

## DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

### Today

If you wish to receive communion or a blessing in your pew – the minister will come to you. If you would like to receive in this way, please could you let the wardens know upon arrival, so they can communicate this to those administering.

**Monday** The last session in the series 'Exploring the Signs in John's Gospel' looking at **John 11: The raising of Lazarus** For joining details, please contact Chris Butt  
07720 865653 or [revbutt@ymail.com](mailto:revbutt@ymail.com)

### Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion with

### **Next Week - SUNDAY January 19th** **THE 2ND OF EPIPHANY**

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Parish Communion  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

### Feel called to pray?

We have a number of wonderful people who lead intercessions in church on a Sunday. We would love to expand the team. Might this be something you feel able to do? Or perhaps you know someone who you think has these gifts? A member of the current team has prepared a really useful and informative resource to help you prepare your own prayers, and the ministry team are also very happy to offer advice. Please let Kate know if you think this is something you might like to explore.

### Dates for your diary.

**There will be a prayer meeting for Harborne churches on January 22nd at St John's Church.** It begins at 8pm, refreshments are available from 7.45pm. During the prayer meeting there will be a chance to hear from all the churches in Harborne, and how we can be praying for one another as the new year begins. All are very welcome.

### **Thurs 6th February 2025 - 10:00 to 13:00hrs**

Disability Theology: Theory & Practice

If you would like to attend this course please click on the link [www.sarum.ac.uk/short-courses/disability-theology](http://www.sarum.ac.uk/short-courses/disability-theology) quoting course code: 2560.

**Ash Wednesday Preparation-** if anyone has any palm crosses from previous years of which they are happy to dispose, please bring them to the parish office.

## WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S CHURCH

**Growing in Love, Deepening Faith,  
Working for God, Welcoming All**

*To Newcomers:*

*We are especially glad to see you. By way of introduction please fill in a pew slip and return it to a Sidesperson or contact the Parish Office on 681 1940.*

Pew slips can be found at the back of the church.

Please take this notice sheet home.

[www.stpeterharborne.org.uk](http://www.stpeterharborne.org.uk)

Email: [parishoffice@stpeterharborne.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@stpeterharborne.org.uk)

## SERVICES FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup> 2025 THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

8.00am

Holy Communion  
Green Prayer Book

### 10.00am PARISH COMMUNION

**If you wish to receive the wine of Communion, this is received directly from the chalice; we ask that you do not intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine.**

Common Worship ~ HA & M ~ Rizza

Organ Voluntary: Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn  
~ *Dietrich Buxtehude*

First Hymn: 691 (i)

Gradual Hymn: 109

Sermon: Pete Brayshaw

Offertory Hymn: 104

Anthem: Listen sweet dove ~ *Grayston Ives*

Communion Hymn: 263

Final Hymn: 507

Recessional Voluntary: Es ist das Heil uns kommen her ~ *Dietrich Buxtehude*

6.30pm

### CHORAL EVENSONG

Green Prayer Book ~ NEH

Hymn: 55

Responses: Ferial

Psalm: 46

OT Lesson: Isaiah 55.1-11

NT Lesson: Romans 6.1-11

Anthem: O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace ~ *Christopher Tye*

Sermon: Revd. Canon Kate Stowe

Final Hymn: 137

### RIP

David Smith

Pamela Wallington

Bob Brailsford

John Alden

Jenny Smith

**SUNDAY JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
**THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

**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.

**First Reading**

**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.'

**Gospel Reading**

**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.'

**Post Communion Prayer**

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.



**LOOKING AFTER  
OUR CHURCH HALL**

Are you good at managing and planning? Want to help St Peter's impact the local community and help increase the income of the Church to fulfil its mission? Would you consider joining a new Hall Committee to plan how best to use the asset that is the Church Hall and to help put that into practice? If so, please let the Parish Office know of your interest.

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**Lectio Divina** - second Thursday of each month at 2.00pm on zoom. See poster at the back of church. Joining details from the parish office.

