

THE PARISH OF ST ALPHEGE, EDMONTON

Sunday 11th January 2026

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Jesus' baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant (Isaiah 42:1-4). He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father's will. Out of love he consented to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins.



Entrance Hymn

661: Songs of thankfulness and praise.

Offertory Hymn

804: When John Baptised by Jordan's river.

Procession

59: At the name of Jesus.

THIS WEEK:

Monday 12th: St Aelred of Rievaulx.

Tuesday 13th: St Hilary, doctor & bishop.

Wednesday 14th: Weekday in Ordinary time.

Thursday: 15th: Weekday in Ordinary time.

Friday 16th: Weekday in Ordinary time.

Saturday 17th: St Anthony, Abbot, Memorial.

NEXT WEEK:

Sunday 18th: 10am, Parish Mass with Fr Angus.

CONFESsion: (by appointment). Speak to Fr Angus to arrange time for this.

Would you like to join our Social & Fundraising group? Speak to Maxcine; Mary F or Carol Saul to find out more.

SPECIAL BLESSINGS: Please let one of the sidespeople know before mass begins if you would like a special blessing.

ST ALPHEGE PRAYER GROUP aims to pray every day at 9.00am. We also offer prayers during the Sunday Service, just come to the side chapel during Communion. We are bound by rules of confidentiality. Please see Mary Findlow for more information.

Please see Sue if you would like to sponsor the EUCHARISTIC GIFTS, CANDLE FOR OUR LADY or SACRAMENT CANDLE

THE WHATSAPP GROUP: If you would like to join this group, send a text to Stephen Heath on 07752 685021

Please note that we are no longer taking old clothing or bric-a-brac. We are going to be having a big church tidy up in January. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity by 31st January.

PARISH SICK LISTS

Long term: Abigail; Gillian; Margaret; Lloyd; Brian; Ann; Erica; Pearline; Deborah; David; Pearl; Suzanne; Aniyah; Evelyn; Samantha; Sharon; Albert; Jean & Family; Rodney Hines; Astley.

Short term: Lauren; Patsy; Gloria; Leslie; Louise; Mike; Yolanda; Patsy; Correll; Andrew; Charles; Angela. Helen

Please let Fr Angus know of any names for the sick lists. These will be updated by 31st January.

RECENTLY DEPARTED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Yvonne Oliver; Vera Mills; Ethel Innes; William Pearson; Lily Glover; David Lamb; Sidney Harmsworth; Rose Marie Heath; Alexander Riley; Florence Turnbull; Albert Clark; Anthony Ranger; Alfred Robinson; Evelyn Brown; Gwendoline Pelley; Irene Doe.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Chinelo Nkem; Pearl Hall.

FINANCIAL POSITION: The Church and Hall Gas Bill for 2024 was £18,667.69 and the Electric Bill was £1,476.07. Please consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).

PARISH GIVING SCHEME: A great way to make your regular donation to support St Alphege!
Scan the QR code to sign up!



NORTH ENFIELD FOODBANK: The foodbank is in urgent need of many items – see list at back.

JOIN US AFTER MASS FOR REFRESHMENTS!

ENTRANCE ANTIphon

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Or

O God, whose Only Begotten Son has appeared in our very flesh, grant, we pray, that we may be inwardly transformed through him whom we recognise as outwardly like ourselves. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Behold 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 aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

'I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for 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.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIALPSALM Psalm 29(28):1-2. 3ac-4. 3b. 9b-10. R. 11b

R: *The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

1. Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly powers, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; bow down before the Lord, majestic in holiness. **R.**
2. The voice of the Lord upon the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord full of power; the voice of the Lord full of splendour. **R.**

3. The God of glory thunders; in his temple they all cry, 'Glory!' The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING Acts 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all – you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL cf. Mark 9:7

R: *Alleluia, Alleluia.*

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: 'This is my beloved Son; listen to him.'

R: *Alleluia.*

GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIphon

*Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

