

Sunday 2 January

## Baptism of Christ

A very warm welcome to  
our Service today



When the Lord had been baptised, the heavens opened, and the Spirit came down like a dove to rest on him. Then the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with him I am well pleased. Mt 3. 16-17

### Hymn 1

Jesus Christ is waiting

### Hymn 2

When Jesus came to Jordan

### Hymn 3

Touch the earth lightly

### Hymn 4

Come now, O Prince  
of peace

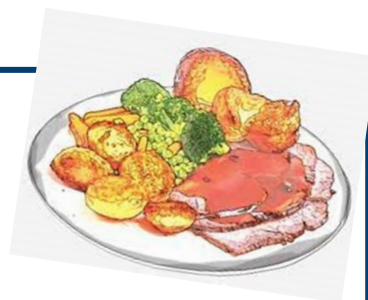
### Hymn 5

Source and fount of  
all creation



## Sunday Lunch at the Golf Club 6 February 12.30pm

The next lunch at the Golf Club will be held on the above date, everyone is very welcome. To book please contact Pat Napper 01883 744026 or Ann Pressey 01883 744191



## Sunday Club

Sunday club meets on the second and fourth Sunday's of each month. We start in Church and then go out to Church House.

Join our Facebook group | **St Mary's Bletchingley-Sunday Club**  
or email [Katedoody2012@gmail.com](mailto:Katedoody2012@gmail.com)

## Hungry Hermit Café

Every Tuesday 10am-12noon for refreshments and cake. Come along and enjoy a refreshing drink and a slice of cake with good company.

We adhere to Covid safe procedures, and we look forward to welcoming you!





## THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR...

**The Worldwide Church and the life of our Diocese**

**Our Rector** Revd. Phaedra Pamphilon-Green C.A.

**Her Majesty The Queen and the Royal Family** Dear God our Father,

we thank you for the blessings of our country and for the freedom which we enjoy. We pray for our Queen and her family, and for those who govern in her name. Give them health and strength, wisdom and courage, so that they may carry out their many duties in the best interests of all our people. Let all who have power remember that they are your servants, and that your Son came to serve rather than to be served. We ask this in his name, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Lord in your mercy:- Hear our prayer. Amen.

**The Communities of our United Benefice** Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfilment in loving you and their neighbours; Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, anxiety, or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Our Ministry with Christ Church South Nutfield**

**Our World and its needs** ALMIGHTY Father, at this unsettling time, we pray for your mercy across this nation and the world. Continue to give wisdom to the government and health experts, so they can advise us about the best action we can take. Please give NHS staff and other frontline workers the daily strength they need to endure through this difficult time. Help each one of us to act responsibly, to help others and to keep our eyes fixed on you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Our Link with Zimbabwe** The people of Zimbabwe and for Bishop Ignatius as he leads the diocese in trying to meet the needs of the people.

**Those who are unwell** Heavenly Father, help all who are unwell. Comfort them with your presence from day to day. Help those who suffer from starvation or homelessness. Be with those in hospital who suffer mentally and physically. Be with those who care for the sick, especially the nurses and doctors, every day of their working lives. We ask this in your name. Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer. Amen.

**We remember** Those When we are weary and in need of strength, When we are lost and sick at heart, We remember them. When we have a joy we crave to share, When we have decisions that are difficult to make, When we have achievements that are based on theirs, We remember them. At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, We remember them. At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer, At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn, We remember them. At the rising of the sun and at its setting, We remember them. As long as we live, they too will live; for they are now part of us As we remember them.





## Readings

**Collect Prayer** Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

### First Reading Acts 8. 14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.



### Gospel Reading Luke 3. 15-17, 21, 22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."



### 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

### Prayers for the week

O God, we pray for all those in our world who are suffering from injustice:  
 For those who are discriminated against because of their race, colour or religion;  
 For those imprisoned for working for the relief of oppression;  
 For those who are hounded for speaking the inconvenient truth;  
 For those tempted to violence as a cry against overwhelming hardship;  
 For those deprived of reasonable health and education;  
 For those suffering from hunger and famine;  
 For those too weak to help themselves  
 and who have no one else to help them;  
 For the unemployed who cry out for work but do not find it.  
 We pray for anyone of our acquaintance who is personally affected by injustice.  
 Forgive us, Lord, if we unwittingly share in the conditions or in a system that perpetuates injustice.  
 Show us how we can serve your children and make your love practical by washing their feet.  
 Mother Theresa of Calcutta Amen



### Love never fails

Even in the darkest moments, love gives hope.

