

St Andrew's Church

Epiphany 3; Baptism of Christ

Pew sheet for 22nd January 2023

10.00am Mass and Baptism in Church and on YouTube

Welcome to Rayann Johnson, and parents Charlene and Darren
for their Baptisms today

Celebrant and Preacher; Fr John

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 337 499 687 615 200

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.**

Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.



Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea-- for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer: Nancy Forbes, T Clarke, Steadford Clarke, Pat B, Beverly and Elaine Mitchell, Jacqueline Cole, Mr and Mrs Gordon, Janet H, Deb Jones, Gary, Phil, Joshua, Linda, Gloria Booth, Gloria James, Sheila Bott, Richard and Cindie Hale, Jenny Edwards, Fiona Williams, Najah Abdi, Gill Ludford, Mrs Maud Shakespear, Anne Price.

Anniversary of death: Gilbert Wildman, Phil Hussey, Cecily Eden, Lottie Knight.

Notices

- Funerals in church next week: Monday 23rd: Isolene Ebanks. Thursday 26th: 11.00 Vipen Braich. Mrs Braich was a member of St Andrew's.
- Evening Prayer on Wednesday at 7.00pm. On Zoom. Please join us. Coffee morning Thursday 10am-12 in the Good Shepherd Hall. Also gardening on Saturday in the church garden 11am-1pm.
- Father Paskal is asking if some volunteers would be available on Thursday, 2nd February, to help us to put up the curtains in the vicarage with a lovely cup of tea/coffee from 10.00 am onwards.

Prayer

Sovereign God, without your light in our lives we walk in darkness, denied the joy, peace, hope, strength and guidance that you alone can give. So we ask, through this time of worship, that the light of Christ might break yet more fully into our hearts and shine more brightly through our lives, to your glory. Amen.

Nick Fawcett