



St John's Pew News

Sharing Christ with others

Sunday 10th January 2021, Baptism of Christ

Sunday morning recorded service

It will be streamed on the church Facebook page at 9.30am on Sunday morning.

(<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsChurchNewportIsleOfWight/>) and also available on the front page of our website (www.stjohnsnewport.org) in the Facebook Feed. services can be viewed at the time of the service or later.

8.00pm St John's Bible Study on Zoom (Please ask for details if you would like to join).

Please see the websites of The Minster, St. Mary's and St. Olave's for current information.

Please send any items for the Pew News to the administrator by 6p.m. on Thursday.

This week please pray:

- For all those working on the roll out of the Covid Vaccines.
- For those suffering from Covid or other illness and their families, who have been self-isolating, especially the Saunders and Brett-Hill families.
- Those unable to visit loved ones.
- For all places in the world where there is conflict and danger.
- For David and Heather Sharland in Uganda.
- David Soper, Sian and family, Dot and Lawrence, Avril, Paul and Mary, Barry and Sally, Brenda from Lunch club, Kizzie and Jim Baker and all those who we know personally.
- For all who are having to manage schools and online learning.
- For all school aged children who are finding life to be challenging.
- For all key workers and those on the frontline, delivering services.
- Give thanks for all those who are volunteering to support others.
- Pray for our Parish, that we may continue to work together in unity.

To add a prayer need or join the prayer chain contact Marian, (526632,) marianbretthill@yahoo.co.uk

Window repairs

We have now asked the architect to raise a contract for the repairs to the Main East Window and to the damage and cracked panes in the side windows and West window. The work being done by Southern Lights in the New Year. This will cost £13,000 plus VAT, plus some cost to render around the frame to make water tight. The remaining Side east windows are still with IOW planning as we can save money with double glazed units to agree the change but there is a heritage concern. If agreed I will update you on the next phase of repair. If we still have sufficient available funds the external window reverses rendering will be done.
Graham , Building coordinator.

Historic Churches Ride and Stride

We received a cheque for £303.45 from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Historic Churches' Trust for St. John's contribution to this year's Ride and Stride. This is half of the total raised by participants from St. John's; a significant increase on previous years. Thank you very much to everyone who took part and to all sponsors who supported the event. We have also received a grant from the Trust this year.

Birthday: Adele Rolf – 10th January

Collect for Baptism of Christ:

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.

Post 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.

Readings: Genesis 1:1-5 The Beginning

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Mark 1:4-11

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with¹ water, but he will baptize you with¹ the Holy Spirit."

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Safe from Harm. We take safeguarding seriously. Before working with children or adults at risk in this church, volunteers will have provided references, completed DAB checks and agreed to follow CofE practice, for keeping children or adults at risk, safe. St. John's Safeguarding Officer is Peter Whitlock. Contact him on 07881 950284, peter.whitlock@btinternet.com

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Bookings - please contact the Administrator