

St Andrew's Church

The Baptism of Christ

Pew sheet for January 9th 2022

10.00am Mass in Church and on YouTube

Celebrant and Preacher; Fr Brian Hall

If you are in church, please remember to turn off your mobile phone during the service. Please take this sheet home with you at the end of the service. There are prayers which you may like to use at home at the end of the newsletter.

Hymn numbers for the Mass 150 87 176 413 66

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.

Reading

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 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."

Gospel

Luke 3;15-17,21-2

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. 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."

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: Ray Ryder, Charlotte Hartwell, Linda, Louise and Martin White and Callum, Beverly and Elaine Mitchell, Debs Jones, the Haigh family, the Reid family, baby Leo, Rene, Gill Ludford, Rianne, Penny Fleming, Nancy Forbes, Gloria Boothe, Gloria James, Beryl Clayton, Hayden Lewis.

Thanks for improved health Viki Sidhu

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

Birthdays: Aaron Bairstow

Notices

- **Dates for the diary – Wednesday 2nd March** Ash Wednesday – a Handsworth group service – more details later. **Saturday June 5th** 11am group confirmation with Bishop Anne at St Mary's. **Saturday June 11th** Choral Matins at St Mary's to celebrate the Jubilee.
- **Wednesday** – Evensong (BCP) on Zoom at 7pm.
- **Thursday** – Coffee Morning Good Shepherd Hall 10-12
- **Saturday** – gardening at church, weather permitting, 11am -1pm.

Prayer

O Christ, you humbled yourself and received baptism at the hands of your friend and cousin, John, showing us the way of humility; help us to follow you, and never to be encumbered with pride.

O Christ, by your baptism, you took our humanity into the cleansing waters; give us new birth, and lead us into life as sons and daughters of God.

O Christ, by your baptism the material world became charged with your holiness; make us instruments of your transformation in this our world.

O Christ, by your baptism you revealed the Trinity, your Father calling you his beloved Son, and the Spirit descending upon you like a dove; renew our worship, rededicate us in the spirit of our baptism, and mould us into our true nature, in the image of God. For your love's sake. Amen.