

ST JAMES CHURCH CLIFTON

THE VIEW FROM LISTER STREET



The Baptism of Christ (Piero della Francesca)

Dear Friends

On the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, we pause to give thanks for our own baptism – not by repeating it, but by remembering what it means for us as a community.

When Jesus Christ steps into the waters of the Jordan, he does so not because he needs repentance, but to stand alongside us. In those waters, heaven is opened, the Spirit descends, and Jesus is named God's beloved Son. What is revealed in him is promised to us.

In baptism, we are welcomed, named, and claimed – held in God's love before we have done anything to earn it. It reminds us that the Church is not a gathering of the perfect, but a place of grace, hospitality, safety, and belonging.

As we share in the Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism, we remember who we are and whose we are: a community rooted in Christ, shaped by love, and sent out to serve our neighbourhood with compassion, generosity, and hope.

With prayers and every blessing,
Mthr Caroline

Dates for your Diary

1 February - 10.30am All Age Candlemas Service with Christingle

18 February - 6pm Ash Wednesday Service

Details of Lent Courses to follow

Readings

Click below to read the passages

[Isaiah 42.1-9](#)

[Psalm 29](#)

[Acts 10.34-43](#)

[Matthew 3.13-17](#)

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Collect

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.

Post-Communion

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pray for:

We pray for all those considering and preparing for baptism

We pray for Bishop Pete and his family in their grief.

For the Mission Area and our work together

For the appointment of a Community Worker

If you would like us to pray for someone or something in particular, send an email to Mthr Caroline to add to the list (*please ensure you have the person's permission*)

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