

St Mary's News

Sunday 9 January 2022

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Today

The Baptism of Christ

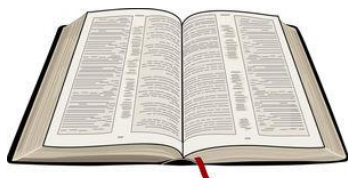
1st Sunday of Epiphany

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Eucharist in church
and via Zoom

Readings:

Acts 8: 14-17

Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22



The Collect for

The Baptism of Christ

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

Next week

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Eucharist in Church
and via Zoom

Readings:

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

John 2. 1-11



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who work in agriculture and horticulture in the parish.

And from our Book of Remembrance, we pray for

Barbara Stirrup (10th)

Clifford Gibbs (11th)

Arthur Pepper (12th)

Molly Butler (13th)

Peter Waring (13th)

John Alvan Pope (15th)

After Church Coffee

Sorry, coffee after the 10am service has been suspended for the time being.



This Week at a glance

Monday

Tuesday

5.30pm Yoga

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots

7.30pm Bell ringing practice.

Thursday

10am-12pm Food Bank

Friday

6.15pm Children's choir practice

7.15pm Choir practice.

Saturday

We thank Reverend Sheila Perkins for leading and preaching at our 8am and 10am services today.

For Children and Young People

Activity Bags for younger children are in baskets in the children's corner near the side entrance to church. There are also books, crayons etc.



Sunday Club: JAM (Jesus and Me)

Returns next week and then every week in term-time during the 10am service in the Upper Room. Suitable for ages up to 11 years. **All Visitors' Children are Welcome**

Used stamps for The Leprosy Mission.

The box for your used stamps is on the cupboard at the back of the church and will be there until the end of January. Foreign, British – all sorts, pre-decimal (I always get a few!) are all welcome. Please trim to ¼ inch all round with scissors.

Hospital Car Service

If you would like transport to a hospital or other medical appointment, please contact Mike Harvey on 01732 851881 or 07464 548448.

Interregnum Update

Next week on 16 January the Rev. Sharon Copestake will take up the position of Archdeacon of Tonbridge. We hope that the recruitment process will then start soon for a new incumbent. As part of this process we need to build a profile of what we see as being important in the role.

We will be holding a session on Saturday 22 January with the Area Dean, Rev. Andrew Axon, for all interested parties to talk through what we see as important to the future of our parish. The outcome will be a Parish Profile that will be used in the recruitment of a new incumbent. More details will follow in the coming weeks.



The Church of England Daily Hope line is still running for people who may struggle to join in worship either online or in person. It provides prayers, readings, carols and full-length services, at the end of a phone line. An option, 'Chair Exercises on the Phone', helps keep listeners fit and healthy from the safety of a chair during this time. Share the number of this FREE service 📞 0800 804 8044.

Food Bank Update

The Food Bank at Church is evolving to try to reach more of the whole local community. The Church family have been so generous and caring and we are in a great position to move forward. We will be providing pre-packed bags of food, each containing the same specific items. As we are in the fortunate position of being fully stocked, we are changing our focus slightly for the next few weeks

For houses with young children, we hope to complement the Family Bag, with items for children from birth up to 7 years, eg child-specific toiletries, items for school lunch boxes, and items for babies. We are specifically looking for:

Children's toiletries: tooth-paste, toothbrushes, shampoo, bath foam, flannels, unscented soap, pull-up nappy pants (various sizes), baby wipes, Sudocrem.

Tinned items: meatballs in tomato sauce, hot dog sausages or similar, children's pasta, eg Peppa Pig, Thomas Tank Engine.....

Suitable for lunch boxes: small ready-made desserts, small boxes of raisins, individual bags of Mini Cheddars or similar, anything from the YO Yo Bear range or similar, low-sugar sealed drink.

Babies up to One Year: rice cakes, oaty bars etc

PLEASE NOTE, nothing with nuts.

Poem

Jesus' Baptism

Beginning here we glimpse the
Three-in-one;
The river runs, the clouds are
torn apart,
The Father speaks, the Spirit and
the Son
Reveal to us the single loving
heart
That beats behind the being of all
things
And calls and keeps and kindles us
to light.
The dove descends, the spirit
soars and sings
'You are beloved, you are my
delight!'

In that quick light and life, as
water spills
And streams around the Man like
quickenning rain,
The voice that made the universe
reveals
The God in Man who makes it
new again.
He calls us too, to step into that
river
To die and rise and live and love
forever.

Sonnet by Malcolm Guite



Who's Who at St Mary's?

Vicar

Position vacant

Anna Chaplain

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PCC Members, any of whom can be approached for help or information:

Michael Payne, John Speed
(Church Wardens); Martin Massy;
Barry Wheeler & Mike Harvey
(Deanery Synod reps.); Cathy Brill,
Melissa Crawshay-Williams; Kirsty
Finch; Jenny Hopkins; Richard
Hopkinson; Lee Kirk; Janice Massy;
Katerina Nixon; Lisa Porritt and
other members.

PCC Secretary:

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*Minutes of PCC meetings are on the
notice board and on St Mary's website.*