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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 13TH JANUARY 2019

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

HYMNS THIS MORNING

ENTRANCE	238
GRADUAL	595
OFFERTORY	240
COMMUNION	182 & 602
FINAL	254

BEFORE THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Quiet, please, from 0955 (*a bell will be rung*)

"Talk to God before the service, and to one another afterwards"

*Image: The Baptism of Christ (c.1510)
Juan de Flandes (1450-1519)*

The Collect (Opening Prayer) 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 Reading from the Old Testament – 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; 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.'

The Gospel Reading – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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.'

Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: John Leech, Brian West, Esmé von Habsburg, Jenny Edwards, Margaret Montagu, Deirdre West, Barbara Webb, Beryl Scott, Jean Johnson, Elizabeth Perkis, Sarah Neve, Pippa, Jill Crossland, Lily, Yvonne Goddard, Susan Wiltshire, Heather

The recently departed: Betty Virgo, Wilson Broom, Wendy Francis, John

Anniversaries of death: Elizabeth (Mollie) Davidson (8th); Deborah Mitten (13th); Gertrude Brown (13th); Gwen Cuddeford (13th); Ethel O'Connor (14th); James Hillson-Mitchell (14th); John Poulter (14th); Freddie Dyehouse (15th); Alfred Garrett (Priest) (15th); Edward Bowles (15th); Ron Lane (15th); Tom Jones (15th); Ernest Higley (17th)

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. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – EPIPHANY 3

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 *Related readings – Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a*



Urgently needed this week: Washing tablets, tinned potatoes, carbonara sauce, men's deodorants, women's deodorants, shaving foam, curry sauce. Many thanks for your ongoing support of the Foodbank. Please pray for its work, and for the increasing number of people who rely on its services and our donations.

Charitable Giving

Thank you to all who supported our charitable Christmas collections. It is wonderful that we were able to send £217 to St Anne's Centre (for those who gave in lieu of sending Christmas cards) and £842.89 to Off The Fence, supporting the homeless, from our Midnight Mass and Christmas Day collections.

Pastoral Visiting

We have a team of people who can visit and/or administer Holy Communion to those who are sick or housebound. Please do let us know if you are ill or if you know of someone who might welcome a visit. The team comprises Fr Anthony, Mthr Lucy, Joyce Bourne and Marie Freeman who also has great experience as a bereavement counsellor. All contact details on the front page of The Lookout.

Thank you

Fr Anthony and Mthr Lucy would like to thank all those who sent cards, gifts and messages of goodwill over Christmas and New Year. All greatly appreciated!

Confirmation Classes

A reminder that Adult Confirmation classes with Mthr Lucy begin today following Evening Prayer which is said at 1700.

The Deans Ecumenical Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This special service will be held at St Margaret's on Sunday 20th January at 1600. Tea and cake will be served in the Cottage from 1515. Do join us to pray for the unity of the whole church together with our Christian neighbours whom we look forward to welcoming here.

Wilson Broom RIP

Wilson's funeral will take place in Church tomorrow, Monday 14th January at 1400. If wished, donations for 'Gloucestershire Cricket Trust' can be sent to Chris Stringer's office or via www.cpjfield.co.uk/christopher-stringer

Sing along 'Mamma Mia!'

Tickets for our film night in church on Friday 1st February at 1830 are now available in church after services or from Café Dean on Marine Drive. Adults £10, under 16s £5. Come dressed in your best 70s gear!

St Margaret's Women's Group

The Group will *not* be meeting in the Cottage tomorrow, 14th January as we will be visiting Saltdean Cinema for the showing of "Mamma Mia, here we go again" on Tuesday 22nd January.

Floodlighting

The church is being floodlit at night in the month of January by Fidelma Romer-Ormiston in memory of Michael RIP. If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting, we suggest a minimum donation of £30 for a month.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday 20th January - The Deans Ecumenical Service
for The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Friday 1st February – Film Night in Church at 1830 – Sing-along Mamma Mia!

Saturday 2nd February - Christingle craft morning

Saturday 23rd February at 1930 – Theatrical Storytelling by Dirty Footprints Theatre

Saturday 25th May – Recital by John Mann and Cream Tea (*N.B. change from original date*)

**Saturday 13th July at 1900 – ‘The New Men’
The Academical Clerks of New College, Oxford**

Saturday 20th/Sunday 21st July – St Margaret’s Day celebrations

Saturday 27th July – Recital by Dan Phelps

Saturday 3rd August – Village Fair

Thursday 19th – Saturday 21st September – The Great Harvest Village Show

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 13th THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST	0730	Morning Prayer
	0800	Holy Communion
	1000	Parish Eucharist
	1700	Evening Prayer
Monday 14th	0830	Morning Prayer
	1400	Funeral Service for Wilson Broom RIP
	1800	Evening Prayer
Tuesday 15th	0830	Morning Prayer
	1000	Eucharist
	1030	Singing Kettle <i>in St Margaret’s Cottage</i>
	1800	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 16th	0830	Morning Prayer
	(1000	School worship in school)
	1800	Evening Prayer
	1830	Eucharist & Bible Study/Discussion
	1930	Knit and Natter <i>in St Margaret’s Cottage</i>
Thursday 17th St Antony of Egypt	0830	Morning Prayer
	1000	Eucharist
	1800	Evening Prayer
Friday 18th	<i>No public services today</i>	
Saturday 19th St Wulfstan	1000	Morning Prayer
	1700	Evening Prayer
Sunday 20th EPIPHANY 3	0730	Morning Prayer
	0800	Holy Communion
	1000	Parish Eucharist & Children’s Church
	1700	Evening Prayer