

12 January 2025, First Sunday of Epiphany,

Baptism of Christ,

Christingle.



Services today

8am – Holy Communion by Extension, (Mrs. Jill Bell, LLM)
10am – Christingle Church for All, in the hall.

Hymns for today :- 87, Colours of the day; 554, While shepherds watched; the Christingle song; 51, Away in a manger.

Services next week, 19th Jan.

8am – Holy Communion
10am – Holy Communion
10am Young Church

INTERCESSIONS - Our prayers have been asked for
Baby Charlie J, Lorna and Charles F, Hazel B, Malcolm W,
Jane A, Janine J, Julie M.

The funeral of **Gordon Evans** takes place tomorrow, (Monday 13th),
at 1pm, at Slough crematorium. All welcome.

COLLECT

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.

READINGS

Acts Ch. 8: v 14 - 17

¹⁴ When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria.

¹⁵ When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶ because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

¹⁷ Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Luke Ch. 3: v 15-17, 21, 22

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah.

¹⁶ John answered them all,

“I baptize 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 baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹⁷ 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.”

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too.

And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² 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.”

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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.

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An Easter Panto? Oh no it isn't, oh yes it is. Easter Pantos apparently are now all the rage and St Mary's is leading the way. Having our Panto in March means you've all learned the Panto characteristics so you'll be able to join in.
Next week the date will be revealed.

YOUNG CHURCH - This Sunday is Church for All in the hall where we will celebrate Christingle and remember all the good work the Children's Society do. You will be able to make your own Christingle using an orange, ribbon, candle, and sweets to take home. There will be a collection for the Children's Society. Refreshments will be served from 9.30am.

NOTICES

St. Mary's church has received the sum of £202.24, being the collection from Ethel's funeral service; a lovely gesture by the family, and much appreciated.

BINGO tomorrow – 7.30pm for 7.45pm start – everybody welcome.

Big Bingo quiz is Friday 17th January, from 7pm.

DO YOU HAVE

any unwanted, unopened boxes of sweets/chocolates or biscuits ? We are collecting them up and will take them to the Food Bank, so others can have a little treat, (please make sure they are not out of date). They can be left in church for Jill and Vicky to deal with,

T H A N K Y O U !!

MEETINGS:-

Tuesday, 14th, Standing and Finance Committee meeting, Rector, Treasurer and Wardens, **9.30am in the hall.**

Also Tuesday, 14th - Deanery Chapter at 2pm.

Bible Study Home is having a holiday and will be back on 21st January when we will look at important church dates in January before we rejoin Paul on his second missionary journey as he reaches Corinth.

If you'd like to join us contact Jill on 07812741279.