

Pew-sheet for Sunday 11th January

The Baptism of Christ

(The First Sunday of Epiphany)

Today's services

Liturgical Colour: White or Gold

8.45am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Meeting ID 833 3035 8290

Passcode 735361

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10.00am Holy Communion at the church of St Leonard, Yardley Gobion

Collect for today

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.

Amen

Post Communion prayer for today

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.

Amen

Readings for this morning's service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Acts 10.34-43

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

For the Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. **14** John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' **15** 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. **16** 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. **17** 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.

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10.00am Holy Communion at Potterspury

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Church Buildings

Our buildings are open at the following times:

Cosgrove Daily 10am to 4pm

Potterspury Daily around 9am until 4pm, or until after the last service of the day

Yardley Gobion Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm

Wicken – please check noticeboard for who to contact if you wish to go in to church.

The coming week's services and prayer

Wednesday 14th January

8.00pm, a short service of **Night Prayer** on our South Cleley [Facebook page](#).

Thursday 15th January

5.00pm Meditation Prayer

Contact [Mary McVay](#) so she can send you the details.

Sunday 18th January

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What social, fundraising and outreach events are coming up?

- **Sat 10 Jan – 10.30 – Church Café Plus** – Potterspury
- **Tue 13 Jan – 8.50 – Little Lambs** – Potterspury
- **Tue 13 Jan – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen** – Potterspury
- **Sat 17 Jan – 10.30 – Coffee, Cake & Chat** – Yardley Gobion
- **Tue 20 Jan – 8.50 – Little Lambs** – Potterspury
- **Tue 20 Jan – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen** – Potterspury

Additional Lectionary readings for this Sunday

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.

2 He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

4 He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

5 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:

6 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,

7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

8 I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

9 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

The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare; in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'

9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

10 The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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Open our ears, glorious Lord Christ, to hear the music of your voice above the chaos of this world; open our eyes to see the vision of your glory, for you are our King, now and for ever.

**Please take this pew-sheet home
with you after today's service.**

**You may wish to use the
readings during the week for
your own prayer and reflection.**