

The Wykeham Benefice

Pew sheet

Broughton with North Newington, Epwell, Shutford,
Sibford, Swalcliffe, Tadmarton

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The Baptism of Christ

9th January

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.

Isaiah 43:1-7

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."

Acts 8:14-17

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.

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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. 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."

Post Communion

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.

Prayers this week...for all who work and volunteer in the NHS, in residential care homes and hospices.

The week ahead (MP morning prayer, HC Holy Communion)

Mon 10th 9am MP Epwell, **Noon Interment:** Rosalind Pearlman, Sibford

Tues 11th 9am MP Tadmarton **10am HC** Tadmarton, **1pm Funeral:** Douglas Woodward, Tadmarton

Wed 12th 9am MP Sibford **10am HC** Epwell, **Noon Funeral:** Janet Anne Nicholson, Broughton **6pm** Evening worship (Zoom),

Thurs 13th 9am MP, Broughton,

Fri 14th 9am MP, Swalcliffe,

Sat 15th 9am MP Shutford.

Next Sunday 16th January (2nd Sunday of Epiphanytide)

9.30am HC, Sibford

9.45am HC, Epwell

11am HC, Broughton

11am All age family service, Shutford

11am HC, Tadmarton

6pm Evensong (BCP), Swalcliffe