

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PULBOROUGH



THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Sunday 11th January, 2026

10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

*We are very grateful that the service leaflets have
been sponsored.*

In loving memory of Bill Caldwell

Welcome to the Parish Eucharist on this celebration of The Baptism of Christ

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Paul

Organist: Tony Hancock

Setting: The Pulborough Mass

The First Reading: Toni Hayes

The Second Reading: Miq Kelland

The Intercessions: Tony Holloway

Ministers of Communion: David Hayes and James Raynard

In this new calendar year to keep our church heated, **lit and insured and to pay our parish contribution for the ministry we receive**, is a weekly financial challenge for us. By joining the **Parish Giving Scheme**, our Treasurer is assured of a regular income, even when you are **unable to attend church**. Please consider using the PGS, details can be found at the back of the church. Cash is always welcome, please **ONLY** use a white gift aid envelope if you are tax payer and able to fill in your details on the front of the envelope. We also have a **sum-up machine** at the back of the church for paying by card or you can use our **QR code to the right**.



Thank you so much for supporting our churches' ministry and mission

In the event of a fire or emergency in the Church, the exits available are: the West Door, the North Door, the South Door in the Chancel and the door through the Vestry. Please leave the building by an exit nearest to you

Refreshments are served after the service. Do join us.

Opening music: "Cantilene" by Malcolm Archer.

Please stand when the bell is rung

The Entrance Hymn: NEH 52
John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)

- 1 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!**
- 2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**
- 3 Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**
- 4 These, though we bring them in trembling
and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**
- 5 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!**

✠ In the name of the Father, and
of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Fr. Paul introduces the day's celebration

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the Highest, and
peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, Heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy one,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most high,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
Glory of God the Father. Amen**

The Collect for the Day

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**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit

The First Reading: Isaiah 42. 1-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Second Reading: Acts 10 34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to those assembled: in the house of Cornelius. "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is

acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Please stand

The Gradual Hymn: NEH 425

O amor quam ecstaticus

**Anonymous Latin, formerly attributed to Thomas à Kempis
(Thomas Hammerken) (c.1379-1471), tr Benjamin Webb
(1819-1885) and others**

- 1 O Love, how deep, how broad, how high!
 How passing thought and fantasy
 that God, the Son of God, should take
 our mortal form for mortals' sake.**
- 2 He sent no angel to our race
 of higher or of lower place,
 but wore the robe of human frame
 and he himself, to this world came.**

- 3 **For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.**
- 4 **For us to wicked men betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in crown of thorns arrayed;
for us he bore the cross's death;
for us at length gave up his breath.**
- 5 **For us he rose from death again,
for us he went on high to reign,
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.**
- 6 **All honour, laud, and glory be
O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee,
all glory, as is ever meet,
to Father and to Paraclete. Amen.**

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 3. 13-end

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

The Homily

Please stand

The Altar party now processes to the font.

Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism

Fr. Paul pours water into the font and says:

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
for your gift of water in creation;
for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,
bringing light and life;
for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
baptized in the river Jordan.



We bless you for your new creation,
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children,
washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit
move upon these waters.
Restore through them the beauty of your creation,
and bring those who are baptized
to new birth in the family of your Church.

Drown sin in the waters of judgement,
anoint your children with power from on high,
and make them one with Christ
in the freedom of your kingdom.
For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours,
now and for ever.

Alleluia. Amen.

The Act of Penitence and Dedication

God of truth,
you are faithful to the covenant you have made with us;
look in mercy on your people.
From all our sins, O Lord: **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

We have broken the pledges of our baptism,
and failed to be your disciples.
From all our sins, O Lord: **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Though we are saved by Christ
and dead to sin through the deep waters of death,
we have not witnessed to his grace by our manner of life.
From all our sins, O Lord: **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

We have shown indifference to those in need
and have been afraid to stand up for justice and truth.
From all our sins, O Lord: **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

We have been slow to forgive, and have failed to remember
your repeated forgiveness of our sins.
From all our sins, O Lord: **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Today we rejoice and give thanks
because your Son humbled himself to be baptized in the Jordan.
Through the waters you have given us the mystery of baptism
for the remission of our sins.
From all our sins, O Lord: **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Through water and Spirit
you give us new life as the people of God,
and pour out upon us the gifts of your new covenant.
From all our sins, O Lord: **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

*Fr. Paul now sprinkles Baptismal Water over the congregation to
remind them of their Baptism.*

Fr Paul then says:

Come,' say the Spirit and the Bride.
'Come forward, you who are thirsty,
receive the water of life, the free gift to all who desire it.'

