

**PRAYERS:** For your prayers this week.

**Vocations and ministry:**

We pray for the interview process for the person/people who may feel called to join us here.

**The sick:**

Marianne, Kylie, Merry, Alex, David, Jackie, Nic, Babs, Russell and Lee, Dennis, Malcolm and Alan. All those in hospital, having treatment and waiting for test results and operations.

Those needing long term care and support: Pauline, Richard, those being cared for at home, the residents of Goatacre Manor Care Centre and other local care homes.

**Those who have died:**

We pray for funerals being planned, those we know and those we read about in the news.

We pray for all those who grieve.

**Baptisms and Weddings:**

We pray for Phoebe whose Baptism is at Clyffe Pypard this month.

We pray for Laura and Stephen whose banns are being read this month.

**Special intentions** (*This is for people who may have plans or hopes for which they would like our prayer support*)

We pray for the King and all the Royal family.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the Devizes Deanery. Living Lord, we pray for Bratton, Edington and Imber, Erlestoke and Coulston, that your Holy Spirit will move in this place and bless the Revd Katey Minshall as she settles into her new Benefice.

In our Anglican cycle of prayer, we raise to you Iglesia Anglicana de la Región Central de América.

We pray for our Benefice congregations, parishioners and our churches in this time of vacancy. We give thanks for those helping at this time.



11<sup>th</sup> January  
Baptism of Christ



**Bradenstoke  
Hilmarton  
Broad Town**

Communion - 9am  
Communion - 10.30am  
Morning Service - 10.30am

*Future services:*

Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Clyffe Pypard Lyneham Tockenham</b>	Communion - 9am Communion - 10.30am Morning Prayer - 10.30am
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Bradenstoke Broad Town Hilmarton</b>	Communion - 9am Communion - 10.30am All-Age Service - 10.30am

Keep in touch by going to: [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) and searching for your parish church.

Using the Benefice of Lyneham and Woodhill Facebook page.

Getting your name added to the Benefice email list if it isn't already there – just email Elaine on [beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk) and ask to be added.

## 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.

## FIRST READING: *Acts 10.34-43*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality,  
<sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

## GOSPEL: *Matthew 3.13-17*

<sup>13</sup>Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

## POST COMMUNION

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.