

**Hymn 49** *Awake, awake fling off he night*

**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."

**PSALM 29** *Afferte Domino*

- BRING unto the Lord O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord: ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.
2. Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name: worship the Lord with holy worship.
  3. It is the Lord that commandeth the waters: it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.
  4. It is the Lord that ruleth the sea, the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation: the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
  5. The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees: yea the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.
  6. He maketh them also skip like a calf: Libanus also and Sirion like a young unicorn.
  7. The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire, the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness: yea the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.
  8. The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes: in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.
  9. The Lord sitteth above the water-flood: and the Lord remaineth a King forever.
  10. The Lord shall give strength unto his people: the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**SECOND READING** Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been

baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Alleluia! alleluia!**

Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** 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 baptise 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 baptise 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 baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised 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."

**Hymn 193** *Hail to the Lord's anointed*

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Lord, we celebrate the revelation of Christ your Son who takes away the sins of the world. Accept our gifts and let them become one with his sacrifice for he is Lord for ever and ever.

**COMMUNION SENTENCE**

This is he of whom John said: I have seen and have given witness that this is the Son of God.

**Hymn 56**

*Be thou my vision  
Bethlehem, of noblest cities... Rex Latter*

**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.

**Hymn 103** *Crown him with many crowns (omit v3)*

**IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, THE EXITS ARE THE NARTHEX, EAST DOOR, CHOIR VESTRY AND SOUTH PORCH. FIRST AID BOXES ARE OUTSIDE THE CHOIR VESTRY AND IN THE HALL**



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## 10th January 2010

# The Baptism of Christ First Sunday of Epiphany

*Welcome to the parish church of St Wilfrid.*

*We welcome all our visitors today and invite you to join us for refreshments in the Hall after the service.*

**Please pray for our two Church Aided Schools:**  
*Nyewood Junior School, (in special measures), for the acting head teacher, Sandra Jones and Nyewood Infants School, for the head teacher, Jacqui Cobb and for all the teaching staff, governors, parents and pupils. Father Andrew takes assemblies at 9.10 on Wednesdays at the Infants School and at 9.00 on Thursdays at the Junior School*

**Please pray for those who are sick or in need, including:-**

*Christine Harris, Oliver Baxter-Smith, Joyce Brett, Christine MacKay, Christine Thomas, Joan Soothill, Ron Thomas, James Inwood, Edna Moody, the Bonthrone family*

Father Andrew is available for those who wish to make their confessions. Please arrange this with him and note his day off is Monday. He is also available from 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm in the Lady Chapel on Saturdays.

**TODDLER CORNER** This area in church is for pre-school children. There are activity sheets on the table by the south porch for older children to use in their places during the service. Please collect them before the service begins.

**JUNIOR CHURCH** the children will be learning about Epiphany

**CHOSEN CHARITY FOR JANUARY - Chichester Counselling Services. A collection will be taken today.**

**13 JANUARY** - 3.15 pm meeting of the Fellowship and Support Group hosted by Jean Rose, 98 Nyetimber Lane.

**14 JANUARY** - House Group meeting hosted by Peter and Linda Beckley, 6 Fursefeld. Phone 840772

**17 JANUARY** - 10.30 Family Eucharist on the theme of Christian Unity  
 3-4 pm A Christian Unity Family Celebration with Ishmael at the Methodist Church, Waterloo Square

Please email any material for Bulletin 40 to [bulletin@wilfrid.com](mailto:bulletin@wilfrid.com) by 18 January. Alternatively please leave material in the office, marked with your name, date submitted and telephone number for Helen Woods' attention.

**20 JANUARY** - PCC meeting at 7.15 pm in the committee room

**25 JANUARY** – House Group meeting at Abbeyfield 2-4pm

**28 JANUARY** – House Group meeting venue to be confirmed

**30 JANUARY** - Auction of Promises, 7.00 pm in the hall. Please see the Promises forms on the narthex table for details. Tickets are available from Chris Sheppard after the Eucharist and from the office during the week.

**SERVICES TODAY**  
 Holy Communion 08.00  
 Parish Eucharist 10.30  
 Choral Evensong – readings Isaiah 55.1-11, Romans 6.1-11 18.00

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

<b>Monday</b>	11 Jan	Eucharist	10.00
<b>Tuesday</b>	12 Jan	Eucharist	10.00
		<i>Aelfred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167</i>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	13 Jan	Evening Prayer	18.00
		<i>Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher 367</i>	18.30
<b>Thursday</b>	14 Jan	Eucharist Unity	10.00
		Holy Communion at Sandmartins	10.30
		Holy Communion at Abbeyfield	11.00
<b>Friday</b>	15 Jan	Eucharist The Cross	10.00
		Holy Communion at Homebeech and Cherington	14.30
		Holy Communion at Royal Bay	15.00
<b>Saturday</b>	16 Jan	Eucharist Mary	11.30
		Evening Prayer	17.00

**SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY- 17 January**  
*The second Sunday of Epiphany*  
**Holy Communion** 08.00  
**Family Eucharist on the theme of Christian Unity** 10.30