

**SUNDAY READING SHEET 11th January 1st Sunday of Epiphany
BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.' *Acts 10:34-43*

GOSPEL

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.' *Matthew 3:13-17*

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Where all are welcome and God's love is shared
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If you would like regular copies of the Notice Sheet emailed to you please email the Parish Office at admin@roystonparishchurch.org.uk

Sunday 11th January	
09:00 - 09:45	Communion Service that is quiet and reflective
10:30 - 11:40	Communion Service with a Baptism service for Absatu Carew and Amir Ali baheri. With music/choir, children's groups/toy area, followed by refreshments
Monday 12th January	
18:00 - 19:00	Enquiry evening set up
19:00 - 21:00	Enquiry evening
Tuesday 13th January	
09:00 - 09:30	Morning Prayer (incorporating prayer requests that have been left in church)
Wednesday 14th January	
11:00 - 11:25	Communion Service that is quiet and reflective, followed by refreshments
13:00 - 15:30	Knit and Natter (where all are welcome to meet and chat)
18:00 - 19:15	Chorister Practice
18:30 - 20:00	Choir Practice
Thursday 15th January	
09:00 - 11:00	Tots in Church
13:00 - 15:00	Church Cleaner
19:00 - 21:00	Bell Ringers Practice
Saturday 17th January	
10:00 - 11:30	Church Café (Tea / Coffee / Hot Chocolate only £2 - Free Biscuits)
19:00 - 21:00	Church Event
Sunday 18th January	
09:00 - 09:45	Communion Service that is quiet and reflective
10:30 - 11:40	Communion Service with music/choir, children's groups/toy area, followed by refreshments
Monday 19th January	
14:00 - 15:00	World Day of Prayer meeting

We pray for all Christians worldwide:

For all Christians in **Iran, Iraq, Syria**

For all who are worship at Melbourn Baptist Church: Rob and Jenny Hughes

For the work of our mission partners: GenR8

Pray for the community of Royston:

For our local health centres

For all our local Ruse Collectors and road sweepers

We pray for our world and ECO projects:

We pray that we may tread more lightly upon the planet. As we tidy up after Christmas and start to Spring Clean: how can we avoid sending waste to landfill. What can we re-use or repurpose?

We pray for the sick and suffering:

4th January 11th January 18th January

Lee Cockerill Chris Christou Val Brown

Pat Pritchard Paul & Pat Tidey Angie & Ken Rushall

Jackson Herbert Mike Brown Paula Walker

Marion Keith & Elaine Edwards

Tibor Pollerman Laura O'nyamul (On-Ya-Mul)

Katie

28th December

Peter Coates

Emma & Phil Heath

Peter Foster

Gwen Simmons

Maria Turi

We pray for those who have died in the faith of Christ:

Deceased

Ernie Peacock

Harry McDonald

Barry Piper

Jamie Covington

Bereaved

Ann, family and friends

Ruth, Family and friends

Family and friends

Adam and Samantha Covington, family and friends

We pray for those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Jane Gower, Peter Cornwell, Robert Pendrick, William Pigg, Elsie Potter

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS CARDS: If you would like to re-use your Christmas Cards this year, please consider removing the picture, punching a hole in the card and if possible attach some string. These can then be used on our Christmas Tree next year. Please bring them into Church and we can keep them until then. Thank you

UPCOMING EVENTS : There are a number of events coming up over the next few months to look forward to.

Thursday 22nd January - Julian Prayer evening at 7 pm at 11 Middle Drift

Join us for an evening with GUY STAGG Monday, February 9th, 7.30pm, Royston Parish Church. Bow Books are delighted to welcome local author **Guy Stagg** to **Royston Parish Church**, where he will discuss his award-winning non-fiction books, **The Crossway** and **The World Within**, illustrated with slides. Tickets £5 per person (includes first drink free) available from Bow Books. Please see leaflet for more information.

14th February - Church Quiz

18th April - Cheese and wine evening

2nd & 4th May - Book Fayre

19th June - Hymns and PIMM's

20th June - Concert

QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday 14th February, 7 for 7.30 pm, Venue: Royston Parish Church, teams of up to 8, £8 per person. If you wish to register a team or interest in joining a team, please contact Duncan Rodgers email: duncanrodgers66@gmail.com
Licensed bar, bring your own nibbles, opportunity to enter a raffle on the night. All proceeds in aid of church funds.

If you wish to make a donation to the church, then please hold your phone's camera over this image then touch the link that appears:

