



PEW NEWS

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Clergy days off: Thursday - Saturday

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Sunday 10th January – Baptism of Christ

9am – Parish Eucharist

10:30am – Connect (Contemporary Worship)

Readings: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29;

Acts 19:1-7, **Mark 1:4-11**

Please Note Clergy days off this week – Weds & Thurs

Sunday 17th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

9am – Parish Eucharist

10:30am – Connect (Contemporary Worship)

Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-9;

Revelation 5:1-10, **John 1:43-end**

Coming up

Alpha Course – Tuesday 12th 7:30pm - Online

Thought for the Week

Saints,

Do you remember your baptism? Were you a baby like I was when you got baptised, so you don't remember? Have you ever visited the place where you were baptised? Do you know the date of your baptism?

Why am I asking so many questions about your baptism?

Well, every year we remember the Baptism of Jesus, which is a hugely important event in His life and it marks the start of His ministry years. So, if it is an important event in the life of Jesus, that means it must be an important event in our lives as well.

Our baptisms are a once in a lifetime event and they are something that we should remember every year. They are a public declaration of our faith, the washing away of our sins, the welcoming of each of us into the church and becoming part of the Bride of Christ.

So this year why don't you remember your baptism, mark it somehow and understand why it is so special for us.

Many blessings, Dan.

News and Notices

Alpha course - Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. A multi-week course that creates a space where people come to discuss Christianity's big questions, it starts online on Tuesday 12th at 7:30pm, for approx. 12 weeks. If you would like to join in with this course please email greatjamesoutreach@gmail.com

Light up St James - Many thanks to all those who so kindly donated to "Light up St James" over the Christmas period, we have raised an amazing £475 for church funds.

Thank You - Thank you to all those who helped make the church look so lovely for Christmas. In these uncertain times, it was so special (albeit different), to be able to worship in church.

Dates for your Diary - Hopefully looking ahead, we have some planned dates for the year:
(all dependent upon any future Covid-19 restrictions)

Sat 12th June – Summer Fete
Sun 25th July – Teddies from the Tower
Sun 3rd October – Harvest Festival
Sat 11th December – Christmas Bazaar

We hope to add to these as the year progresses and as and when restrictions are eased.

Prayers for those known to us in need of prayer at this time:

Felicity, Cathy & Geoff, Janet, Mary & family, Baby Theo.
All of our church family who are currently unable to join us in worship.

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 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.

Post Communion Collect

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 Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers

Monday – For those in our church family who are isolating.

Tuesday – For all the people in our parish who are in difficulties.

Wednesday – For all of us at St James as we look to the New Year.

Thursday – For our local schools.

Friday – For the vision and the mission of our church.

Saturday – For the roll out of the vaccinations.

Sunday – For the other churches in Aylesbury.

Every day we will pray at 11am, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Oxford have asked us to say Psalm 23 and to pray the Lord's Prayer as part of our prayers.