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty.**

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please sit or kneel

The Intercessions – the Prayers of the Church

The following response may be used:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us



The Intercessions conclude with the following

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Fr. Paul introduces the Peace:

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace

*At this point in the service a collection will be taken for the running of St. Mary's Church. **Please only use a white Gift-Aid envelope if you are a tax payer and fill in the details on the front of the envelope.** Thank you.*

The Offertory Hymn: NEH 55
James Montgomery (1771-1854)

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

- 2 He comes, with succour speedy,
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong,
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
are precious in his sight.**
- 3 He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him, on the mountains,
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.**
- 4 Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all peoples sing;
To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing
a kingdom without end.**
- 5 O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever,
that name to us is Love.**

Pray my dear brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

The Prayer over the gifts

Open the heavens, Lord our God,
and send your transforming Spirit
on us and on these gifts.

May we who are baptized into Christ
be ready to share his cup of suffering
and strengthened to serve him for ever, we ask this
through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
You celebrated your new gift of baptism
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.
Your voice was heard from heaven

to awaken faith in the presence among us
of your Word made flesh.

Your Spirit was seen as a dove,
revealing Jesus as your servant,
and anointing him with the oil of gladness
to preach the good news to the poor.

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**



Fr. Paul continues until the following is used:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again

Fr. Paul continues and leads into the conclusion of the prayer:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever
and ever. Amen**

Please kneel or sit

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**



The Giving of Communion

Fr. Paul issues the invitation to communion in these or very similar words:

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Communion is administered in both kinds. Receiving consecrated wine directly from the chalice is offered for those who feel comfortable to do this. **Please do not dip the consecrated wafer into the chalice.** Please wait to be directed to communion.*

*Choir Hymn: NEH 318
Matthew Bridges (1800–1894)*

- 1 *My God, accept my heart this day,
and make it always thine,
that I from thee no more may stray,
no more from thee decline.*
- 2 *Before the Cross of him who died,
behold, I prostrate fall;
let every sin be crucified,
and Christ be all in all.*
- 3 *Anoint me with thy heavenly grace,
and seal me for thine own
that I may run this earthly race
in thy strong might alone.*

- 4 *Let every thought and work and word
to thee be ever given:
then life shall be thy service, Lord,
and death the gate of heaven.*
- 5 *The vision of thy glory there,
shall be my hope and song,
that where thou dost a place prepare,
I may at length belong*

**Post Communion Hymn: NEH 58 (Tune 128 ii)
George B Timms (1910-1997) based on Mark 1 vs 9-11 from
English Praise (adapted)**

- 1 **The sinless one to Jordan came
to share our fallen nature's blame;
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled
and chose the path his Father willed.**
- 2 **Uprising from the waters there,
the voice from heaven did witness bear
that he, the Son of God, had come
to lead his scattered people home.**
- 3 **Above him see the heavenly dove,
the sign of God the Father's love,
now by the Holy Spirit shed
upon the Son's anointed head.**
- 4 **How blest that mission then begun
to heal and save a race undone;
straight to the wilderness he goes
to wrestle with his people's foes.**

- 5 **Dear Lord, let those baptized from sin
go forth with you, a world to win;
and send the Holy Spirit's power
to shield them in temptation's hour.**
- 6 **On you shall all your people feed
and know you are the Bread indeed,
who gives eternal life to those
that with you died, and with you rose.**

The Prayer after 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. **Amen**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our souls and
bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

Banns of Marriage and notices are now given out

The Blessing

**The Lord be with you.
and also with you.**

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water
welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

We have come to Christ, the living water.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The Recessional Hymn: NEH 486

Edward J Burns (born 1938)

- 1 We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**
- 2 Tell of his birth at Bethlehem
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.**
- 3 Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the Cross;
for all he loved his life he gave.**
- 4 Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.**

- 5 **Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.**
- 6 **Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

*Concluding organ music: "Tuba Tune"
by Reginald Porter-Brown.*

4pm 'Shipley and Neighbours' bellringers ringing a quarter peal

For your prayers this coming week
We pray for Pope Leo XIV and his ministry to the world-wide church.

