



## **Sunday 11th January**

## **The Baptism of Christ**

### **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: 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.

## **Psalm 29**

Ascribe to the Lord, all you ones of great might;  
Ascribe to the Lord glory, strength in your sight.  
Ascribe to Him glory, and His name adore;  
In splendour of holiness, worship the Lord.

The voice of the Lord is above the great sea;  
He thunders in glory; o'er waters is He!  
The voice of the Lord, full of power and might;  
His voice is majestic and flaming in light.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars in two;  
The cedars of Lebanon, He does subdue.  
The Lord makes all Lebanon skip like a deer.  
Mount Hermon is like a young ox when He's near.

The voice of the Lord strikes with flashing of light.  
His voice shakes the desert of Kadesh with might.  
The voice of the Lord strips the forests all bare;  
And all in His temple, His glory declare.

The Lord sits enthroned o'er the flood – He is King.  
The Lord on His throne sits forever as King.  
The Lord gives His people His strength without cease.  
The Lord is the One who will bless them with peace.

## **Second Reading: 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.'

## **Gospel Reading: 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 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 Prayer**

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.

**Prayers for those in need:** David Fielden, Yvonne Stewart, Aisling, Jane, Wai Ping, Hugh Nowlan, Judy Matthews, Mick Dunk, Marri Carmichael

**RIP** Julie Daniels, Sheila Hobbs, Gerry Butland

**Years Mind for January:** Gladys White, Roy Watts, Brian Hiscott, Lillian Caley, Baby Ellen Housley, Lilian Carey, John Eyles, Erica Lay, Joan Stephenson, Pamela Kirkham, Maggie Hannant, Alan Charlesworth

## **The week ahead**

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Finance Meeting at Christ Church  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Holy communion at St. Mary's  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> 12.00pm Funeral for Sheila Hobbs at Haycombe  
4.00pm Scallop Shells Choir at Christ Church  
Sat 17<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Coffee Morning at St. Marys

The service on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> is a **Morning Praise Service** which is non Eucharist. (The Eucharist is at Christ Church at 10.30). The PCC agreed to try a new kind of service, so come and see!

Saturday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St. Mary's.. **The Somerset Russets** present the music of some of the men and women who have kept country singing and dancing alive over the last 300 years. Learn of their lives and listen to their songs arranged for winds, strings and squeezy things... featuring our very own Malcolm Parr and raising funds for St. Mary's.

Tickets £10 including refreshments. Bring your friends!

**Services Next Week: 18th January**  
**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at Christ Church**  
**10.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's**

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