



Family Service Remembering our Baptisms

11th January 2026, 10:30am

Welcome to this service. Please join in with the words in **bold**.

If you have children with you and they get restless during the service please don't worry, we won't.

Call to Worship

Please remain seated as Rev'd Jenni Crewes greets us;

One: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Many: **Amen.**

One: Christ has brought us out of hopelessness

Many: **To live in God's wonderful light.**

One: Christ has brought us to new life

Many: **To live in God's glorious hope.**

Welcome

We remain seated as we receive words of welcome and introduction.

One: Dear Friends,
God is love, God gives us life.
We love because God first loves us.
In baptism God declares that love;
In Christ God calls us to respond.

We rejoice today as a family as we thank you, O God
for the gift of your love and remember our baptisms.

Water is poured into the font to remind us of baptism;

So let us pray: We praise you, loving Creator, for the gift of Jesus. He was baptized in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him.
Now, life-giving God,

we ask you to bless this water,
that through it we may be cleansed in the water of
life, and, filled with your Spirit,
and reminded that we are loved as your children, safe
in Christ for ever.

Many: Amen.

Opening song: Baptised in water
We stand as able to sing.

Baptised in water,
sealed by the Spirit
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king;
heirs of salvation,
trusting his promise -
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king;
one with his rising,
freed and forgiven
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king;
born of one Father,
we are his children -
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Michael Saward (born 1932)
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Reading: Matthew 3:13-15

We remain seated and listen to the reading.

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.

¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

One: This is the word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

*How do we know we are loved
We sit as we are led in a time of reflection.*

Hymn: And can it be

We stand as able to sing no. 376 in Common Praise

Why baptism

We sit as we listen to the reflection.

Saying Sorry

We remain seated or kneel.

One: God created us for wonder and joy,
 But there is darkness here too and suffering.
 Christ came to show us the way of love that
 transforms all.

We spend a few moments in quiet.

We then all say together:

Many: **God of mercy**
 we are sorry;
 we have not always turned away from sin.
 we have not always trusted in Christ.
 In your love heal our mistakes
 transform our hearts
 and help us to follow you. Amen.

Absolution

We are assured of God's forgiveness;

One: May the God of love
 bring *us* back to himself,
 forgive *us* our sins,
 and assure *us* of God's eternal love
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Song: Amazing love

*We listen or join in with the song while we are invited to splash
ourselves with water from the font, or mark our foreheads with the
water as a symbol of God's forgiveness.*

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken
I'm accepted, you were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your spirit is within me
Because you died and rose again

*Amazing love, how can it be?
That you, my king. Would die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true
Its my joy to honour you
Amazing love how can it be?
That my king would die for me
Amazing love I know it's true*

Its my joy to honour you

In all I do, I honour you

You are my king

You are my king

Jesus, you are my king

Jesus, you are my king

Affirming our Faith

We remain standing as able to re-affirm our baptism promises and our faith;

One: Dear friends, we are children of the same Heavenly Father. We all bear the mark of God's love.

Will you continue to support those baptized in their journey of faith?

Many: **With the help of God, we will.**

One: Will you help each other to live and grow within God's family?

Many: **With the help of God, we will.**

One: Will you pray for each other and help each other to follow Christ?

Many: **With the help of God, we will.**

One: Let us affirm together our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life,

the one for whom we exist?

Many: **We believe and trust in him.**

One: Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

Many: **We believe and trust in him.**

One: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

Many: **We believe and trust in him.**

One: This is the faith of the Church.

Many: **This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers

We sit or kneel as we are led in prayer. At the end of each bidding;

One: By the light of your presence

Many: **Fill us with your glory**

At the end:

One: As our Saviour taught us so we pray, in whatever form or
language comes most naturally;

Our Father

Our Father,

in heaven,

Who art in heaven,

hallowed be your name.

Hallowed be thy name

Your kingdom come,

Thy kingdom come

your will be done,

Thy will be done

on earth as in heaven.
Give us today
our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory
are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation.
But deliver us from evil.
For thine
is the kingdom,
the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: One more step along the world

We stand as able to sing no. 548 in Common Praise. During the hymn a collection for the mission and ministry of the church will be taken (you can also give through the contactless card reader on exit).

Notices

We remain seated as we listen to any family news and notices.

Final Reflection

We sit to listen to a short reflection to send us out.

Final Hymn and Re-lighting of Candles

We stand as able for our final hymn. During the first verse we will light our candles from each other.

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

*Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

*Shine, Jesus, shine...
As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me*

*Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light*

Blessing and dismissal

We remain standing to receive God's blessing

One: God give us grace,
to become the people God has called us to be,
that we may shine as lights in the world
to God's praise and glory;
and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with each of you now and forever.

