

Christmas ends today. All decorations should be removed after lunch in church.
11.15 Procession of Plough along Front Street & Old Market Street concluding at Kings
Head where Paul is serving drinks.
12.30 appx Shared Lunch in Church.
This Week – ‘Ordinary Time’ begins – Psalter – Week 1.

Mon: St. Hilary

1.30 - 2.25 Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Healing Service
2.30pm Mass, Laying on of Hands and anointing. Tea/coffee after
Int: The sick and healing ministry

Tues 9.30am Mass Coffee in church after for a short time. Int: Ordinands

Wed: 9.30am Mass Int: The dead - January anniversaries

Thur: St Fursey

9.30am Mass Int: Church in East Anglia

Fri: St. Anthony

9.30am Mass Int: Forgiveness & Reconciliation

Sat: 10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday (Readings as Sunday)

4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next Sunday 2nd of Year C.

9.30am Parish Mass & Address.

11.30am PCC Meeting & Lunch in Church

NOTICES

1. Thanks to John, Cameron and Martin for driving their vintage tractors in the Plough Sunday procession. Please would as many of you as possible join in.
2. Next Healing Service will be on Monday (tomorrow) at 2.30pm
3. P.C.C. meets next Sunday (19 Jan) at 11.30am
4. Please sign for Shrine lamps – list on table - £10 a month/£120 per year.
5. Although no Friends of St Mary's coffee & cake, there will still be a cup of tea or coffee after Tuesday's Mass for those who want to warm up and catch up with friends.
6. Christian Aid and Sockbank appeal for St Martin's Norwich concludes today. Thanks to all who have contributed.

Please keep silence from 9.25 a.m. to prepare for Mass. 12th January, 2025

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Theme: Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. He was anointed with the Spirit of Power to bring the Kingdom of God on Earth. We pray at this Mass that we may share in Christ's mission.

Entrance Hymn: 110 v 1 & 2

Blessing of Crib Offerings

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for our failure to accept our baptismal commitment of witnessing for you. Lord have mercy. **PEOPLE: KYRIE ELEISON**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we forget that you have called us to be servants. Christ have mercy. **PEOPLE: CHRISTE ELEISON**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have kept your good news to ourselves. Lord have mercy. **PEOPLE: KYRIE ELEISON**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.

Gloria: John Allen Christmass setting (on paper)

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray that we will be faithful to our baptism.* Almighty, eternal God, when the Spirit descended upon Jesus at his baptism in the Jordan, you revealed him as your own beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful to our calling.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD:

First Reading - Isaiah 42 v. 1-4, 6-7: We hear an ancient description of the servant of God, who is endowed with God's Spirit. His mission is to bring true justice to the nations through his gentleness.

Thus says the LORD: Behold 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 aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. 'I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for 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.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 28 @ The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly powers,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;

bow down before the LORD, majestic in holiness.®

The voice of the LORD upon the waters, the LORD on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the LORD full of power; the voice of the LORD full of splendour. ®

The God of glory thunders; in his temple they all cry, 'Glory!'
The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits as king for ever. ®

Second Reading - Acts 10 v. 34-38: Peter addresses his first converts, telling them how Jesus began his public ministry after John had been baptising. Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit.

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all — you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.'

Gospel Hymn: 110 v 3 & 4

All: Alleluia, alleluia! He who is mightier than I is coming, said John. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Alleluia!

Gospel – Luke 3 v.15-16; 21-22: We hear in the Gospel how John announces the power of the Baptism that will be of Christ and meanwhile Jesus is baptised by him.

At that time: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, 'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people were baptised by John the Baptist and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'

Creed. (Apostles' Creed) P 8 of hymn book

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: God calls us to bring true justice on the earth. We pray for the needs of a tormented world.

Reader: Let us pray for all newly baptised Christians and for all preparing for baptism; for everyone involved in teaching the faith, that the word of God may take root, grow and produce good fruit.

Let us pray for all baptised people: that everywhere Christians may rejoice to be sons and daughters of the Father.

Let us pray for all who carry heavy burdens of guilt or anxiety; for the terminally ill and for their loved ones who share their suffering; that the Spirit of Christ will comfort and strengthen them.

Let us pray for ourselves and our spiritual development; for all whom we irritate or annoy; for any we have unwittingly hurt or damaged; that fixing our gaze on Jesus we may see our true selves more clearly.

On this Plough Sunday we pray for all who work on the land.

Let us pray for those who live alone and for the housebound, that they may not feel the pain of loneliness. We pray for the sick, especially Anna Horsnell, Lynne Aldous, Julie & Andrew Gray, Marjorie & Marcel Rousseau and all prayed for at Shrine prayers.

Let us pray for our deceased relatives, friends and parishioners, especially Lewis Henson who died recently (Pause while a candle is lit) and Glenys Wyatt, George Thorpe, Nelsie Butlin, Bridget Goodall, Frank Wenden, Clifford Taylor, Fr Thomas Anderson, Katherine Cook and Kathleen Potter, whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

Mary allowed Jesus to leave home to do God's work. May she help us to leave whatever hinders our following of her Son as we pray: **Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

S I L E N C E

All: Father, baptism and membership of your family is a gift we have received from others. Help your people to be serious in their faith and to be ready to share it with others. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 34 v. 1 & 2. **Offertory Prayers** Hymn 34 v. 3 - 5

Sanctus & Mystery of Faith: John Allen Christmasstide setting

Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei: John Allen Christmasstide setting

(Communicants of other Christian denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a Communicant and/or would like a blessing, please bring a hymn book to the altar rail.)

Hymns at Holy Communion: 99 and 500. (please join in)

Hymn at Ablutions: 179

Post Communion Prayer

Angelus

Notices

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 286