*We pray for the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally who is
the Archbishop Elect of Canterbury*

*In the **Anglican cycle of prayer** this Sunday we pray for:
The Church of Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central
de America*

***In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:**
The Spiritual Directors in the diocese*

*We also pray for the **Venerable Dr.Tom Carpenter**, our
Archdeacon*

*We pray for the work of **SPLASH** in their work with young people
across the Deanery.*

*We pray for **our nation and government:***

For King Charles and his family. We pray for our Government and all members of Parliament especially Andrew Griffith our own MP

*We continue to pray for all those caught up in the **conflicts in the Middle East, Ukraine and other troubled parts of the world.***

*We pray for all **migrants and refugees** and all who have been driven from their homes. We pray for all world leaders, diplomats and ambassadors and all working for the common good.*

*We pray for the work of **Education West Africa**, the people of Sierra Leone and the work of the Church there remembering especially the Dioceses of Freetown and Bo.*

*We continue to pray for **the work of FSW** across the Diocese.*

*We pray for our **local Care Homes:** Hillside Lodge, The Anchorage, Petworth Cottage Nursing Home, Rotherlea and Barlavington Manor*

Those who are now in need of healing:

Patrick Carr, Fr Barry Smart, Toni Hayes, Sarah and James Ross, Carole Brooke, Richard Cromwell, Jim Crowley, Charlie Goldsmith, Ian Cockburn, Frances Usher-Smith and Matt

Those who are in need of on-going prayer:

Peter Johnston, Helen Leeke, Rachel Webbe, Elizabeth Yates, James McDonagh, Victoria and Tim

***Pray to rest in peace:** Vivienne Rathband, Lesley Waldron, Wendy Hallam, Tim Johnson, Kitty O'Shaughnessy and Maureen Charman*

***Anniversary of death:** Emma Ireland, Kelly Louise Beckett, Wilfrid Caldwell, Marjorie Jennings, Ida Miles, Bethany Jupp, Doris Ferrier, Gill Williamson and Pam Boxall*

Village Prayers: *Together with the other churches in the village we pray for all who live and work London Road (from St Mary's to the railway bridge) Chestnut Walk, Bell Close, Spiro Close, New Place Road, Aston Rise, Nutcroft, Collingwood, Cousins Way and Orchard Way*

Church and Liturgical Diary

Monday 12th St. Aelred of Hexham, abbot 1167

10am – 12noon The HUB meet at Pulborough Library

3.15-4.15pm Kingfishers meet in School

7.30pm Tower Bell ringing

Tuesday 13th: St Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the faith 367

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.30am Churches Together meeting at 1 The Mews

2pm Funeral and burial of Wendy Hallam R.I.P.

7-8pm St Mary's Prayer Group meet at the Hermitage, Church Place

Wednesday 14th: Feria

9.45am Morning Prayer

10.15 am The Holy Eucharist

11.15am The Holy Eucharist at The Anchorage

7pm 'Meeting Matthew' - discussion group at 86 Glebelands.

All welcome

7.15pm Meeting of FPPC and Church Building Development group

Thursday 15th: Feria

9.30am Morning Prayer

7pm School Governors Ethos and Worship Committee

Friday 16th: Feria

12noon The Holy Eucharist

Saturday 17th: St Anthony of Egypt, 356

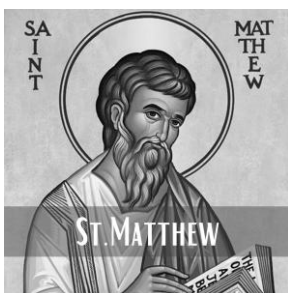
Sunday 18th: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
(Start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)

8am The Holy Eucharist – Said

10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Readings: Isaiah 49. 1-7 1 Corinthians 1. 1-9 and John 1. 29-42

As we mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we will be having a special Ecumenical Service at **4pm Sunday 25th January, 2025** at St Mary's Church. If you are able to bring a plate of sweet or savoury nibbles that would be so helpful.



‘MEETING MATTHEW’

In this church year we will be using Matthew's Gospel. A small group will be meeting on **Wednesday evenings in January, 14th, 21st and 28th** to start reading and reflecting on Matthew's words. We will then break for Lent before restarting after Easter. Please do consider joining this group which will meet at

7pm at 86 Glebelands, you will be made very welcome.

For more details please contact Toni Hayes on **01798 873683** or **antoinettehayes@icloud.com**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY...PULBOROUGH PANCAKE DAY!

Pulborough Charity Pancake Day in Pulborough Village Hall is on **Shrove Tuesday 17th February**. All profits from the event will be divided between the Macmillan Palliative Care Unit based at Midhurst, Pulborough Lunch Club for Senior Citizens and Education West Africa – Supporting the school in the Diocese of Bo in Sierre Leone.

With just six weeks to go we are starting to think about this year's charity day tombola. If you have any unwanted gifts **Ann Kaiser on 01798 872819** will be pleased to receive them. The tombola is always a popular part of the event and raises substantial monies.