

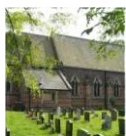
Your Word of the Week

12th January 2025, Baptism of Christ



Christ Church
Wheelock

St Michaels
Crewe Green



St Matthews
Haslington

9.30 am	St Matthew's	Holy Communion	Rev Jane
10.45 am	Christ Church	Morning Worship	Annie
11.00 am	St Michael & All Angels	Holy Communion	Rev Jane
4.00 pm	St Matthew's church hall	Café-church Open Table	Rev Jane

The Gospel Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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.'

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² 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.'

The Epistle Reading, Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Collect for The Baptism of Christ

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. Amen

We remember the sick in our prayers:

David Looker, John Lewis, Stephen Jones, Colin Evans, Kathleen Burgess, Alan Wheeler, Margaret Lindop, Gwen Bickerton, Barbara Harvey, Winnie Rutter, Bob Holland, Keith and Barbara Whittle, Marjorie Crook, Janet Fallon, Anna Betts, Kathleen Knox, Martin Harper, Charles Howard-Smith, Linda Jones, Robert Leech, William Carlson, Gill Golding, Joanne Wall, Lisa Lalor, Graham Timmis, David Hurst, Jamie Hurst, Pauline Fletcher, Susan, Pam Philpot, Geoff Keen, Margaret Jones, Margaret Ellis, Jenny Slicher, Hazel Barnes-Newton, Brenda Hughes, Dennis Harrison, Sheila Humphries, Michael Brown, Jean Trigger, Lynn Haliburton, Tyler James, Sylvia Higgins, Kath Temple, Eileen Mahon, Isobel Heler and Mark Trigger.

We thank God for the lives of all who have died and for the rest in Christ they now enjoy: Jeff Budden, David Bloor, Freda Claridge, Pearl Murray, Ray Thorley, Marion Scallon and Harold Adams.

We remember and pray for all families whose loved ones have died.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:1-7

43 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.
² 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.
³ For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia^[a] and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴ 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.
⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
⁶ 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—
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

DIARY

9.30am Morning Worship for all St Matthew's church family in church and Facebook Live stream.

10.45am Morning Worship for all Christ Church's family in church and Facebook Live stream.

11.00am Morning Worship for all St Michael's church family.

4.30pm [Fourth Sunday] Evening Prayer from Book of Common Prayer at Christ Church and Facebook Live stream.

10.30am (Fifth Sunday) Joint Benefice service, rotating around our 3 churches.

Wednesday 9.45 am Hoy Communion, (Common Worship), in St Michael and All Angels church.

10.45 am Holy Communion, (Book of Common Prayer), in St Matthew's church.

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