

Events & Services this week

Sunday 13th	10am	Holy Communion - All Saints
	10am	Holy Communion - St John's
	11.30am	Baptism of Lily Brandt - All Saints
	2pm	Baptism of Barnaby Sturgeon at St John's - all invited and to tea after
	4pm	All Saints@4pm : informal café-style worship
Wednesday	10.30am	Midweek Communion – All Saints <i>Communion, coffee and relaxed conversation</i>
Thursday	6.45pm for 7-7.30pm	Bible Study Group - 8 Quarry Road
	10.30am-Noon:	<i>Coffee All Saints' every Saturday</i>

For your prayers

For healing: Claire & Family

The departed: The friends and family of Brian Bell; William Cook [15th Jan 11am All Saints; Valerie Bell [25th Jan 11am All Saints]

Send all prayer requests to Wendy in the office: office@eastwinchester.org

Coming up

Saturday 19 th	4.30pm	Highcliffe Messy Church - All Saints
Sunday 20 th	10am	Holy Communion - All Saints
	10am	Holy Communion - St John's
	4pm	All Saints@4pm: informal café-style worship

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity : Service at the United Church, Jewry Street –
6.30pm Sunday 20th www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer

Readings for next week: 20th January

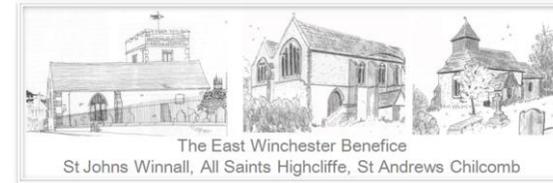
Isaiah 62.1-5 | 1 Corinthians 12.1-11 | John 2.1-11

Contact Us

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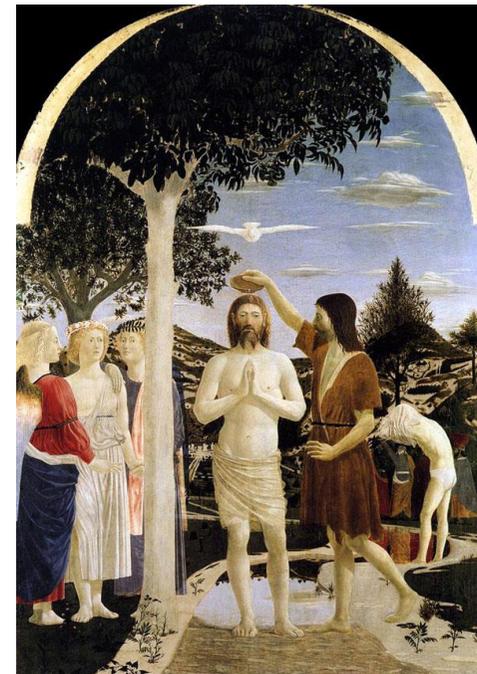


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St Johns Winnall, All Saints Highcliffe, St Andrews Chilcomb

13 January 2019 The Baptism of Christ



*The Baptism of Christ (1448-1450), Piero della Francesca
National Gallery, London*

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**

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. 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.' 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.'

Know what it is to be a child? It is to be something very different from the man of today. It is to have a spirit yet streaming from the waters of Baptism; it is to believe in belief; it is to be so little that elves can reach to whisper in your ear; it is to turn pumpkins into coaches, and mice into horses, lowness into loftiness, and nothing into everything, for each child had its fairy godmother in its soul.

Percy Bysshe Shelley

Baptism does not confer on us a status that marks us off from everybody else. To be able to say, 'I'm baptized' is not to claim an extra dignity, let alone a sort of privilege that keeps you separate from and superior to the rest of the human race, but to claim a new level of solidarity with other people. And the gathering of baptized people is therefore not a convocation of those who are privileged, elite and separate, but of those who have accepted what it means to be in the heart of a needy, contaminated, messy world. To put it another way, you don't go down into the waters of the Jordan without stirring up a great deal of mud.

Rowan Williams, from Being Christian

Has the Bible impacted you?

Some of you may know that Hazel Southam from our St John's congregation works part-time as chief reporter at Bible Society. Every week on Facebook and BS's website, they tell the story of how the Bible has impacted a person's life. This is invariably about a specific text at a specific moment in time.

Hazel is looking to arrange a day's worth of interviews in Winchester later this month, perhaps Monday 28 or Tuesday 29 and wondered if anyone would be up for it? It takes about 45 minutes and the photographer and I would come to you, wherever you live or work locally. A mix of ages and gender would be great too.

It's a wonderful thing to do because it really encourages the people who read it. It is, far and away, the most popular thing that Bible Society puts out. So, if you'd be willing to have a chat, or you know someone who would, please contact Hazel: hazel.southam@biblesociety.org.uk 07788 340128.