

## The Wykeham Benefice Pewsheets and Newsletter

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## The Baptism of Christ

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

### 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. **Amen.**

### 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.

### Acts 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.'

### 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

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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.'

### 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.  
**Amen.**

### For Prayer this week –

For those affected by and caught up in gun violence across the world.

For the Anglican Communion, especially Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

For those struggling to heat their homes this winter.

### The week ahead

Mon 12 9.00am Morning Prayer in Epwell

Tue 13 9.00am Morning Prayer in Tadmarton  
10.00am BCP Communion in Tadmarton (Revd Emily Robottom-Scott)

Wed 14 9.00am Morning Prayer in Sibford  
10.00am Holy Communion in Epwell (Revd Emily Robottom-Scott)

Fri 16 9.00am Morning Prayer in Swalcliffe

Sat 17 9.00am Morning Prayer in Shutford

### Next Sunday – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Epiphany 2

9.30am	Sibford	Holy Communion	(Revd Canon John Tattersall)
9.30am	Shutford	BCP Holy Communion	(Revd Brian Fairbank)
9.45am	Epwell	Holy Communion	(Revd Emily Robottom-Scott)
11.00am	Broughton	Holy Communion	(Revd Canon John Tattersall)
11.00am	Tadmarton	Holy Communion	(Revd Emily Robottom-Scott)
6.00pm	Swalcliffe	BCP Evensong	(Revd Emily Robottom-Scott)