Many: Amen

One: Jesus said 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

Many: Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God.

*Feel free to blow out your candles after the voluntary (final
music)*

Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits are served at the back of church after the service. Do stay if you can.

NEWS AND NOTICES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The sanctuary flowers this week are the gift of

UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 14 th January 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 18 th January 10:30am:	Holy Communion
Wednesday 21 st January 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 25 th January 10:30am:	Holy Communion

NEW FOR 2026 - BREATHING SPACE

“Breathing Space” is a new monthly gathering for contemplative, silent prayer. This is an ancient Christian practice of being attentive to the presence of a loving God within us and around us, and offers us a time of stillness and peace in our noisy and distracted world. Each gathering will begin with a short introductory reading leading into 20mins silent prayer, following our breath or reciting a prayer word to still our minds. We end with 5 – 10 mins of conversation about the practice.

Breathing Space will take place on the 3rd Friday of each month: 16th Jan, 20th Feb, 20th March, at 10 - 10.45am in the vestry. Please enter the church through the back door in the car park.

It is open to all who are seeking peace and who long for connection with God and community.

SERVICE FOR THE WEEK OF RAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, SUNDAY

18TH JANUARY, WARLEY WOODS METHODIST CHURCH

There will be an ecumenical service at Warley Woods Methodist Church at 4pm on Sunday 18th January. Everyone is very welcome and the kettle will be on after the service for some more informal community building.

WOMEN'S THEOLOGY

Mother Diane our curate and Mother Charlotte Gibson, who works for the diocese of Birmingham, run a Women's Theology Group fortnightly during term times. We meet on Thursday evening at St George's vicarage Edgbaston and on Friday morning at Evoke Cafe on Harborne High St. It's open to anyone who identifies as a woman and is 18 years of age and over. It's ecumenical, which means people come from a variety of churches in the local area. No preparation is necessary and it's suitable for all levels of knowledge and ability. Each week is a separate session so you can come as and when you like. We look at women's stories in the Bible and see how God shows the good news of themselves to the women and ourselves. If anyone is interested in coming along, speak to Mother Diane and she can give you more details. The next dates are 22nd and 23rd January, and 5th and 6th February.

January Eco Tips - RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch

The RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch (Friday 23-Sunday 25 January) is the world's largest garden wildlife survey! We've lost a staggering 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 60 years. With birds facing so many challenges, it's more important than ever to get involved in the Birdwatch. To take part, spend one hour counting the birds you see in one location and submit your findings to the RSPB. This could be in your garden, balcony, local park or join us after the service on Sunday 25

January to count what we see in the church gardens. Find out more at: [rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch](https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch)

HOLY COMMUNION SERVER(S) NEEDED

We are seeking a new member (or perhaps members!) to join our team of Holy Communion servers. This role includes assisting with the preparation of the altar, helping with the distribution of Holy Communion and clearing at the end of the service. Due to the nature of our building Servers need to be able to use stairs. Full training will be given, including Basic Awareness Safeguarding which is imperative for any volunteer role in the church. Please speak to Jenni or Ian if this interests you.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: PARISH SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR (PSC)

After over a decade in this role Anne Harris intends to step down at the next APCM. We are seeking to recruit in time for a smooth handover from Anne and for the next PSC to work alongside Mike Baynham as part of a team.

This role is; to work with the incumbent and PCC in promoting safeguarding within the parish, and to ensure that church leaders are implementing the Church of England's safeguarding guidance. The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is the key link person between the parish and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

This role requires an enhanced DBS and completion of several training modules offered by the Diocese. Good computer literacy is essential for this as it includes working with a database.

If you think this might be something you would be interested in and God is calling you to consider it, please speak to Anne Harris or Jenni Crewes. We can offer you a more detailed role description.

Please pray for the right person to be recruited for this essential aspect of parish life.

This week please pray for;

- The prayer ministry team as it meets to reflect and plan ahead on Wednesday.
- For the churches in our Oversight Area, Old Church Smethwick, St Mary Bearwood and St Matthew with St Chad Smethwick.
- For each of us to know Gods love for us in our homes, communities, work and volunteering.

To use our church wifi connect to BT-Q9C22K. Password is 'Hilda680'



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<u>Safeguarding information</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Never promise to keep a secret. 2. Assure the person that what they say will be taken seriously. 3. You might say “I will have to talk about what you have told me to the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator or the Vicar or the Bishop’s Safeguarding Advisor, and this will be with as much confidentiality as is possible”. http://www.sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk/SAFEGUARDING.html		

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