



'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Baptism of Christ

Sunday 12th January

11.00 am

Sung Eucharist

**Please don't take photos or videos during the service unless you have consent.
Please be aware that this service may be live-streamed**

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 Collect

**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

Isaiah 43: 1 - 7

**But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:**

**Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.**

**When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.**

**For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.**

**I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia[a] and Seba in exchange for you.**

**Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,**

**I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.**

**Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'**

Psalm 29

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

Please find the complete Psalm in the Psalter

Luke 3: 15 - 17, 21 - 22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

We pray for all those who are sick in body, mind or spirit and by name:

Keith and Dorothy
Josie and Pat
Gina
Jason and his Family
Graham
Arthur and Pauline
Colin and Judy



Joshua Manning
Penny and Mike
Derek and Jo
Sheila Vince
Alan
Carole
Helen and her Family
Sue and her Family (ref.
Muriel)



O God, we pray for all the children of Abraham in Israel and Palestine and in every country of the world.

We pray for Muslims, Jews and Christians that we will draw on the best of our traditions to guide us away from words and acts of division and discrimination so that everyone may be free to live in safety.

Protect the vulnerable, strengthen the fearful and comfort the grieving.

In Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Important collections

Jesus said: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are my brothers and sisters you did it to me."



BBC

1. Babystuff Braintree

0 - 5 clothing and toiletries. See Susan Pedder for more details.

Toothbrushes and tooth paste go very quickly

2. The Wethersfield collection Clothing for men and boys

Please find boxes in the porch for donations

Holy Communion

Wafers will be offered and the common cup. If you feel uncomfortable about sharing the chalice, receiving the bread alone is not a lesser action.

If you would like a Blessing only, please bring your service booklet to the Altar rail. During this time the choir will be singing. Please do wear a mask if that would make you feel more comfortable.

Protocol concerning the dipping of wafers in the wine: The recommendation from the Church is that we should not dip the wafer as a matter of hygiene. If this at all worries you, please do not hesitate to discuss it with a member of the Clergy.

The Coming Week

[Morning Prayer](#) There will be Morning Prayer this week at **9.00am**

Zoom Meeting ID 884 8189 2518 Passcode cJ7500



Morning Prayer **in Church** Please refer to the Newsletter

Other sites for personal prayer are available at:

- <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>
 - [Pray-as-You-Go App](#) (free)
 - [Northumbria Community Prayers](#)
 - [Everyday Faith](#) is the new daily devotional app (free) from the Church of England
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January 19th - Second Sunday of Epiphany Sung Eucharist **9.30 am**
Beginning of Prayer Week for Christian Unity

Readings: Psalm 36: 5 - 10; 1 Corinthians 12: 1 - 11; John 2: 1 - 11

God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your
Church, Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning, Wisdom to our
actions, Joy to our worship, And power
to our witness. Help our church to grow
in numbers, In spiritual commitment to
you, And in service to our local
community, Through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.



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