



12<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
Baptism of Christ

St James' Church  
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### Rector

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### Notices

#### On a Roll

The electoral roll is our register of electors, the list of those qualified to attend and vote at the Annual Parish Meeting in the elections for the Parochial Church Council and for the parish's representatives on the Deanery Synod. A completely new roll must be compiled this year, so everyone who would like to be included must complete a form from the back of the church and return it before the end of February.

#### Looking Ahead

Fr Henry will be off duty from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January inclusive.

### TODAY

2.30 pm Free concert:  
Tim Bayton on euphonium

### This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> January** Mark 1: 14 – 20

10.15 am Communion,  
The Old Rectory

11.15 am Communion, Kingsgate

7.00 pm Choir practice

**Tue 14<sup>th</sup> January** Mark 1: 21 – 28

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> January** Mark 1: 29 – 39

12.00 noon Eucharist

**Thu 16<sup>th</sup> January** Mark 1: 40 – 45

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> January** Mark 2: 1 – 12

2.00 pm Craft group

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> January** Mark 2: 13 – 17

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

3.00 pm Farewell service for

Bishop Jackie at the Cathedral

Next Sunday: 19<sup>th</sup> January

**Second Sunday of Epiphany**

John 2: 1 – 11

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

2.30 pm Free concert:

Tom Salmon on the organ

6.00 pm Wholeness & Healing Service

### 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

<b>Processional hymn</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry</b>
<b>Offertory hymn</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>The Race that Long in Darkness Pined</b>
<b>Recessional hymn</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness</b>

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

### First Reading: Isaiah 43: 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.'

### Second Reading: Acts 8: 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: 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.***

