

Sunday, 12th January 2020 - Epiphany 1, Baptism of Christ

8 am Holy Communion, at **St Mary's** – Hazel O'Sullivan
10.45 am Worship for All Ages – Brian Griffiths, Preacher – Ken Bryan

Before the start of the service it's good to prepare in quiet. Please talk to God in prayer at this time rather than to others, or perhaps look at the day's readings and hymns. After the service is the time for conversations with each other and we hope that you will stay then for a cup of tea or coffee.

Collect (for 8 am Service): 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.

Hymns	Readings (8am service)	Bible	Large Print
565: Praise my soul	Isaiah 42: 1 – 9	584	1127
527: On Jordan's bank			
648: The King is among us	Acts 10: 34 – 43	895	1721
221: God is working His purpose out	Matthew 3: 13 – 17	784	1508

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: In 2019 we worked with other churches in West Wickham for Good Friday, the West Wickham Village Day and The Turning. We will begin 2020 with shared prayer at the following meetings:-

Mon 20 th Jan at 9.30 am	in SJ's, 56, Croydon Road
Tues 21 st Jan at 8am	St Mary's Church, The Avenue
Weds 22 nd Jan at 9.30am	St Francis' Church, Ravenswood Avenue
Weds 22 nd at 2.15 pm	Emmanuel Church, The Gove
Thurs 23 rd Jan at 9am	St Francis' Church, Ravenswood Avenue
Thurs 23 rd Jan at 7.30 pm	West Wickham & Shirley Baptist Church, Wickham Road
Friday, 24 th Jan at 9 am	St Mary's Church, The Avenue
Friday, 24 th Jan at 9.30 am	Coney Hill Baptist Church, Coney Hill Road

We will also meet for a service of worship and prayer on Saturday 25th Jan at 10am in Emmanuel Church, The Grove. Please do come to one or more of these meetings to strengthen our fellowship and consider what more we might do together in 2020.

Donations to the Homeless and Refugees: Many thanks for all your kind donations to these worthy causes. To avoid confusion, could you please ensure that donations for the Homeless are placed inside the large plastic box at the back of the church or clearly marked or labelled 'Homeless'. All other donations left in bags at the back of the church will be assumed to be for the Croydon Refugee Day Centre. This will ensure that what you have donated goes to the right organisation. Please also note that items of bedding (other than sleeping bags) cannot be donated to the homeless. Men's clothing and toiletries are always needed. Items of women's clothing should be donated to the Refugees. Many thanks once again for your generosity. (Brian Griffiths)

New Wine, August 2nd to 8th 2020: Anne and I will be attending this event next summer and we'd love you to join us at The East of England Showground, Peterborough! It's a week-long Christian festival, where people – individuals, couples and families - from across the UK join together to enjoy contemporary worship, access top-quality Bible teaching and ministry, and get spiritually recharged. You can camp – tent or caravan – or live off-site. We'll be joining with a group from St John's. If you'd like further information see me after a service, 'phone 020 8289 2432 or email richard.ford73@ntlworld.com. Richard Ford

Joint services: There are take home sheets of dates and venues for 2020 at the back of St Francis' Church and in the vestibule at St Mary's Church.

Used stamps: There is a box at the back of church for used stamps. I am collecting them to take to Ben Curtis as they collect them for the Leprosy Mission. Thank you. Barbara Goodchild

Reading: If you would like to read one of the lessons on a Sunday in January, February or March, please print your name on the list at the back of Church. Thank you, Joan Burford.

Prayer Ministry. If you come with any concerns about your health or have any other needs for which you would like prayer, do speak to one of the ministry team after the service and they would be pleased to pray with you. (Hazel, Richard, John, Rowena, Brian and Lesley).

Church Flowers: We are a small group who put together the flowers in the church each week as well as the displays for Christmas, Easter and St Francis Patronal Festival and Harvest. We would welcome others who would like to join or help occasionally and if you are interested please talk to Nicky Nightingale.

Pew sheet: Items for the pew sheet by Wednesday morning please: elizabeth_bligh@hotmail.com

Hazel's day off is Monday

Tuesday,	8 am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
Wednesday	9.30 am Morning Prayer 10.45 am Holy Communion
Thursday	9 am Morning Prayer
Friday	9 am Morning Prayer at St Mary's 10 am – 12 noon – Place of Welcome 3.45 pm - Messy Church at St Mary's
Saturday	9 am Quiet Hour 10.30 – 11.30 Action Aid Coffee Morning

Sunday, 19th January 2020 - Epiphany 2

8 am Holy Communion, at **St Mary's** – Hazel O'Sullivan
10.45 am Family Communion – Brian Griffiths, Preacher – Hazel O'Sullivan