Love compels us to fight against coronavirus alongside our sisters and brothers living in poverty.

Love compels us to stand together in prayer with our neighbours near and far.

Love compels us to give and act as one.

Now, it is clear that our futures are bound together more tightly than ever before.

As we pray in our individual homes - around the nation and around the world -  
we are united as one family.

So, let us pause and find a moment of peace, as we lift up our hearts together in prayer.



## Daily Readings for the Week

|       |        |                |                  |                     |
|-------|--------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Mon   | 10 Jan | Psalm 106:1-12 | Judges 4:1-16    | Ephesians 6:10-17   |
| Tues  | 11 Jan | Psalm 106:1-12 | Judges 5:12-21   | 1 John 5:13-21      |
| Weds  | 12 Jan | Psalm 106:1-12 | Numbers 27:1-11  | Luke 11:33-36       |
| Thurs | 13 Jan | Psalm 36:5-10  | Jeremiah 3:1-5   | Acts 8:18-24        |
| Fri   | 14 Jan | Psalm 36:5-10  | Jeremiah 3:19-25 | 1 Corinthians 7:1-7 |
| Sat   | 15 Jan | Psalm 36:5-10  | Jeremiah 4:1-4   | Luke 11:14-23       |

## Other Services at St. Mary's Monday to Saturday

The church is open daily from 9am - 5pm for morning and evening prayer.



## Upcoming Services at St. Mary's

|                                    |               |                                  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Sun 9 Jan                          | 8am           | Holy Communion                   |
| Baptism of Christ                  | 9.30am        | Holy Communion & Sunday Club     |
| Sun 16 Jan                         | 8am           | Holy Communion                   |
| 2nd Sunday of Epiphany             | 9.30am        | Holy Communion                   |
| 18 - 25 Jan                        | 12 noon Daily | Prayers in Church                |
| Week of Prayer for Christian Unity |               |                                  |
| Sun 23 Jan                         | 8am           | Holy Communion                   |
| 3rd Sunday of Epiphany             | 9.30am        | Holy Communion & Sunday Club     |
| Thurs 27 Jan                       | 8pm           | Service of Prayer and Reflection |
| Holocaust Memorial Day             |               |                                  |
| Sun 30 Jan                         | 8am           | Holy Communion                   |
| Candlemas                          | 9.30am        | Holy Communion with Baptism      |

Services at Bletchingley unless specified as Nutfield

## Baptism at St. Mary's

We pray for **Ava Barker** and her family, Godparents and all those in her life as they prepare **Ava** for her baptism on **30 January**.

Lord, surround this child with goodness, lead her in Your light each day; Help **Ava** walk the path You've chosen, guide her steps along the way. Teach her Lord, to trust Your wisdom with a faith from up above; Keep her from all harm, and bless her always with Your grace and love.

Amen



# Getting in Touch

## Rev Phe.

If you are unwell, have any problems, would like help, if you, or someone you know, would like to talk to, or be prayed for at our daily prayers during the week, then please do contact Rev Phe (if you are asking on behalf of someone else please seek their permission).



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## The Benefice Office

Elaine is in the office on Monday-Wednesday, 9am-4pm, however, the days/hours may vary on occasions.

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## Hatch & Match with Rev Phe

If you would like to discuss a baptism or are planning to marry, then please, in the first instance, contact Elaine in the office to arrange a meeting with Rev Phe.



## Copy Deadline

(see front page for any amended office hours/days)

Please send notices to Elaine via the office as above, **by 10am each Tuesday** for inclusion in the next Sunday sheet, thank you.



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