

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PULBOROUGH



# THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

9<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

10. 30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

# Welcome to our Sunday morning celebration of The Baptism of Christ

**Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Paul**

**Organist: Peter Allwood**

**Setting: Thorne**

**The Reading: Austen or Susie Hindman**

**The Intercessions: Toni Hayes**

*It is now requested to **wear a face-covering** in church but these can be removed when reasonably necessary, eg singing.*

*Communion is administered in front of the Nave Altar. **Please wait to be directed and to keep a respectful distance from the person in front of you.***

***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.***

*Introductory organ music:*

*Please stand when the bell rings for the beginning of the service*

## The Gathering

**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 Thorne Gloria

***Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to God in the Highest.***

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

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

***Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to God in the Highest.***

**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.**

***Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to God, in the Highest.***

**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.**

***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest***

## 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 43: 1-7

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.'



This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand*

**The Gradual Hymn: The Lord's my Shepherd**  
*Stuart Townend*

**1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.**

**And I will trust in you alone,  
And I will trust in you alone,  
For your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.**

**2 He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And he anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on his pure delights.**

**And I will trust in you alone,  
And I will trust in you alone,  
For your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.**

**3 And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For you are with me, and your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.**

**And I will trust in you alone,  
And I will trust in you alone,  
For your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.**

## **The Gospel Reading: Luke 3. 15-17. 21-23**

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

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

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. 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 baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I 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.'

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,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Creed**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
who made all things?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,  
who redeemed the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel*

## **The Intercessions**

***We pray*** for those who are continuing to oversee and administer the vaccines across this country and the world.

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

***We pray for*** Vicky Smith our new Authorized Lay Minister (ALM)

***Those who are in particular need of healing:***  
Elizabeth Perry-Nash, Arthur Varndell, Andrew Morgan,  
Zoe O'Brien and James Cooper

***Those who are in need of continued prayer:***  
Betty Miller, Peter and Helen Leeke

***Pray to rest in peace:*** Robert Green and Anva Luc

***Anniversary of death:*** John Dunphy, Skye-Maria Nichols, Emma Ireland, Kelly Louise Beckett, Marjorie Jennings, Ida Miles, Bethany Jupp

***Together with the other churches in the Village*** we pray for those who live and work in 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

***The following response is said:***

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*

**Reception of our new Authorised Lay Minister (ALM)**

## **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 353  
John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)**

**1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways;  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;  
In purer lives thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise.**

- 2** In simple trust like theirs who heard  
Beside the Syrian sea  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee.
- 3** O sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love!
- 4** Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.
- 5** Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!

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. **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.**

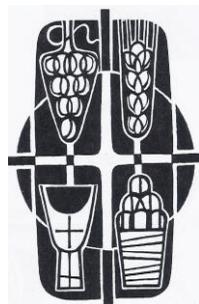
*Fr. Paul continues until the following is used:*

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.**

The Communion Hymn: O&N 625  
Frances R Havergal (1836-1879)

- 1 Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee.
- 3 Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will, and make it thine;  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart: it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure-store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee.

*Please kneel or sit*

## 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**

*The following prayer is then said by all:*

**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**

*Any notices will be 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 men in all 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:*

**Church and Liturgical Diary**  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January - *Feria***

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January - *Feria***

2pm Pulborough Community Volunteer Forum

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January: *St Aelred of Hexham,***

9.45am Morning Prayer

**10.15 am The Holy Eucharist**

3pm Growing Partnerships' task group in school

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January: *St. Hilary, Bishop and Teacher***

10am – 11.30am Ladybirds meet in Church

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January: *Feria***

9.15am Year 6 Class Worship in Church

**12noon The Holy Eucharist**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January: *Feria***

12.30pm Holy Baptism of Penelope Borthwick (tbc)

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

**8am The Holy Eucharist – Said**

**10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST**

Readings: Isaiah 62. 1-5 and John 2. 1-11

**JANUARY PULBOROUGH COMMUNITY MAGAZINE**

Copies of the January magazine are now ready for distribution from the Church porch and for sale at the back of the Church. Please make sure you pick up your copy.

**LEAFLET SPONSORS NEEDED IN 2022**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> March (Mothering Sunday)**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday), 17<sup>th</sup> (EasterDay), or 24<sup>th</sup> April**

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