

# *St Andrew's Church*

## *The Baptism of Christ*

*Newsletter for January 10th 2021*

***NB Service on Zoom 542 646 6030***

*10.00am Service of the Word on Zoom*

*Officiant - Val Powell*

### **Collect**

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

### **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.

### **Hear the Holy Gospel 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. **Amen.**

**Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer:** Gill Ludford, Eric Homer, Harry, Carl F, Ranjit, Harry Mawaha, Beverly Mitchell, Carol, Lorna and Moses, Annette Black and family, Florence Aderemi, Ron, Kerry, Margaret, the Barratt family.

**Those who have recently died** Mandy Saunders, Lorna and Moses' Dad.

**Anniversary of death:** Jack Thompson, John Woodward, Mathew Wyers, Ron Thorne, William Binding.

**Birthdays:** Aaron Bairstow

## Notices

Because of the severe worsening of the virus situation church has to close again. Our worship will continue on Zoom – the link is 542 646 6030. See you there!

Weekday services continue on Zoom – Evening Prayer Wednesdays at 7pm, Morning Prayer Friday at 10.00am.

Please use this sheet to read or reread the readings for Sunday, to pray for those in need, to keep in touch through the notices, and thus remain part of our community of St Andrew's in these difficult times. Prayers are included for your private use.

**Saints Days this week.** Tuesday 12 Aelred of Hexham, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers. Google these people to find out more.

## Prayers

We pray to the Lord, to the God who is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

*We pray for our communities: for the elderly, confined to their homes and separated from family and support; for children, removed from school; for those who have lost their source of income; for those who fear for their home; for those who have no home; for those offering extraordinary, everyday kindness.*

*We pray for the young and those in education: for those anxious about examinations, a place at university, or employment; for those worried about loved ones and friends; for those concerned about their own health.*

*We pray for key workers: for all medical staff and hospital workers, who go to work knowing the risks they face; for medical researchers, seeking ways to prevent and to cure; for social workers, protecting the vulnerable; for care workers, providing contact and support to those who have no other help; for teachers, guiding their pupils; for farmers, delivery and shop workers, keeping the nation provisioned; for cleaners, fighting the spread of infection.*

Lord, be with us in our time of need: help us to do what has been asked of us, and give us grace to help others do what has been asked of them.

*We pray for the world: for the leaders of the nations and their governments; for areas most besieged by the pandemic; for broken places where healthcare and resources are scarce, and the pandemic brings further suffering.*

Lord, may the nations hear your voice: and know that you are God, supreme among the nations, supreme over all the world.

*We pray for those who are sick: for those afflicted with coronavirus; for those with other illnesses and conditions which leave them vulnerable; for those with poor mental health; for all who suffer.*

Lord, we trust in you, because your love is constant: bring us comfort and healing, for you are always willing to save.

*We pray for the Church: for our fellow members in the body of Christ throughout the world; for the Scottish Episcopal Church; for N., our bishop, the College of bishops, the clergy, lay ministers, and all the people in their care; for our hospital and hospice chaplains; for all who minister to the sick and the dying.*

*We pray for those who have died: for those taken suddenly; for those taken unexpectedly; for the families they leave behind; for their friends; for those who have died alone; and for those who have no one to remember them.*