

Connect



Sunday 12th January
The Baptism of our Lord

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you
and also with you

Come, let us sing unto the Lord
let us rejoice and be glad
for this is the day that the Lord has made.

Hymn

SPEAK, O LORD, AS WE COME TO YOU

To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Confession *please sit or kneel*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
to free us from our sins and empower us to become children of God.
Let us therefore confess our sins in penitence and faith,

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.**

We are truly sorry.

**Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Collect

**Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit,
keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their
calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

Reading: Acts 8 v14-17

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria.

When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Hymn HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD,

Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord,
Come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 3 15-18 &21-22

Hear the gospel of our Lord according to Luke
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, 'I baptise you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. 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 barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news.

As the people were being baptised, Jesus came and was also baptised. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Intercessions for today

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

Hymn **BEHOLD THE LAMB WHO BEARS OUR SINS AWAY,**

Slain for us, and we remember the promise made
that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the king

The body of our saviour Jesus Christ, torn for you,
eat and remember; the wounds that heal,
the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the king

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
shed for you, drink and remember, He drained death's cup
that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the king

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise, to respond
and to remember, our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King

Offertory Prayer

Let us present our offerings to the Lord

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own we give you.
Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.

Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being,
and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.

Day and night celebrate your glory
till time shall be no more.

In Christ, your only-begotten Son,
you have revealed yourself to the world.

By the guiding of a star,
you made him known to the nations
as the son of David and king of Israel;
that in following him,
we might be led from darkness
and into his marvellous light.

**Filled with the Spirit, who descended upon your Son,
we who are baptised in his name
strive for his heavenly kingdom in whose radiance
we are transfigured and the earth is transformed.**

As children of your redeeming purpose
we offer you our praise with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father.
In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us.
Our hope is built on him in whom you are well pleased.
Having been shown to the world as your beloved Son,
he proclaimed the good news of your kingdom.

The blind received their sight, the lame walked,
the lepers were cleansed, and the captives set free.
At his word, water became wine,
the hungry were filled with bread,
and the dead were raised.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
desiring to complete the work for which he came into the world,
at supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised
into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end.
Amen.

Breaking of Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world
Lord, unite us in this sign.

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to come and receive

All are welcome to come and receive communion or a blessing at this time

Thanksgiving and sending out

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.
And his mercy endures for ever.

**God of all nations
guide us with your light of love.
Help us to recognise Christ at work in us and in our neighbour.
By your Spirits presence help us to reveal Christ to the world.**

Blessing

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts and minds
with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you now and always.
Amen

Hymn **TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE**

Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine:
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store:
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord
in the name of Christ, Amen.

*Do gather with us for fellowship
and refreshments served after the service*



As we look into the new year with hope, prayer and anticipation we draw your attention to these Key dates and times in the life of the church for your diary

January **The season of Epiphany.**

Our weekly Sunday worship considers and asks the question who Jesus is? Exploring how he was revealed to us as the new King but also the Saviour of the world, the promised Messiah. Ultimately Jesus asks us the question "who do you say I am?"

February **Stewardship Sunday's**

Being a member of the church and a disciple of Christ calls us to take seriously our responsibility to love God and to be thankful for all that he has given us. How do we show that love? At times it is with practical service of how we use our time but it is also about how we use our finances. Over the Sundays in February we will look at why we give? Where does our church finances come from? What do we use them for? and then challenge all of us to consider what is our response.

March **The Lent Season**

Ash Wednesday falls on the 5th March this marks the beginning of lent physically with us receiving the outward symbol of an ash cross calling us to ask God to search our hearts and minds and stir in us a repentant heart willing to be changed and renewed by God's love. During the season of Lent we will seek to offer a Weekly Lent course for people to engage with as we journey once more to Calvary.

April **Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Celebrations**

Palm Sunday falls on Sunday 13th April marking the beginning of Holy Week, leading us once more up to the events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and culminating in the great celebration of Easter on Sunday 20th April

Look out for more information in your weekly Connect News as we travel through this new year together.



Creative
family
fun



We look forward to the start of a new year and a year of Messy Activities offering opportunities for family and friends to gather and explore some familiar Bible Stories through arts, crafts, song and story. Finishing off with a family meal together at no cost.

Last Saturday of each Month from 4pm at St Mary's.

January 25th - It's all about Grace and Mercy

February 22nd - Forgive one another

March 29th - Rescued and Saved

Everybody's Welcome, anyone can come.



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