



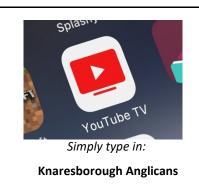


5th January – 14th February 2021

To keep our community safe, we are again in a period of *shielding* and therefore there are **no public acts of worship** taking place in any of our churches.



Our on-line services and information are all **FREE** and can be accessed through:









St John's, Knaresborough and Holy Trinity, Knaresborough are both open for

Private Prayer between **10am and 11am, Sundays**.

A member of the clergy will be present.

Alternatively, the clergy can be reached:

- Revd Garry 202092
- Revd Stroma 551219







SUNDAY 10th JANUARY 2021 THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST















The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Collect for The Baptism of Christ:

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. **Amen.**



The Word:

God speaks to each of us individually. We need to listen, to hear what He is saying. Let us read the following texts a few times; then listen.

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.

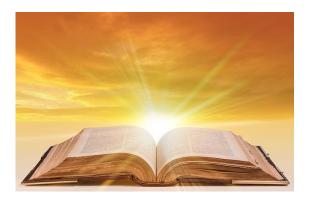
Acts 19.1-7

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.

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.'



A Time of Reflection....

How has the Gospel spoken to you today?

How does prayer help?

We thank God for any spiritual insights we have been given this week. We remember and pray for our mission partners and neighbours around the world holding our hands open before God as we declare our needs and concerns for their wellbeing and our own.

THE KNARESBOROUGH TEAM MINISTRY PASTORAL CARE PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request for the pastoral care team to pray through and would like it to be kept confidential and not shared publicly, please email Pam Thomas, the prayer chain MINISTRY co-ordinator, at pam1943@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01423 864262.



PASTORAL CARE - TELEPHONE CALLS

With entering a new national lockdown and the weather more wintery, our telephone support volunteers are still there to support you. If you, or anyone you know would like to receive a weekly 'phone call from a friendly volunteer, please contact June on 07759 619780 or

Anthea on 01423 797560.

Hear to Help

Do you have Anxiety around Coronavirus? Do you need a moment to talk? Our specialist support workers are ready to listen.



Helpline available to all across the Harrogate District.

8am - 8pm. Seven days a week.

(01423) 856 799

A service provided by Just 'B', part of Saint Michael's Hospice and Herriot Hospice Homecare. Calls are charged at local rates https://bit.ly/localcallcharges

We hold in our prayers:

- Our Bishops, Diocese and churches.
- Our Government making difficult decisions,
- Our NHS, Ambulance and Emergency services,
- All Chaplaincies services in prisons, schools and the NHS,
- Young people and Teachers who have returned to School, remembering those students who are working remotely.
- Those supporting and caring for the vulnerable,
- Our loved ones and friends,
- Our mission partners, New Life Ghana and Azaria Spencer, CMS worker in Guatemala,
- Ourselves.

All those suffering and in need...

Those who have asked for prayer:

Diane Barnett, Marta Braizier, Christine Bunting, Peggy Gathergood, Alison Hopkins, Glenys Kestell, Maureen Knaggs, Beth Moore, Denzil Morris, Ann Myres, Elizabeth Potts, Pete Sturley, Helen Watson, Katie Western, Joyce Wright, Nicki.

Those who have recently died:

Florence Haywood, Jennie English.

Those whose anniversary of death we keep:

Marguerite Robson, Lillian Hawken, Vera Charters, Peter Campkin, Edith Storer, Esme Borrill, Harold Waite, Valerie Blackburn, Lydia Langley, Ernest Smith, Hazel Morland.

Due to the disruption over the last 12 months the Years Mind anniversary book is out of date. If you would like a family member to be remembered on the anniversary of their death then please contact Faye by email or phoning the office number and leaving a message.



A Blessing

May the presence of the Creator refresh you, may the comfort of the Son renew you, may the inspiration of the Spirit restore you, to be love in action, even from a distance, in our neighbourhoods, near and far, this day and for evermore. Amen

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY HOUSE BOXES - ST MARY'S CHURCH

Thank you to everyone in Goldsborough and Knaresborough who has a house box. It has taken a long time to count, but we have raised **£617.53** for the Children's Society in 2020.



This is a brilliant effort considering lock downs, so well done everyone!

Children are especially vulnerable just now, so if you do not have a house box but would like to donate to the Children's Society please visit the website at **www.childrenssociety.org.uk**

Thank you. Sue Michael

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Do leave a answerphone message if we are unable to take your call and we will get back to you asap.

The Office will be working remotely, emails and telephone messages will be monitored and answered Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am - 1pm.

