

## Please remember in your prayers...

Those with health concerns: Gemma Yeoman, Bill Collins, Beryl Shaw, Margaret Stephens, Jiemei Clarke, Lucy Mills, Colin Mawdsley, Elizabeth Harris, Karen Stefan, Elaine Brennan, Christine and Michelle Frost, Ian Massey and Lowen Castaignos.

Those with anniversaries this week: our former area dean Rev Stephen Grey, Thomas William Muckley, John Herbert Powell, Roy Parfitt, Leonard Cooke, Robert Kellock, Doris Atherton, Ray Jeffrey, Stan Williams, Ronald Kilgallon, Christine Baguley, Marjorie Selby, Joseph Gibbins and Ernest Mason

Also for all who live in Glen Close..

## Just for fun...

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing the old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. The lady thought for a moment. "Only the Ten Commandments."

It was common for the minister to invite the children to the front of the church and have a small lesson before beginning the sermon. He would often bring in a household item and then relate it to a teaching from the Bible. One morning, the visual aid for his lesson was a smoke detector. He asked the children if anyone knew what it meant when an alarm sounded from the smoke detector. A youngster raised his hand. "It means Daddy's cooking dinner."



## Weekly News Sheet The Baptism of Christ January 11 2026

Today's hymns are...

### 3 A man there lived in Galilee

Somerset Corry Lowry was the writer of this hymn which was published in 1926 just six years before his death. Each verse, in turn, neatly marks the birth, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

### 532 We have a gospel to proclaim

This hymn was written in 1968 by Edward Burns for a "Call to Mission" in Blackburn Diocese. Verses 2-5 encapsulate Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection and Pentecost.

### 231 I heard the voice

Written by Horatius Bonar in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, this hymn invites us to come to Jesus, offering rest and spiritual renewal. The words reflect the comforting message of Jesus's invitation found in the gospels of Matthew and John.

### 473 The church's one foundation

Samuel Stone wrote this hymn in response to Bishop John Colenso's outrageous claim that much of the Holy Bible was fictitious. We sang it often at the end of our annual walking day and it was used to emotional effect in the last scene of the film "One Foot in Heaven." The tune Aurelia was composed by Samuel Wesley, son of Charles.

## Acts 10 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: '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.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

## Matthew 3 13-end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you O Lord

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptised by him.<sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptised 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 baptised, 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

## Gift Day

Thanks to all who kindly supported our annual Gift Day on Christmas Eve,

The appeal remains open and there are envelopes at the back of church.