

The United Benefice of Henley-on-Thames with Remenham
THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN
Registered Charity

The Baptism of Christ
January 13 2019

Welcome to this ancient Parish Church. If you are a visitor or a new member of the congregation, you will find the order of service in the booklets. The hymns are not announced - they can be found on this sheet. The crèche is available throughout the service for toddlers and parents; Junior Church also takes place in the Chantry House. Tea & coffee are served in the Chantry House after the service: please join us and make yourself known.

Entrance Hymn: 425 O Love, how deep

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7
Restoration and Protection Promised

But now 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.'

The Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 29

R/ May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace.

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

R/

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

R/

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

R/

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

R/

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare;
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'

R/

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

R/

Morning Prayer will be said at 9am and Evening Prayer usually at 5pm at St Mary's on weekdays

Sunday January 20 ~ Sunday in The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

8.00am Eucharist (SM) 9.30am Sung Eucharist (SM)

11.15am Sung Matins (SN)

4.30pm Choral Evensong (SM)

Please pray for

The Church:

The Anglican Church of Australia

The Most Revd Philip Leslie Freier - Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia

Our Bishops:

Bishop Alan confirming in Bernwode Benefice

The sick:

Nicola, Neil, Helen, Stella, Maria, John Ogden, Jennifer, Henry

The departed:

Sylvia Bishop, Howard Silver

Those whose year's minds falls this week:

Bill Dibley (17), Peter Cubison, Cynthia Batty (18)

Notices for the week beginning 13 January

Sidesmen, readers, intercessors, coffee helpers, servers, please could you let the parish office know any dates you are unavailable during February, March and April in preparation for the next duty rota.

2019 sees the preparation of new church electoral roll. This takes place once in every six years. All who wish to have their names entered on the new roll, whether their names are entered on the present roll or not, are requested to apply for enrolment. Application forms can be found at the back of church, to be completed and returned to the parish office please.

The next parish breakfast will be on Sunday 10 February at 8.35am in the Chantry House.

The Henley Food Bank Box can be found by the crèche. Please bring donations on Sunday mornings - toiletry items, tinned veg, tinned fruit, savoury biscuits, tinned meat, long lasting milk, cereal, crisps, biscuits, squash, pasta sauce.

On Sunday February 17 there will be a united benefice confirmation service with Bishop Colin at 10.30am at St Mary's. Please speak to Fr Jeremy if you would like to be confirmed.

The Henley Choir Festival is to be held on Saturday 26 January at 7.00pm in St Mary's. As well as the 7 local choirs taking part, the main piece is Handel's Messiah Part I including the Hallelujah Chorus.

Over the years many charities have benefited from the festival and this year it will be Diabetes UK.

The cost is £5 and singers pay too! There will be a bucket collection at the end of the evening.

Please contact Liz Hodgkin on 573192 or David Butler on 0118 972 4065.

Parish Office ~ Mon, Tues 9.30am-12.30pm : Wed, Fri, 9.30am-4.30pm

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Fr Jeremy is always happy to talk to parishioners about any subject, please call the parish office to make an appointment. Saturday is his day off and Friday is his study day. Fr Jeremy would appreciate being spared calls on these days except in an emergency.