



This Week Sheet

Baptism of Christ

Sunday 13th January 2019

Welcome

We normally have Junior Church every Sunday.
If you can't see any children, ask at the door
and people will advise you.

Hymns: 258 109 **494** 441 & 456 650

(the collection for the work of the church
will be taken in the third hymn)

Collect:

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Readings:

Isaiah 43: 1-7
Acts 8: 14-17
Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

For your prayers:

Those who are unwell: Brenda Skinner, Vicky Tod, Pat Westwood, Ben Williams.

Post Communion Prayer:

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

Amen.

Licensing: congregational response:

People of God, is it therefore your will that David
should be licensed as an Assistant Priest?

All It is!

Will you uphold and support him in his ministry?

All We will!

SERVICES

This Week:

6.30pm

Hymns:

Evening Worship

46, 236, 595

Weekdays:

Mon – Fri

8am

Morning Prayer

Wed

10am

Holy Communion
(followed by Open Church)

Next Sunday:

8.00am

Epiphany 3

Holy Communion

10.00am

Holy Communion

Readings

Isaiah 62: 1-5
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2: 1-11

6.30pm

Choral Evensong

If you are new to this morning's service:

If it is your custom to receive the bread and wine in your own church, then you are welcome to do so here. If you would rather not receive, you can keep your hands down for a blessing.

You may wish to remain in your seat, which is also fine.

Stay for refreshments after the 10am service if you can.

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If you wish to support the work of the church financially, you can be part of the 'envelope scheme' or set up a Standing Order. You can also fill out a Gift Aid Declaration to increase the value of the gift. See wardens for information. Here are our account details:

PCC St Mary's Church Selly Oak
HSBC Account number: 41565818
Sort code: 40-11-20

Parish ministry team

Clergy

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Revd David Parker 0121 445 1901/07532 338961

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Mary Cutler 0121 472 3343

Church Wardens

George Harrison: 07831 573169 Martin Sorby 07982 850 444

Bookings for weddings and baptisms: Weds 6.15-7.15pm
Bellringing practice: Weds 7.30-9pm.



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Diary Dates

Jan

Thu 10 th	7.30pm	Issues Group
Sun 13 th		Licensing lunch
Mon 14 th	10.30am	Bereavement Group
	7.30pm	The Way Group
Tue 15 th	10.30am	Bible study
	10.30am	Coffee Morning
	7.15pm	Junior Church leaders
Tue 22 nd	7pm	PCC
Thu 24 th	7.30pm	Theological Read

Feb

Thu 7 th	7.30pm	Book Group
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Welcome to Bishop Anne! Please stay for the bring and share lunch following the 10am service.

Bereavement Group will meet on Mon 14th Jan, 10.30am at 21 Meadow Rise.

The Way Group (Mon 14th Jan) 7:30pm at 36 Innage Road, B31 3XG. This will be a programme planning meeting. If you have a topic you would like included in the programme or would like a previous session repeated please contact me. *Helen Harrison*

Epiphany Bible Study (Tue 15th Jan) 10.30am at 37 Tillyard Croft: Wm. Barclay *The Gospel of Luke* 1:67-2:52 pp. 22-37. A Father's Joy, Journey to Bethlehem, Shepherds and Angels, The ancient ceremonies are observed, A dream realized, A lovely old age, The dawning realization. All Welcome.

Coffee Morning (Tue 15th Jan) 10.30am at 80 Quarry Lane, Northfield, B31 2PY.

Theological Read (Thu 24th Jan) 7.30pm

We will meet at 9 Bridgewater Court to discuss St Augustine's *Confessions*.

Book Group (Thu 7th Feb) 7.30pm at 9 Bridgewater Court, to discuss Patrick Gale's *A perfectly good man*.

Bellringers needed! Over the last couple of years we have lost 6 of our bellringers, this has left the tower with a core number of 4 ringers on a Sunday. It is becoming a challenge to ring Sunday mornings and we need new blood. The ringers practise every Wednesday evening from 7.30-9pm, and would like to encourage retired ringers to return to the art of campanology and extend a warm welcome to those who would like to start ringing. Contact Joanne Goodall (0121 475 7348) for more information.

Food bank A big "thank you" to everyone who responded to our food bank request. Although the special Christmas appeal is now over, we still need regular contributions.

The readings

We might still be filled with awe, wonder & joy following the revelation to the world of the Christ Child. And here we are again, being showered with yet more glory and promises of hope.

The Israelites in Isaiah's writings have been promised safety, they won't be harmed, redemption is theirs, they have God with them, dispelling all fear. Their lives were protected. A blessed and chosen people, chosen by God.

With these promises, they should have been untouchable and always safe. This often wasn't the case though, everyday life could still be difficult.

In the book of Acts, we're told of how Peter and John went to Samaria to pray for the blessing of the Holy Spirit to come upon the people there. It was inclusion of Gentiles and that was life changing. God was with them and making all things new.

Our Gospel reading tells of John the Baptist, giving warnings and telling all people of the power of the One who will baptise them with the Holy Spirit and with fire. John baptised with water, and likewise he baptised Christ.

Christ's baptism is ours too. As He stood on the bank of the River Jordan, preparing to step into a life of challenges, pain and ultimately death, Christ was blessed by His Father and knew He could face whatever lay ahead.

In baptism this promise is also for us. We are never protected from difficulties in life yet God is with us in joys and sorrows, His forgiveness & love is our protection. *Jayne*

