

St. George's, Brockworth

Sunday 9th January 2022

Notices and updates



Heather's Afternoon Tea

Come and join us for Sandwiches, Savouries, Cakes & Tea or Coffee

Saturday 22nd January 2022, 3.30pm

At St George's Church Centre

There will be a raffle to end the afternoon

All proceeds will go to St George's Church

Tickets from the Church Office - £5.00

Happy New Year to you all!

Keep connected with each other and with God.

As we express our joys and concerns to God this week...

Let us be thankful and pray for our bell ringers, organists, gardeners, those that open the church and cleaners of the church, church centre, brass and linen. Thank you to all these people that give their valuable time to these important roles that often go unnoticed.

Let us pray for all those in the community that mourn the loss of loved ones. May they feel the comfort of your love and may they face each new day with hope and the certainty that nothing can destroy the good that has been given. May their memories become joyful, their days enriched with friendship, and their lives encircled by your love.

Let us pray for healing and wholeness in mind, body and spirit for Heidi and Jean Corless; pray they would know and experience the peace, presence and comfort of Jesus.

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

We worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sing: *(click on the song title, and it should open up and play in YouTube)*

66 Be Thou my vision

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We meet to celebrate the coming of Christ into the world. The word was made flesh and dwelt among us ... and we beheld his glory.

**Almighty God,
To whom all hearts are open,
All desires known,
And from whom no secrets are hidden:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
That we may perfectly love you,
And worthily magnify your holy name;
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Gathering our thoughts, we remember and confess:

**Our Lord Jesus Christ said;
The first commandment is this;
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God
With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength.'
The second is this, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments
Hang all the law and the prophets.
Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

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May almighty God have mercy on us and forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Take a few moments to sit and think about receiving that unconditional offering of forgiveness through grace.

Collect

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7 (ESV)

Israel's Only Savior

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

"Fear not, 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 Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.

Fear not, 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 up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar 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."

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-17,21-22 (ESV)***John the Baptist Prepares the Way***

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize 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 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 barn, 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 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."

Sing: *(click on the song title, and it should open up and play in YouTube)*

589 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Let us declare our faith with confidence:

**We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

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We pray with confidence as our saviour has taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Sing: *(click on the song title, and it should open up and play in YouTube)*
[150 Crown Him with many crowns](#)

Numbers 6:24-26 May the LORD bless you and protect you.
May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you.
May the LORD show you his favor and give you his peace.

Our worship has ended, but our service now begins. Let us go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**