in Epiphany we'll be discovering more of the way the Lord revealed himself – in ways that are often deeply human. We'll consider how the Lord might reveal himself to us today, if we have eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts that are open to his presence among us....

**Beverly**

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## Mission Focus for January: Church Mission Society (CMS)

After a gap of five years, CMS returns to the list of Organisations being financially supported by All Saints' Church. CMS is one of the main overseas mission groups supported by the Church of England. Its current aims are to bring the Gospel of Jesus to all parts of the globe, but especially to those people whom Jesus would now regard as living at the edges of Society. That might include migrants and displaced peoples, but there are many more who would fit that description. More information may be found in the magazine and at the CMS website: [churchmissionsociety.org](http://churchmissionsociety.org)

## Notices

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**Tea Time Church:** This week at Tea Time Church we will be considering Jesus' baptism and how it reflects both his humility and his authority. Jo Dwyer will be leading us.

**Funding for The Big Build:** We're delighted to announce that following many generous donations over the past three weeks, the total money we have raised since the fund opened last year is **£269,066**. Thank you to all who have given so generously. This is a fantastic achievement and an answer to prayer.

We're still aiming to raise **£300,000** towards the cost of the project in order to attract grant funding. Please give as generously as you possibly can if you've not done so already!

**Greenbelt Talks:** Over the next three months, there will be an opportunity to join friends in the Vicarage to listen to some of the excellent talks given at Greenbelt last year. We'll listen to a talk and then discuss it afterwards. Feel free to bring knitting, doodling, whatever – to aid listening! Dates for the sessions are: Tuesdays 21<sup>st</sup> January, 25<sup>th</sup> February and 18<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm-9.30pm. Please sign up in the foyer if you'd like to come.

**Installation & Welcome of the Dean of Guildford Cathedral:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm. This is a ticketed event (free) and we have secured 10 tickets. Please let Trish know if you would like one of these tickets, it would be nice to use them all!

**Pancake Party!** On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March we'll be holding our annual Pancake Party in church, between 5pm and 7pm. Tell your friends and neighbours and come and enjoy a very special Shrove Tuesday together.

**Lent Course 2025:** Our Lent course will start on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm. This year we'll be meeting in person at the Vicarage for 5 Wednesday evenings in a row. Watch this space for more information!

**APCM:** This year we'll be holding our APCM on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 11.15am in church. We'll be electing new PCC members and appointing a new warden to work alongside Robin. Please let Beverly know if you'd like to serve All Saints by taking on one of these roles.

**Carolyn & Peter:** We'll be holding a leaving service, followed by tea, at 4pm on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Please put this date in your diary. If you'd like to make cakes for this, please let Trish know.

**Electoral Roll Office:** Richard Pointer has been our Electoral Role officer for several years and is looking to stand down. If you've got some time to help Richard with the renewal of the roll next year we'd be really grateful. Please do talk to Richard, Trish or Beverly if you think you could help.

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## Diary for the Coming Week

**Morning prayer Mon, Tues and Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and Zoom. Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.**

- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Team meeting, Vicarage, 10.00am  
Barnabas Group, 26 Manor Way, 4.00pm
- Tues 14<sup>th</sup> PCC Meeting, Vicarage, 7.15pm
- Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Lunch Group, Wilders, 12.30pm  
Dray Court Service, 2.30pm  
Deanery Synod, St Mary's Church, 7.30pm
- Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am  
Young Adults Study Group, 6 Scillonian Road, 7.30pm
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 9.30am
- Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Prayer Breakfast, Vicarage, 8.30am
- Sun 19<sup>th</sup> BCP Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am  
Morning Worship with Children's Church, 10.00am  
Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm  
Youth Group, Hall, 5.30pm

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## Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Ps. 146, Amos 6, 1 Corinthians 6:1-11
- Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Ps. 132, Amos 7, 1 Corinthians 6:12-end
- Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> Ps. 81, Amos 8, 1 Corinthians 7:1-24
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Ps. 76, Amos 9, 1 Corinthians 7:25-end
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Ps. 27, Hosea 1:1-2:1, 1 Corinthians 8
- Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Ps. 66, Ezekiel 3:22-end, Philippians 3:1-14

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## Service Readings for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January: Second of Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 and John 2:1-11

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