



## Sunday 14 January 2018: The Baptism of the Lord

### TODAY'S SERVICES:

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| 8:00am        | Eucharist                               | Fr Tim Pilkington |
| <b>9:30am</b> | <b>Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism</b> | Fr Tim Pilkington |
| 4:00pm        | The Sunday Service                      | Fr John Russell   |
| 6:00pm        | Evening Prayer                          | Lex Bradley       |

**Hymns:** 58 (tune 12); 56 (omit v 4); 46 (tune 19ii); 51

### First Reading, read by Richard Currie Genesis 1: 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.

### Psalm 29 (omit v 8)



Ascribe to the Lord, you pow'rs of heaven, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. **Response: May the Lord bless his people with peace.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice. **Response**

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore. The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **Response**

**Gospel Mark 1: 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 baptized 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 baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just 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.'

**Intercessions led by Caroline Waterstone**

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|                 | + Alan, Bp of St Albans +Justin, Archbishop<br>The Anglican Church of Australia & Archbishop Philip Leslie Freier   |
| Sick & Bereaved | <i>Long term:</i> Christina Billington, Judith Hill, Yvonne Rix, Omid Tatiae, Margaret Taylor, Len Bennett, Priscilla Watt, Matthew Baynes, priest, Gordon Hufford, Pamela Pennock<br><i>and immediate:</i> Diane Luckraft, baby Archie Brennan and his parents Max and Alex, Ingrid Carding, Sung Hee and Jun Yong Suh, Keith Dawson |
| RIP             | Eric Brown  |
| Memorial        | Paul Beard  |

**WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK:**

*Morning Prayer* Monday 9:00am; Tuesday 9:00am at All Saints Shrublands Road; Wednesday 8:00am; Thursday & Friday 9:00am

*Eucharist* Tuesday 9:30am at All Saints' Shrublands Road; Wednesday 8:30am in St Peters

*Evening Prayer* Monday – Friday 5:00pm; Saturday 6:00pm

## NOTICES

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** Fr Simon will be leading our annual Pilgrimage from Friday April 27th until Monday April 30th. For details, cost etc, please contact Philippa Seldon [philippa@seldon.eu](mailto:philippa@seldon.eu) or 871534, or Fr Simon [curate@greatberkhamsted.org.uk](mailto:curate@greatberkhamsted.org.uk) 864199

**THE WAY INN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST** meets for an hour from 7.45am on the third Saturday of the month. The next meeting is on Saturday 20th January. Entry is via the back door (ie the Waitrose end) of The Way Inn, rather than from the front Post Office end. Coffee, tea and warm mini sausage rolls and mini Danish pastries are served

**THE ST PETER'S PIE PARTY** is on **Sunday 21 January**. Don't forget to pick up a flyer for more details, and sign up on the list – today, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>, is the closing date for signing up!



**COWPER SOCIETY PRESENTS A WINTER TALK:** Sidney Perera talks about the Ottoman Empire. Monday January 22, 8:00pm in the Court House. *Entry free.*

**CHARITY OF THE YEAR:** In 2017 we supported People not Borders through much of our collective fundraising activities (excluding red bucket collections) and have raised £1537 to date. We would like to choose new charities for 2018 (one local and one overseas) and are asking for nominations from the congregation. If you have a suggestion, please can you either email ([churchoffice@greatberkhamsted.org.uk](mailto:churchoffice@greatberkhamsted.org.uk)) or drop in a note to the parish office with your nomination and a sentence or two about what they do and why you are nominating them. Everyone in the congregation will get a chance to vote on the nominations in early February. Thank you.

**LENT COURSE:** Following last year's look at St John's Gospel, this year Fr Tim will be offering a "Dip into the Old Testament", exploring key passages and some of the historical events to which they give witness. There will be five sessions, each no longer than an hour, starting on 21 February at 8:00pm in the Court House. Please let the office know if you would like to attend: there is a box at the back of church for you to put in the slip from the bottom of Fr Tim's notice, or email us on [churchoffice@greatberkhamsted.org.uk](mailto:churchoffice@greatberkhamsted.org.uk). **Closing date for acceptance on the course is Thursday 15 February.**

## MEETING THIS WEEK

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| <b>Mothers' Union</b>               | Margaret Burbidge<br>tel: 862139 | AGM and MU work worldwide. 2:30pm at 17 Hall Park  | Tues 16 Jan |
| <b>Julian Meeting</b>               | Ruth T-B 863268                  | Meet for about half an hour of quiet prayer. All are welcome. 3 Sherwood Mews, Park Street 11:30am               | Wed 17 Jan  |
| <b>Grief and Loss Support Group</b> | Sylvia Banks<br>871195.          | <b>Monthly Lunch</b> 12:30pm at The White Horse, Bourne End  | Wed 17 Jan  |
| <b>Little Fishes</b>                | Tracy Robinson<br>863559         | Fridays in term time: 9:30-11:15am Court House. <i>With today: Moses crosses the sea</i>                         | Fri 19 Jan  |
| <b>ABC Prayer Breakfast</b>         | Peggy Sear<br>01296 584530       | 8:00am at the Way Inn; third Saturday of the month. Prayer requests to Peggy Sear by the previous Monday, please | Sat 20 Jan  |

**PEW LEAFLET notices copy-ready& rota swaps **by 2pm Wednesday please****  
**PARISH OFFICE** hours: Mon – Fri 9.30am – 12.30pm

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