



Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021

BAPTISM OF CHRIST

### 8.00am –Eucharist

**President & Preacher:** Fr Shaun Conlon

### 10.30am – Said Common Worship Eucharist

**President:** Rev'd Adele McKie  
**Preacher:** Fr Shaun Conlon  
**Deacon:** Rev'd Carole Barnet  
**Organist:** Gary Hulme  
**Music before the Service:** Prelude 'When Christ our Lord to Jordan came' - J.S. Bach (BWV 684)  
**Reader:** Max Macarthy  
**Gospeller:** Rev'd Carole Barnet  
**Intercessor:** Susie Mapledoram  
**Altar Preparation:** Trio - Norman Cocker  
**Communion:** Salix (Plymouth Suite) - Percy Whitlock  
**Final Voluntary:** Postlude on 'Dundee' - 'The people that in darkness sat...' - C.H.H. Parry (Op 186/1)

## Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Today, on the festival of the Baptism of Christ, we will be renewing the vows made at our Baptism during the 10.30am Service. In Church, this will include being sprinkled with newly blessed Holy Water, which our risk assessment allows for.

If you are not able to be in church today, or if you just want to spend some time reflecting further upon your commitment to God, here are the words we will be using:

**Priest** At your baptism you turned to Christ, repented of your sins, and renounced evil. Do you now renew your allegiance to Christ?  
**All** **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?  
**All** **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
**All** **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
**All** **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?  
**All** **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you recognise Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?  
**All** **With the help of God, I will.**

*The Priest then sprinkles the congregation with the newly blessed Water of Baptism.*

May God the Creator, the rock of our salvation, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgiven all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever.  
**All** **Amen**

## Private Prayer on Wednesdays

The church will be open as usual between 12.00noon and 1.00pm for private prayer on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January, with communion from the reserved sacrament available for people to receive from if they would like to. If you have any questions about this, please speak with one of the clergy.

## Schools Admissions Information update

During the current lockdown, churches are permitted to remain open. St Mary's church will therefore continue to offer public worship at 8:00am and 10:30am each Sunday morning. All are welcome to attend subject to booking in with Susie - [susiemapledoram@googlemail.com](mailto:susiemapledoram@googlemail.com). So far, there has been no change in the guidance regarding recording church attendance for school admission purposes. The existing procedures as stated on both the school and the church websites therefore remain in place. Should these circumstances change, we will advise you as soon as possible.



**Lord Let your love shine on those in need of our prayers:** Lily-Rose Ahmadi; David Arnold, Lorayah Bevan, Nigel Birtwistle, Graham Fleet, Andrew Hardman, Helen Hicks, Deborah Kane, Heather Kay, Elaine Kirk, Jean Murphy, James O'Meara, Rev'd Deborah Sandercock-Pickles, Maryam Sedeghi, John Whittaker

**Sending love and prayers to the families and friends of:** John Hughes, June Jackson, Pauline Alexander – may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

## Resuming Ministry/ Regular giving/gift aid in 2021

Thanks you to all those who have given generously to the mission and work of St Mary's church over the difficult year of 2020, both through various ministries and involvements and also through financial support. In common with many churches, our income at St Mary's was down significantly (roughly a third less in 2020 than the previous year). This has meant that we have not been able to pay our agreed parish share to the diocese in full. We expect that the coming months will also leave us with decreased income. If you have any regular giving envelopes at home that you would like someone to collect, then please let one of the clergy or Churchwardens know. Equally, if you are giving regularly and could gift aid your monetary but haven't arranged this with us, please let us know.

If you would like to set up a regular payment via your bank, which helps enormously with our cash flow, then that's another option. The details for setting up a payment (one off or regular) are

### Church Bank Account:

St Mary's PCC Nat West  
Sort Code: 01-07-20  
Account Number: 49036955

Please tag any payments with your surname. If it's a regular payment, then please let one of the clergy know that you've set this up, so we can alert the treasurer.

We're hoping to resume our various pre-initial lockdown activities as soon as we are able and, as a church, we will also be looking at possible new ways God might be calling us to explore in our community and wider world as we move through 2021. Please keep our life and mission in your prayers in the coming months, that we may all grow in knowing God better and in making him known through our lives.

*The Ministry Team*



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## Readings for the Baptism of Christ

### Collect

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as  
your Son:  
may we recognise him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your  
beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

### A reading from the Book of Genesis *Genesis 1.1-5*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

## A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

### *Acts 19.1-7*

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

## Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

### *Mark 1.4-11*

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

### Post-Communion Prayer

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.