



**Weekly Newsletter for
The Benefice of Evesham, All Saints
with Norton & Lenchwick, St Egwin**



Readings and Notices for
Sunday 12 January 2025
The Baptism of Christ

SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR TODAY

Time	Service/Event	Church/Venue	Details
8.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints	President: & Preacher : Revd Caroline Green
10.00am	Parish Communion	St Egwins	President & preacher: Revd Andy Green
10.00am	Parish Communion	All Saints	President: & Preacher: Revd Caroline Green

Service book: Christmastide and Epiphany

Music setting: Archer

Sides: Rosie Grove, Sara Greedy

Readers: Rosie Grove, Marjorie Arthurs

Intercessions: Clive Greedy

Coffee: Sara Greedy, Chris Spriggs

Hymn

Crown him with many crowns,
the lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

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 forever.

Amen.

First reading – a reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Isaiah 43.1-7

Second Reading – a reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had

only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. *Acts 8.14-17*

Hymn

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'" *Luke 3.15-17, 21, 22*

Offertory Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem,
in Thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,
and at Cana, wedding-guest,
in Thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine.
anthems be to thee addressed
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill.
anthems be to thee addressed
God in Man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
mirrored in thy holy Word;
may we imitate Thee now
and be pure, as pure art Thou
that we like to thee may be
at Thy great Epiphany
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in Man made manifest.

Hymn

Thy body broken for my sake,
my bread from heaven shall be;
thy testamental cup I take,
and thus remember thee.

Gethsemane can I forget?
or there thy conflict see,
thine agony and bloody sweat,
and not remember thee?

When to the cross I turn mine eyes
and rest on Calvary,
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice,
I must remember thee:

Remember thee, and all thy pains,
and all thy love to me;
yea, while a breath, a pulse remains,
will I remember thee.

And when these failing lips grow dumb,
and mind and memory flee,
when thou shalt in thy kingdom come,
Jesus, remember me.

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.

Hymn

Rejoice! the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing;
and triumph evermore:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, etc.

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, etc.

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, etc.

Weekly Intercessions for week beginning 12 January 2025

Those who are sick, particularly this week we mention:

Carole Vizor, David Dickenson,
Ann Linehan, Doreen Tyler,
Carol Sheehan, Jean Whitehouse

Those who have recently died:

Robin Phillips, William Dyde,
Brenda Clarke

Year's Mind: Leighton Ryan,
Cicely Perry, John Muggeridge,
John Darby, Harry Green, Edward Rea.

Notices

1st February Post Christmas pick me up.

Please come along to support this event.
There will be stalls, tea/coffee and mince
pies. Raffle, Tombola...
Start time to be confirmed but probably
11am.

Notices.

Notes from the PCC meeting on Monday 6 January—

We started as always with a prayer led by Prajna.

We had a visit from the Arch Deacon, Diocesan Secretary and Area Dean and discussed the Vacancy and Parish Share. We also discussed co-operation with the other Evesham Churches moving forward.

We have purchased the gift for Chris Povey's retirement and this will be presented to him at the 10am service on Sunday 2 February.

Finance. We looked at the forecast for next year's expenses. In particular looking at charges for weddings and Funerals. The treasurer is looking into expenditure to see how we can reduce our outgoings.

Mission. There is a meeting due later this month. The Foodbank has had a small increase. Number of parcels given in 2024 is 3005, a 3% increase on 2023.

Worship. We had great success with our Advent and Christmas services, a meeting for Lent and Easter planning is due soon, we are also planning a monthly family service, while making sure that there are adequate Communion Services for people.

Fabric. The project for Church lighting is due to be completed soon.

Deanery Synod. They are looking at more security regarding the safety of people, due to recent events.

Churches Together. We have a week of Christian Prayer where we visit different Churches in this Town for prayer and fellowship, the details will be shown in this sheet nearer the time.

Fundraising.

A post Christmas Pick me up winter Fayre is being planned for Saturday 1st February

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Services and Events for the week ahead

Monday 13th January

- 10.00 am Contemplative Worship, in All Saints,
led by Revd Dr Prajna Lad
- 10.30 am Communion at Richmond Village, Wood Norton
- 12.00 Funeral of Robin Philips, All Saints. Revd Andy Green
- 6.30 pm Yellow Scarf in Church House Lounge

Wednesday 15th January

- 9.30 am Stay and Play in All Saints
- 10.00 am Yellow Scarf in Church House Lounge

Thursday 16th January

- 10.00 am Holy Communion: President & Preacher Revd Andy Green,
All Saints. Followed by coffee in church
- 3.00 pm Funeral of William Samuel Dyde, Vale Crematorium.
Revd Caroline Green
- 5.45 pm Yellow Scarf in Church House Lounge

Friday 17th January

- 2.00 pm Tea Service in All Saints

Sunday 19th January

- 8.00 am Holy Communion in All Saints.
President & Preacher: Revd Andy Green
- 10.00 am Parish Communion, St Egwin's,
President & Preacher: : Revd Caroline Green.
- 10.00 am Holy Communion in All Saints
President: Revd Andy Green. Preacher: Julie Westlake
Sides: Amy Hall-Cook, David Hall
Readers: Amy Hall-Cook, Pippa Hodges.
Intercessions: Rosie Grove
Coffee: Pam & Jim Osborne



Homelessness Awareness Session

Thursday 20th February 2025

7.00pm

**The Lighthouse, Vine Court
Evesham WR11 4RE**

What is homelessness?
There aren't any rough sleepers here - are there?
There is no help for the homeless around here - is there?
What can I do to help?

**To find out more or to book a place on the session, please contact
Diane Bennett on diane@chands.org.uk or 07859 892528**

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