



9th January 2022
Baptism of Christ

St James' Church
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This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 10th January Mark 1 vv. 14 – 20

10.30 am Old Rectory Communion

7.00 pm Singers' rehearsal

Tue 11th January Mark 1 vv. 21 – 28

Wed 12th January Mark 1 vv. 29 – 39

12.00 noon Holy Communion

Thu 13th January Mark 1 vv. 40 – 45

4.00 pm Church closed for cleaning

Fri 14th January Mark 2 vv. 1 – 12

Sat 15th January Mark 2 vv. 13 – 17

Next Sunday: 16th January

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

John 2 vv. 1 – 11

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

6.00 pm Epiphany Evening Prayer

New Challenge for a New Year

Would like to do more with St James' in 2022? JAM or 11-Ups, Fr Brian's house group or the book group, the coffee rota or the flower rota, the singers or the servers: all have opportunities for your contribution.

Collect

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.

10.00 am Music

Music setting: Inwood et al.

Entrance hymn 513

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Offertory hymn 537

O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

Recessional hymn 709

Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning

Organ Voluntary

Pastorale per Organo (by Bernardo Pasquini)

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Isaiah 43 vv. 1-7

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.'

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare; in his temple all cry, 'Glory!' The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore. The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading: Acts 8 vv. 14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3 vv. 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 baptise 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 baptise 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 baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised 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.