

The Benefice of Foremark and Repton with Newton Solney

BAPTISM OF CHRIST - Sunday 10th January 2021

Daily Readings

Sunday 10th January - Baptism of Christ

Genesis 1: 1 – 5

In the first account of the creation a wind from God sweeps over the face of the waters. Light is separated from the darkness, and day and night are formed.

Acts 19: 1 – 7

Paul discovers some disciples in Ephesus who have been baptised into John's baptism. They receive the Holy Spirit after Paul has baptised them into Christ and laid his hands upon them.

Mark 1: 4 - 11

John the Baptist proclaims a baptism of repentance in the wilderness, and heralds the one who will follow him, baptising with the Holy Spirit.

Monday 11th January

Psalm 2, Amos 1, 1 Corinthians 1:1-17

Tuesday 12th January

Psalm 9, Amos 2, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Wednesday 13th January

Psalm 20, Amos 3, 1 Corinthians 2

Thursday 14th January

Psalm 21, Amos 4, 1 Corinthians 3

Friday 15th January

Psalm 67, Amos 5:1-17, 1 Corinthians 4

Saturday 16th January

Psalm 33, Amos 5:18-27, 1 Corinthians 5

Next Sunday will be The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany



Collects

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

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

With thanks for coming safely into the New Year. May we continue to bless one another.

All continuing to provide spiritual and pastoral care to our parishes and those within the wider community during this period of COVID-19.

All our Church, Messy Church and Youth Alpha families that they may continue to deepen their faith.

Those serving God, here and abroad: Nick Parish training for ordination, Sarah Attwood as she returns to her teammates and continues with the church in Bosnia.

Those in need of long-term prayerful support: Andrew Pitchford, Lynn Wells, Ian Tennant, Samantha Taylor, Ted Weston, Alf Booth, Kay Howard, Claire Rose, Audrey Morris, Joan Taylor, Robin Nelson, Carl Baker, Shirley Wells, Philip Dutton, Lorna Griffiths.

Prayer requests: Nazanin & family, for all affected by the coronavirus and all seeking to contain & combat this pandemic, for all providing care and support at this time.

Those who have recently died and those known to us, R.I.P.: Gordon Johnson, Maggie Tennant, and their families and friends who mourn them.

Maggie Tennant's funeral is at 12.00 pm on Wednesday 13th January. Those unable to attend are welcome to join the family online via zoom on the usual Sunday Service link.

BENEFICE SERVICES AT ST WYSTAN'S
10.00am on SUNDAYS
Will continue during this lockdown.
PLEASE NOTE LIVE-STREAMING WILL BE ON ZOOM

These are the instructions for joining

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7855049461>

Meeting ID: 785 504 9461

Telephone: 0203 901 7895

Enter the Meeting ID: 785 504 9461 when prompted. There is no password required.

The service will be uploaded to YouTube and Facebook afterwards.

Here is a recent release from the Diocese on keeping churches open

National restrictions in England from 5 January 2021 Following Monday's statement by the Prime Minister, national restrictions are now in place across England.

The current advice allows that churches may remain open for communal worship and that Holy Communion may still be administered as long as strict adherence to the [latest guidance](#) is followed.

However, **there is no compulsion to open church buildings.** Should you decide that it is better, for pastoral care and mission, to close then this decision will be supported. (As churches are not legally required to close, churches that wish to close during this lockdown period, or that are not offering Holy Communion, need to notify the Bishop of the PCC's resolution to that effect, and request permission to be exempt from that canonical requirement.)

We suggest that clergy and PCCs do reconsider their plans in light of recent developments. Any subsequent changes to continuing practice or provision in the church building that require updates to their risk-assessments, should be signed off by the respective archdeacon.

The new national restrictions are clear that there must be no mingling with anyone outside of a household or support bubble when attending a place of worship and that strict social distancing must be maintained at all times. Therefore, no social mingling before, during or after a service is permissible. Given the increased infectivity of the new variant of the Covid-19 virus, incumbents, PCCs and churchwardens should consider what they need to do to encourage the continued wearing of masks as people leave the building and for everyone to disperse immediately outside.

Funerals may still take place with a maximum of 30 people in attendance (this figure does not include those working). Weddings may only take place in exceptional circumstances and with a maximum of 6 people (not including workers).

We remain grateful for the safe practices being followed. Please continue to uphold the exemplary behaviours that we are all working to apply coherently.

WINTER OPENING TIMES - OUR CHURCHES CONTINUE TO BE OPEN FOR PRAYER

ST MARY'S [EVERY DAY] 10.00 – 3.00pm.

