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SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY 2026

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST: THE 1ST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Sunday 11th

08:00 Holy Communion

1st Sunday of Epiphany

10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall

The Baptism of Christ

11:15 Parish Eucharist

Monday 12th

09:15 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

Tuesday 13th

17:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom

St Hilary of Poitiers

19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)

Wednesday 14th

09:30 Morning Prayer (St. Richard's)

Thursday 15th

17:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom

Friday 16th

10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)

Saturday 17th

No public worship today

St Antony of Egypt

No public worship today

Sunday 18th

08:00 Holy Communion

Epiphany 2

10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall

11:15 Parish Eucharist

The Church is open for private prayer, Monday – Saturday 10.00-4.00 and until 4.00 on Sunday

The Collection plate - If you would like to make an offering, please use the contactless Payaz machine or the collection plate, both of which can be found by the door. Thank you for your generosity.

If you wish to take part in the Zoom evening prayer services on Tuesday or Wednesday, please contact trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk for the link.

Hymns

Introit: 56 Songs of thankfulness and praise
Gradual: 39 Unto us a boy is born!
Offertory: 55 Hail to the Lord's Anointed!
Final: 140 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Baptism of Christ

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.**

Old Testament reading: Isaiah 42: 1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Psalm 29

New Testament Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3: 13-end

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. 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. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: Janet Lock, Peter Dickinson, Sue and family, Edna Nolson, Don Durrant, Betty Kernan, Angela Wallis, Molly Hendry, Bob Coyne, Sheila Chittenden.

Recently departed:

Anniversary of death: William (Bill) Page (11th), Lilly Heath (12th), Dot Allsopp (15th), Leslie Hyde (15th), Matilda Nolson (15th), Jean Garforth (17th).

We pray for and with the people of Ukraine; for the people of Israel, Gaza and the West Bank; for peace of the Holy Land; and for those who will weep, and fear, and die this day.

We pray for our vacancy – PCC Secretary.

Post Communion Prayer:

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. 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**

Next week's readings (Epiphany 2)

Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 40.1-12; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42

PCC vacancy. We are currently looking to fill the post of PCC Secretary. If you may be interested, please contact Revd Julian or one of the churchwardens. Training will be offered.

Leading intercessions. Would you like to get more involved in our services? Could you do this by joining a rota to lead the intercessions? If this is something you might be interested in doing, please speak to Rev'd Julian to find out more.

Sponsoring flower arrangements in church: If you would like to sponsor a flower arrangement in church, perhaps in memory of a loved one, or simply because you love to see the beautiful decorations created by our flower group, please do sign up - there is a rota on the noticeboard as you go into church. Please take an envelope, pop in your cash and leave it in the collection plate. Alternatively, if you'd like to donate by BACS transfer, please ask David, our treasurer, for the account details and use the reference: Flowers

Community Groups and Events

Coffee, cake & Conversation

Our next monthly Coffee, Cake & Conversation will take place 10:30am-12 noon on **Saturday 31st January** in the Mosse Hall. Please bring along your friends, neighbours and family. **If anyone would like to host Coffee, Cake & Conversation in the future then please get in touch with Christine Eaton-Hennah (christineeh13@sky.com)**. We need volunteers for future dates. Full training on the coffee machine can be given, and it only needs 2 people at a time to make tea/coffee and provide milk and some yummy cakes.

Lunch on Sunday

The next Lunch on Sunday will be on **1st February at 12.45pm** following the Parish Family Eucharist. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church. If you, along with some friends, would like to organise a lunch in the future, please contact Angela Purser.

The Bear Necessities and Pints of View

are taking a break in January.

The Bear Necessities will meet next on **Monday 9th February at 7.30pm** at The Bear Inn, Pagham
Pints of View will meet next on **Thursday 12th February at 7.30pm** at the Inglenook, Pagham

Valentine's Ball – save the date

On **Saturday 14th February**, we are holding a Valentine's Ball in the Mosse Hall. Live music will be provided by our very own Regis Rhythms. More details to follow. For now, please save the date.

Knitted poppies

Following the success of our display of knitted poppies for Remembrance Sunday last year, Barbara would like to make an even bigger display this year – and there's no time like the present to get started! If you would like to help with this Mothers' Union project by knitting more poppies, please contact Carole (cmatthews@jrmail.co.uk) for the pattern, and drop your poppies into church as you complete them.

Online shopping

When you are doing your online shopping, remember to use **easyfundraising** in support of St Richard's to help us raise additional funds, at no cost to you. If you're not sure how, please talk to David or Angela. Further details are at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/strichardsaldwick/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

Hygiene Poverty

A Hygiene Bank, co-ordinated by Sheila Farmer, has been set up in the Church porch. The Hygiene Bank will collect **new, unused, in-date personal care and household cleaning essentials**. For health and safety reasons, opened, half-used or products past their best-before date cannot be accepted. Leaflets about the scheme are available at the back of the church and further details are at

<https://thehygienebank.com/give-products/what-products-do-we-collect/>

Newspapers for Brent Lodge

Charlotte is maintaining a donation point at Church for newspapers for Brent Lodge. If you have any, please feel free to drop them in the green box in the porch. They will be collected periodically and taken to Brent Lodge to be used as bedding in their animal hospital. Thank you for supporting Charlotte to **support** this charity.

SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.



Urgently needed this week: Tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetable, sponge puddings, UHT orange juice, sauces (ketchup, etc.). **We have plenty of:** pulses.