



Please Pray for

...those who have died, including:

David Lyon (Memorial Service 1230pm Mon 19th Jan), **Reginald Cloudsdale** and **Jenny Knowles** (Funeral 1pm Weds 21st January at Test Valley Crem)

...those who are unwell, including: **Brian Ambler, Debbie Arthur, Debbie Matthias, Gwyneth Page, Jeanine Stewart, Maisy** (aged 15 in hospital – head injuries), **Mavis Eastwood, Pam Farquharson, Rae Tugwell, Richard & Sue, and Simon Bell**

The 'Epiphany' (Greek *epiphaneia* – revealing, manifesting) is celebrated on 6 January. It refers to the revealing of the infant Christ to the 'Magi', the Wise Men from the East who discovered him to be the King of all the nations – Gentiles as well as Jews. That revelation was confirmed at Jesus' Baptism 30 years later when he was anointed with the Holy Spirit, and proclaimed the Son of God.

Daily Bible Readings:

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. Try to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	Matthew 3:13-17	The baptism of Jesus
Monday	Matthew 28:16-20	Baptism in the Triune name
Tuesday	Ezekiel 36:22-28	A new heart and a new spirit
Wednesday	Acts 8:26-40	An Ethiopian is baptized
Thursday	Romans 6:1-11	Baptized into Christ Jesus
Friday	Colossians 2:8-15	Made alive with Christ
Saturday	Psalm 89:1-4,19-29	God anoints David to be a son
Sunday	John 1:29-42	Jesus, the Lamb of God

Scripture Verse For This Week: Then a voice from heaven said, "This is my own dear Son, and I am pleased with him." Matthew 3:17 (CEV)

A Prayer for the Week: Lord God, please give us faith so that we hear you speaking to us. Teach us to listen for your voice. Amen

A Blessing to Give: Baptized child of God, may the Holy Spirit come and rest on you. May the Spirit make you strong and bless you with peace. Amen.

Readings for 18th January – 2nd of Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

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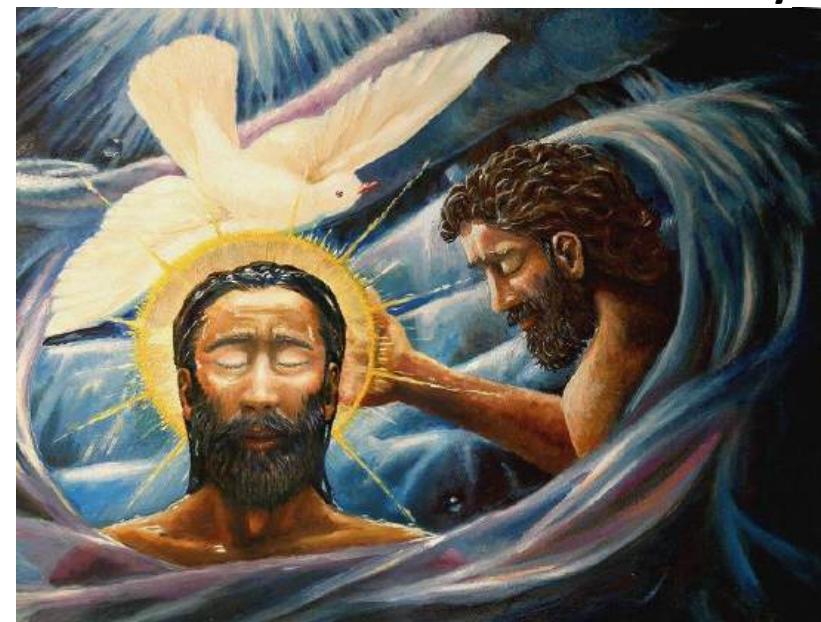
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**Thorngate & Blackwater
BENEFICE**

News & Notices - 11th to 18th January



Baptism of Christ - David Zelenka (2005)

Sunday 11th January – Baptism of Christ

8am	Communion (BCP) in West Tytherley
From 9am	Online Service www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches
9am	Communion (BCP) in East Dean
9.15am	Sung Eucharist in Wellow
10.30am	Eucharist in Lockerley
11am	Morning Prayer in Sherfield English
9pm	Online Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

Sunday 11th January – Baptism of Christ

Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-end
The prophet's vision of the Messiah, who will bring justice to the nations.	Peter's sermon to the Gentiles is the Christian story, from the preaching of John the Baptist to the resurrection and humankind's eventual judgement. Peter emphasises that God has no favourites.	Jesus is baptised at the beginning of his ministry, is publicly endorsed by God and receives the Holy Spirit.



Monday to Saturday

9am & 9pm Online Morning & Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

Wednesday 14th January

9am Eucharist at Lockerley

Sunday 18th January – 2nd of Epiphany

8am Communion (BCP) in East Dean

From 9am Online Service www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

9am Eucharist in West Tytherley

9.15am Sung Eucharist in Wellow

10.30am Celebration Service in Lockerley

11am Family Service in Sherfield English

9pm Online Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

	25 th Jan	1 st Feb	8 th Feb	15 th Feb
East Dean	6pm (BCP) Evensong	11am (BCP) Matins	9am (BCP) Communion	8am (BCP) Communion
East Tytherley	<i>Services will resume in warmer weather</i>			
Lockerley	10.30am Eucharist	8am (BCP) Communion 10.30am Celebration	10.30am Eucharist	10.30am Celebration
Sherfield English	11am Morning Prayer	11am Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am Family Service
West Tytherley	9am (BCP) Matins	9.45/10am Breakfast Church	8am (BCP) Communion	9am Eucharist
Wellow	8.15am (BCP) Communion 9.15am (BCP) Matins	9.15am Sung Eucharist 4pm Messy Church	9.15am Sung Eucharist	9.15am Sung Eucharist

In these parishes, the Church helps to raise money for UNICEF by hosting **Lent Lunches** (a simple meal of soup, bread and cheese) between Noon and 2pm every Saturday in Lent (21st February to 28th March). If you feel able to host one of these please get in touch with the Vicar (as soon as possible). All of the money given goes to UNICEF and attracts Gift Aid.



Charity of the Month

January 2026



Hope Now is a Christian charity that aims to "bring hope, by sharing the love of Jesus and making Him known by ministering to those in spiritual, physical and emotional need." They want the message of the Gospel to touch the hearts of young and old, rich and poor, healthy and infirm, free and imprisoned. Hope Now works mainly in Ukraine, but since 2014 the work has extended to Moldova and Sri Lanka.

The letters of HOPE indicate the areas of our work – Healthcare; Orphans; Prisons; and Education, Evangelism and Elderly. God has blessed this ministry since its beginning in 1985, and many lives have been changed for the better. Life is very difficult in Ukraine, and there is a great need to show compassion and love to the poor, but greater still is the need to introduce them to a God who loves and cares for them.

More details from: www.hopenow.org.uk

(Collection Baskets in Churches or send donations to Lockerley Vicarage)

