

10th January 2021

WELCOME

Baptism of Christ

to

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



FAMILY EUCHARIST

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

Genesis 1 vv 1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Acts 19 vv 1-7

While Apollus was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptised?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptised with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied – altogether there were about twelve of them.

Mark 1 vv 4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptised by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop

down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptised you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. And as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Psalm 29

Hymns

- When Jesus came to Jordan
- On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
- Songs of thankfulness and praise
- Christ, when for us you were baptized
- Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

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Psalm 46

Hymns

- Why, impious Herod, shouldst thou fea
- O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Readings

Isaiah 42 vv 1-9

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

Ephesians 2 vv 1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were

by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Alternative Christmas Tree Festival 2020

Well we have exceeded all expectations and raised an amazing £600 with the alternative festival last year - so this will go 50/50 for church funds and for the chosen charity. We hopefully, when the situation improves, will arrange a visit from the charity to tell us about what they do and collect a cheque. Thank you so much to everyone who took part and everyone who supported us. The trees have all now been safely put away as we have a plan for them next Christmas!!!! Claire & Charlotte xx

St. John's is still financially afloat! Read on...

The 2020 Annual Accounts have been drafted and show some remarkable facts about last year; not just how much money St. John's has received and spent in the last year, but also about how St. John's members have responded financially during the 9 months of the coronavirus pandemic. More details will follow in the next week or so.

In the meantime, we are experiencing another period when we are unable to hold our regular weekly services. This means not being able to interact socially and not having in place the usual opportunity for giving our monetary donations. However, more of us have transferred our giving to a monthly bank direct (Standing Order) transfer over the last 9 months, which means our giving continues no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in. If you would like more information about setting up a Standing Order, please contact the treasurer Nick Green.

For those that wish to continue by Share Plan or "collection plate" donations, you can bring your envelopes, bag of cash or cheques to St. John's on Sunday mornings during private prayer time 10.00 am to 11.30 am. (Cheques made payable to "St John's PCC Derby"). Alternatively, cheques can be posted to Nick Green or payments "clicked and collected" by the treasurer directly from your home during his daily exercise. Please contact Nick Green on 07399 451818 or email nickgreen8@sky.com to make arrangements or ask any questions. A supply of Gift Aid envelopes can be made available if you usually Gift Aid your giving. In the meantime, a big thank you for your continued support and giving to St. John's Church.

Thank You from Barbara Chambers

Barbara would like to thank everyone for their cards, messages and prayers following the death of Peter after a long illness. She would also like to thank

Maureen for taking the funeral service and Andy and members of the choir respectively who played and sang at the service. It was very much appreciated.

Annual Raffle

This is called a Valentine's Raffle. The draw will take place in church at 11 a.m. on Sunday, 7th February 2021. There will be a cash prize, Valentine Spring Hamper, wine, spirits and goodies galore.

If anyone who has any gifts for the Prize Draw is calling into church for private prayer could they please leave them near the entrance. Also if there is anyone who needs more tickets please pick up a plastic bag with five books in from near the exit. Many thanks.

Used Postage Stamps

In this Christmas time just a reminder that Pat Gregory would like your used postage stamps please. These go to help The Bransby Home for Horses. There will be baskets in each porch so any donation of stamps can be left there. Thank you.

Mission of St. John's Church

To be a caring community striving to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ;
sharing in the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
and to love our neighbour, having the Eucharist at the centre of our worship.