

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

Sunday 12th January 2020
The Baptism of Christ

*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.*

Mass: Darke in A minor

Entrance Hymn: 58 The sinless one to Jordan came

The Opening Prayer

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

The Servant, a Light to the Nations

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
 I am the Lord, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
 See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
 before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.

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/**

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-end

The Baptism of Jesus

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Hymn: **56** Songs of thankfulness and praise
During which an offertory collection will be taken

The Communion Hymn: **425** O Love, how deep, how broad, how high

The Choir Anthem: Litany to the Holy Spirit *Peter Hurford*
 Bethlehem Down *Peter Warlock*

The Final Hymn: **272** All for Jesus! all for Jesus!

The Organ Voluntary

In dir ist Freude *J.S Bach BWV 615*

Today's Sung Eucharist:

Sidesmen	Clive and Inez Hemsley
Lessons	Kathryn Turner
Intercessions	Carol Brook-Partridge
Servers	Sheila Croton, Norman Topsom, Sue Hockley
Chalice	Sheila Croton and Stuart Crippen
Coffee	Jenny Lloyd and Sarah Bell

Please replace the kneelers on your pew before leaving. Thank you!

This Week

Mon 13 Memorial Service for Mary Hunter 1.00pm (SM)

Tues 14

Wed 15 Babies and Toddlers Session 10.00am BATS Eucharist 11.00am (SM)

Aliquando Choir Practice 7.15pm (CH)

Thurs 16

Eucharist 10.00am (SM)

Choir Practice: Juniors 6.00pm Seniors 8.00pm

Fri 17

Praying Together 9.30am (CH) Eucharist 12noon (SM)

Sat 18

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

Please note that because of the failure of our boiler most weekday services at St Mary's will be held in the Chantry House until the Spring.

Sunday 19th January ~ The Second Sunday of the Epiphany

8.00am Eucharist (SM) 9.30am Sung Eucharist, Junior Church and Creche (SM)

11.15am |Sung Matins (BCP) (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

Bishop Steven as he settles into a new rhythm during his sabbatical.

May he be blessed with the time and peace to read, think, rest and pray during the next three months.

The sick:

Nicola, Neil, Helen, Stella, Maria, Richard, Duncan, Robert, Caroline, Teresa

The departed: *Michael Jones, Mary Hunter, Dennis Franklin*

Those whose year's minds falls this week:

Michael Forrest (16), Bill Dibley (17), Peter Cubison, Cynthia Batty (18)

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Notices for the week beginning 12th January

The next parish breakfast will be on Sunday 7th February at 8.35am in the Chantry House

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.

The new coloured envelopes for 2019 are available for those who use them at the back for the church. Anyone using the white envelopes who wishes to convert to the more convenient coloured envelopes should please speak to one of the Churchwardens or Martin Whittaker. Similarly, any users of the white or coloured envelopes who wishes to convert to the bankers standing order system is requested please to speak to the Treasurer, Kathryn Turner.

Saturday 25th January Henley Choir Festival, St Mary's Church - Starting at 7pm, the programme includes Haydn's Creation Part I and will feature contributions from soloists Rebecca Bell (pictured), Tom Emlyn Williams and James Stickings (the Rector of All Saints, Peppard). Entry is £5 and the event, which is now in its 11th year, is once again being held for charity. This year's choice being Autism Berkshire. For more information and to book tickets, call organisers David Butler on 0118 972 4065 or Elizabeth Hodgkin on 573192.

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.

***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 Monday morning. Friday is his study day. Fr Jeremy would appreciate being spared calls on these days except in an emergency.***