

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

The First Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome to our Service this morning. Please find below the Notices for the week, with new and amended ones underlined.

Hymns	53	Songs of thankfulness and praise	A & M
	526	When Jesus came to Jordan	
	235	O Jesus, I have promised	
	207	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	
Sunday 11th January	10.00am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club & Youth Alpha	
	2.00pm	Pastoral Teas 'Christmas Party' - see below	
Monday 12th January	11.00am	'Manor House Road School Trust' meeting	
Tuesday 13th January	2.00pm	Funeral of Jacqueline Dobbs at Alford Crematorium	
	7.00pm	Children & Youth Group Leaders' meeting on Zoom	
Wednesday 14th January	9.30am	Holy Communion	
Saturday 17th January	9.00am	'Prayer Breakfast' - at Costa Coffee	
	10.00am	Coffee in Church	

PASTORAL TEAS QUIZ

We are all invited to join the Pastoral Teas 'Christmas Party' this afternoon from 2.00 - 3.30pm. Please let Helen Marshall or Fiona Martin know if you hope to come along. There will be opportunity for 'chat, refreshments and a light hearted quiz'.

CONFIRMATION

We look forward to the Confirmation Service at St. James' Church, Spilsby on Sunday, 18th January at 3.00pm. Please pray for Sue Johnson and Paul Coulter from our Group of Churches who are being Confirmed that day. All are welcome to join them for the service.

EAST COAST HOMELESS OUTREACH

On behalf of the volunteers at ECHO, Maggie and Bill Anderson would like to thank everyone who donated money and items for the Christmas bags. They write: 'with your help we managed to pack fifty bags with eighteen new items in each bag. Also, money donated since Christmas will go towards food which is distributed weekly. The sum raised was a massive £240.00. Thank you to all who contributed to this effort'.

MISSION GIVING

Our Mission Committee are meeting on Tuesday, 3rd February. One thing that they will be considering is the half-yearly giving from St. Mary's to different charities. If you have any suggestions of good causes that you would like to see us supporting in this way, please have a word with Helen Marshall or another member of the team.

ELECTORAL ROLL

You may like to be on the Church Electoral Roll. The roll is a useful way of assessing Church membership and it also gives those who are on it voting rights on the various synods of the Church. If you would like to be on the roll, please take a form from the back of church and fill in your details. The forms can then be given to Pam Crisp Beard, our Church Electoral Roll Officer, or to Debbie in the Church Office. Thank you.

ALAN PRICE

Sadly, we heard of the death of Alan Price just before Christmas. Alan was a woodwork teacher in the town for many years. His family have invited anyone who remembers him to attend his funeral at Alford Crematoria on Wednesday 14th January at 2.00pm.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Sunday 18th January	10.00am	All-age Worship
		<i>N.B. No service at Ashby Puerorum today</i>
	3.00pm	Confirmation Service at St. James's, Spilsby
Wednesday 21st January	9.30am	Holy Communion
	2.15pm	Mothers' Union AGM
	7.30pm	Wolds & Coast Churches' Festival planning meeting
Thursday 22nd January	2.30pm	Bible Society meeting
	7.30pm	Thimbleby Village Church Council meeting
Saturday 24th January	10.00am	Coffee in Church
	10.00 - 4.00pm	'Bible Society Readathon'

MOTHERS' UNION

Our Mothers' Union group are holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 21st January at 2.15pm. The meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend, and refreshments will be provided.

BIBLE SOCIETY

The Bible Society Committee from across the Churches in the town are organizing a 'Bible Readathon' on Saturday, 24th January from 10.00am until 4.00pm. If you would like to read at this event, please see Jane Luker, Pam Crisp Beard, the Rev. Charles or Debbie in the Parish Office. Please tell others about this event and the opportunity to listen to whole sections of the Bible read at one time.

PRAYER FOR THE TOWN

Week beginning the 11th January: please pray for the residents and businesses of Stourton Place and the village of Tattershall

You may like to have your birthday remembered by the rest of the Church family? If so, please contact Neil and Shelagh Carter by E-mail or through the Parish Office. Please note that Neil and Shelagh have a new E-mail address, which is: Neil637carter@btinternet.com

At our Communion services, if you would like a gluten free wafer, please let the Stewards or Clergy know before the service starts.

Please note, if you wish to leave a gift by Bank Card, you can use the 'Goodbox' near the entrance. Also, to give via your 'phone, you can use the QR code on the cards in the pews. Thank you.

Please look at our website for further details on these notes: www.stmaryshorncastle.org.uk



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. Amen.

Isaiah 42, 1 - 9 p. 697

Acts 10, 34 - 43 p. 138

Matthew 3, 13 - end

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.'

Lord, please give us the confidence to live the love of Jesus Christ with the community here in Horncastle and in the surrounding villages. Amen.