

**Sunday 12th January**

**The Baptism of Christ**

8am Holy Communion at St. John's

**10am Second Sunday Service**

**Leader & Speaker** Mike Tadman

**Intercessions:** Mike Tadman

**Readings**

**Isaiah 42:1-9** Louise Whitehead

**Acts 10:34-43**

**Matthew 3:13-end**

**Sidesmen** Jane Chambers, Chris Fawcett

**Sound** Janette Tadman

**Coffee** Volunteers

**Counters** Hilary Few, Mike Tadman

**Duty Churchwarden** Lucy Bubb

**Organist** John Kingham

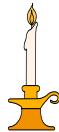
**4pm: MMU Service at Church of the Holy Spirit, Forest Drive, Widford**

Refreshments at 4pm, Service at 4.30pm

*(Please speak to a churchwarden if you would like transport)*

**Living Light**

The Aumbry Light for January has been sponsored in memory of Colin Marshall



**Newsletter Content**

If you have any items for the Newsletter (including requests for prayer) please contact Janette Tadman 01245 469124

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**Deadline** Wednesday evening

**Something new for 2020!**

St John's and St Luke's are running a joint Alpha Course on Monday evenings at 7.30pm, starting on 20 January. The Alpha Course is good for those exploring faith, newcomers to church, new Christians, as well as those wanting to brush up on the basics. It's totally free and you're not tied into anything. The course will run for ten weeks, each session begins with dinner together and is followed by a talk and then small group discussion time, and is being held at St John's Church, Moulsham Street. For more info, or to book, talk to Revd Gemma, one of the Churchwardens or message us on Facebook.

**Transport needed?**

We want to make sure that everyone who wants to go to the course can do so. If transport is difficult, please speak to any of the wardens about arranging a lift.

**Could you help?**

We are looking for two volunteers to prepare a meal, once each (there are limited facilities but plenty of slow cookers that can be borrowed). We are also looking for a few people to facilitate when people are broken into small groups for discussion. This is not a commitment for every session - volunteering just for one week is fine - and guidance will be given.

Please speak to one of the wardens.

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**WELCOME to St. Luke's Church.**

**Please stay for refreshments and fellowship in the hall after the service.**

There will be a collection during the third hymn. If you are a taxpayer, please use a Gift Aid envelope, available from the Sidesmen. If you give by Standing Order or are unable to give today, please pass the basket on.

**Sunday 5th January**

**Epiphany**

8am: Holy Communion at St. John's

**10am: Service of Holy Communion**

**President & Preacher:** Rev Jo Jones

**Crucifer** Dave Thomas

**Server** David Millward

**Chalice** Dave Thomas, Hilary Selwood

**Readings**

**Isaiah 60:1-6** Jane Chambers

**Ephesians 3:1-12** Dave Chambers

**Matthew 2:1-12**

**Intercessions** Dave Thomas

**Sidesmen** Helen Field, Janette Tadman

**Sound** Richard Field

**Coffee** Jane & Dave Chambers

**Counters** Dave Thomas, Janette Tadman

**Duty Churchwarden** Sue Davies

**Organist** Michael Davis

**Collect**

God our Father,  
in love you sent your Son  
that the world may have life:  
lead us to seek him among the outcast  
and to find him in those in need,  
for Jesus Christ's sake.  
**Amen**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom the nations  
seek:  
may we who with the wise men have  
been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence in  
your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our  
Lord.  
**Amen**

**TO OUR VISITORS** Welcome to our service. The **hymn numbers** are displayed on the boards, and will also be announced. When we come to receive Holy Communion, please see the notes in our **Order of Service**, which are provided for your guidance. We like to mark **birthdays** by singing "Happy Birthday to you: to Jesus be true. May God's richest blessing rest today upon you." If it is your birthday this week, please tell one of the ministers.

**The ministry of Prayer with Laying-on-of-Hands for Healing** is available every Sunday. If you would like this for yourself or another, please speak to one of the Ministers or Churchwardens.

## Readings

### Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

### Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup> for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup> a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup> In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup> that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup> so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

### Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## Please Pray This Week

For Brian, Joan, Bob, Margaret, June, Tammy, Emma, Basil, Greta, Carmen, Revd John S, Melvyn, Nicky and Alina, Sally and Peter and Margaret L.

For those named on the prayer board

This week we remember:

Ron Smiles (05.01.2013)

## Funeral for Kath Bell†

The funeral for Kath Bell † will be held in St. Luke's on Tuesday 21st January at 2pm, then 3pm at the Crematorium and afterwards at The Secret Garden. All are welcome.

## Church Rotas

It's rota time again!

If you would like to join one of the rotas for services between February and May or are a regular rota-ite and know dates that you're not available, please let Janette know by 12th January (either in writing or by email).

There is always room for more volunteers on all rotas but there is a definite need for more servers (or assistant servers to begin with). Please speak to a churchwarden or myself if you would like more information.

Janette

## January Services

**Sunday 19th January is our Christingle Service at 10am**

All donations going to the Children's Society

*This service will be non-communion. Our 4th Sunday service on 26th January will be a service of Holy Communion led by Rev David Cattle*



## This Week

The church is open daily for prayer

**Revd Gemma is on annual leave until 10th January**

**Monday 6 January**

*Pray for abused and exploited children and children in care*

**Tuesday 7 January**

*Pray for Sandpiper Walk*

**Wednesday 8 January**

*Pray for Baptists*

Edward Bear is still on holiday this week - definitely back next week

**Thursday 9 January**

*Pray for Peace in Syria and The Middle East*

**Friday 10 January**

*Pray for Scouts, Cubs and Beavers*

**Saturday 11 January**

*Pray for Holly Way*

11am: Saturday Coffee & Book Club

## Book Club

**11.00am Saturday 11th January**

All books provided, refreshments are available.



**All are welcome!**

## Saturday Coffee

**11th January**

*On duty: Brenda Hudson*

**Join us for coffee and fellowship**