ST WYSTAN'S [WEEK DAYS] 10.00 - 4.00pm

St Wystan's is open on Saturdays 10.00AM – 3.00pm then it will be cleaned and set up ready for Sunday.

On **Sundays** the church will be cleaned after the service and then open for prayer until **4.00pm**.

*****St Wystan's will not be open during the morning of Wednesday January 13th before Maggie's Funeral**
After cleaning, the church will be open from approximately 1.15pm.

DAILY PRAYER – A group of us continue to say Morning Prayer each weekday from 9.00 – 9.30am

We use a Service Order from Iona Abbey. We 'meet' on Zoom and the telephone link works for this as well.

If you wish to join us, then you are most welcome. Please ask Rebecca for a copy of the service order and a Zoom link.

REPTON COMMUNITY SUPPORT COVID19 GROUP

Increasingly more and more material is being uploaded onto **Radio Repton** which seeks to cover news and articles of interest from Bretby to Willington, including all the communities in our Benefice. It is hoped that soon it will be possible to offer scheduling. Why not go to **www.radiorepton.info** and have a listen.

CHRISTMAS CRIB FEST



The first thing to say is a big thank you to everyone who entered the Crib Fest 2020. There was an amazing variety in the different Crib Scenes on show and these provided a good excuse for many people to go for a walk and enjoy being out and about over the Christmas and New Year period.

Although the joy was in being part of the Fest and adding to the feeling of celebration around our communities there were prizes on offer. Thank you also to everyone who voted. The winners in each category were quite a way ahead of the rest of the field where votes were spread out much more evenly. Well done everyone. Martin the Vicar

Crib out the Front

1st Prize The True Minion of Christmas – 11 The Pastures, Repton [Voucher from The Bulls Head]

Runner up A Traditional Stable and Figures in a Garden of Lights – 24 Blacksmiths Lane, Newton Solney [Voucher from The Greedy Pig]

Crib in the Window

1st Prize A Waste in a Manger – 3 The Cross, Willington Road, Repton [Voucher from The Boot]

Runner Up Knitted figures in two windows – 21 Blacksmiths Lane, Newton Solney [Gift from The Spar]

ABIGAIL JOHNSON Abi played for our Benefice Service last Sunday, her first in her role as interim organist. She will continue in that role over the coming weeks and months as we consider the shape and nature of services across the Benefice in the post-Covid era and the musical needs to support those services. If you wish to contact Abi then you can at abipiano@hotmail.co.uk or on 07515 660922

THANK YOU

On everyone's behalf may I thank those who continue to serve us well. The Wardens, welcomers, track and tracers, cleaners, readers and intercessors, organists who have enabled us to worship indoors and outside.

Those who have decorated the church and removed the decorations in time for lockdown. Our Administrator, Committee members and Officers like Treasurers and Secretaries. The Pastoral Team and their efforts to keep in touch with as many people as possible. Those in Newton Solney and here in Repton who keep the churches open and are keeping on top of the grounds and any minor repairs that are required. Those who helped me clear Foremark roof and downpipes of

leaves – and all those who have worked behind the scenes in many capacities – keeping the ship sailing.

WEDDING THANK YOU

As mentioned during the service last Sunday – I am very appreciative of the way a team of people responded immediately on the day Tier 4 was announced. A couple due to be married the next day asked at about 3.15 if they could be married that same day – and they were!! Thank you everyone involved. Martin

NEWTON SOLNEY TREASURER

For the immediate future The Rev'd David Fergus will be acting as Treasurer for St Mary's, Newton Solney.

ROOF REPAIRS AND PORCH ROOF RENEWAL - ST WYSTAN'S.

In late October we were delighted to receive a grant offer of over £19,000 from the Government's Heritage Stimulus Fund administered by Historic England and the Church of England as part of the Culture Recovery Fund for Capital projects. This will provide 80% of the cost (excluding VAT) of the necessary work to repair the lead roofs and gutters and renew the porch roof. We hope to receive further grants to help meet the balance. The work is due to start on 18th January and will take about 6 weeks. The church will remain open as normal during this time.

DAILYHOPE PHONE LINE

DailyHope, a free national telephone line, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of the phone.

A Church of England initiative in partnership with CONNECTIONS at Holy Trinity Claygate, and Faith in Later Life.

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind; to provide comfort and spiritual nourishment to the most isolated in our society.

"With many in our country on lockdown, it's important that we support those who are feeling lonely and isolated, whatever age they are."

Archbishop Justin Welby

