

9 January 2022:

The Baptism of Christ

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The Parish of East Preston with Kingston

St Mary the Virgin

NOTICE SHEET



At 3pm this afternoon here in St Mary's we're sharing an **Epiphany Service** with our neighbours from Our Lady Star of the Sea - do come and join us!

Today's **hymns** are from the Green book: 58; 40; 48

If you have a **Children's Society collecting box** now is the time of year to bring them to church - we're very grateful to Sharon Hill who is co-ordinating things again. Deadline is 30 January.

Harvey Allen's funeral will be at 2pm on Tues 11 January here in St Mary's (followed by a Lychgate send off)

Ben and Ellen (from our Sunday Club) are joining with children from St Peter & St Paul's, Rustington for **Admission to Communion** classes from today, 9 January. They will be admitted to Communion here on **Sunday 6 March**. Please keep them both in your prayers.

Due to Plan B and rising Covid cases we are going to **suspend post-mass coffee** on a Sunday until life settles down again. Sorry for any inconvenience caused and many thanks to the keen and helpful Coffee Elves under Ann Bird's wing.

Some Diary Dates:

Sun **23 Jan** - 6.30pm a service of prayer for Christian Unity at St Peter & Paul Rustington

If you think you might have the skills, or might like to learn some new skills, to help to look after the **website** (<https://stmarysep.org.uk>), please come along to a meeting on **Thursday 20 January** at 2pm (venue tbc).

Would you like to join a small friendly group of retired people who play **whist**? All are welcome, both those who know the game and beginners. We

meet between 2 and 5pm on Mondays at Our Lady Star Of The Sea Church Hall In Vermont Drive. More information from Dennis Leader on 262184.

A lady called Lynn is looking for a **Companion** on Mondays and Thursdays (7-10pm) for her Aunt who has dementia, and lives in East Preston. Remuneration is involved. You can contact Lynn on 07581308608.

Please remember in your prayers those in special need especially: Gordon; Richard; Sue Ralph; Lucy Parkes; Val Nash; June Robbins; Alison; David; Chris; Adrian.

We remember those who've died recently: Harvey Allen; Alix Sullivan; Tim Gregson;
and those whose anniversary falls this coming week: Lilian Hellier; Frederick Lansbury; Basil Lyon-Williams; Geoffrey Thompson; Etheldreda Buckingham; Gwen Hinton; Sisters Rosina & Monica of the Cross; Eric Johnson; George Stuttard; Barbara Chamberlain; Kenneth Miller; Mandy Paine; Kenneth Krelle; Ethel Franklin; Phyllis Banfield.

Readings for next Sunday: 16 Jan: Second Sunday of Epiphany: Isaiah 62.1-5; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11

Fr Andrew will not be around from Wednesday of this week until Mon 17 Jan: Rev Emma is in charge!

Eco Tip of the month: January

The carbon in peat, when spread onto a garden or a field, quickly turns into carbon dioxide, adding to the greenhouse gas levels. The unique biodiversity of peat bogs is lost when removed for garden / commercial use. Rare birds, butterflies, dragonflies, and plants that live on these bogs, disappear. So, when choosing compost from the garden centre, check that it is peat free. You can always add fine garden grit to make your peat free compost more free draining.

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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.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

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."

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

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 baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

A reading from the Gospel of St Luke:

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:

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 the Holy Spirit complete the work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.