



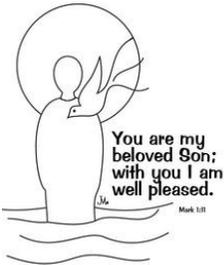
St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 9th January 2022

Baptism of Christ

*Welcome to worship today—it is great to have you with us. We hope that you will feel welcome. If you are new, please do say hello—we would love to get to know you. If you are unsure where to find something, or about what is going on, please do ask and we will be happy to help. Our worship style is quite formal- but we hope relaxed- as we come to worship God in our midst. **Please wear a face mask at all times during worship.** For the time being we have also decided to suspend refreshments after the service. Please let us respect the needs of each other at this challenging time. **All the words you need will be on the screens at the front, but service sheets and hymn books are available if you prefer.***



Today we celebrate the Baptism of Christ—the moment when the adult Jesus is revealed to humanity. Jesus submitted himself to baptism, he was embodying a behaviour he would later command his followers to do as they took up his cross to follow him. Through the revelatory events, the opening of the heavens, the descent of the dove, and the affirmation of Jesus and his coming ministry, we see that this is no ordinary baptism.

*A Priest will greet us. Please stand when the bell is rung. We sing our Processional **Hymn 589—On Jordan's Banks** as the Clergy enter.*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

In the name of the (+) Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Mo Christine will introduce the service then

At our Lord's baptism in the river Jordan God is revealed to all who have eyes to see and ears to hear. God spoke from heaven, the Spirit descended as a dove and Jesus was anointed with power from on high. Here is the door of faith, through which we enter the kingdom of heaven. As children of God, we are adopted as his sons and daughters, and called out to proclaim the wonders of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Prepare us Holy God, as we give thanks for the ways you are manifest in the world, and as we are reminded of the gift of our own baptism.

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We give thanks as we sing the Gloria

**Refrain: 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, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You we give You thanks, we praise You for your glory. Refrain:

**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. Refrain:**

**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. Refrain.**

The Collect is sung

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.**

Liturgy of the Word (please sit)

We pray for the young people as they leave us for their lessons.

Isaiah 43 is simultaneously a comforting passage describing God's redemptive love for Israel, and a deeply troubling passage, possibly referencing God's willingness to trade one people for the safety of another. This passage helps the reader focus on the actions of the maker of the universe. Bara (create) and yetzer (form) are words used in Genesis 1:1 and 2:7, respectively, to describe phases of God's creative work. But rather than talking about the universe as a whole or even just the earth, these words are personalized to the people of Israel in Isaiah 43. The God who made all that is, is the same God who made a people for Godself. And yet, this passage hinges on an even more intimate work than creation: redemption.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (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.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Our Second reading from Acts 8:14-17 is situated in a section of Acts that is both extraordinary and ominous (8:4-9:31) -with no less than three conversion stories in this unit. In this portion of Acts, the focus of the Gospel moves from concentration in Jerusalem to the regions beyond. 8:4-40 comprises Philip’s mission, first in Samaria (8:4-25), then to the Ethiopian eunuch (8:25-40). 9:1-31 narrates the conversion of Saul, Saul’s presence first in Damascus, and his first visit to Jerusalem. The text designated for the Baptism of our Lord is located just after the conversion of the Samaritans, baptized after hearing and believing Philip’s testimony.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (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 baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We Sing **Hymn 580**—O Thou who camest from above*

The Gospel

Luke pictures John the Baptist as an end-time prophet who announced that the apocalypse was about to occur that would end the present evil age and finally and fully bring about the realm of God, a new world in which all things would live forever in love, peace, justice, mutual support, freedom, and dignity. According to Luke 3:15-17, however, John is not the one through whom the apocalyptic transformation will

take place. The coming one — Jesus — will baptize the community with the Holy Spirit and fire. When Jesus came to be baptized, he came to be publicly identified as the pivotal figure in the movement towards the realm. Moreover, his baptism signalled that God was now taking steps through the ministry of Jesus to signal that the turning of the ages expected by John has now begun to take place.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
(*Luke 3: 15-17, 21- 22*)

Glory to You, O Lord.

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 baptize 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 baptize 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 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.”

At the end.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit to listen to the sermon after which there is a period of silence.

*As we prepare to move to the font we **sing 675** – Spirit of the Living God*

Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism

The minister move to the font and water is poured in.

God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.

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.

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,

Help us as we serve this community to fulfil this baptism

wash us, and we shall be clean.

Be with all who need your healing spirit this day, including
Maureen, Bob, Piers, Gill, Michael, Joyce, Mavis, Hada, June,
Kay, Comfort, Joyce, Fr Robert, Jean, Peter, Pearl, Rute,
Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth.

wash us, and we shall be clean.

We remember all who have died in the promise of your baptism
including Don Hawkes, Bob Lewis, Harold Hamilton, Bert
Gotobed, Joseph Lyon, James Dunn and Albert Laurencin.

+Rest Eternal, Grant unto them O Lord

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace

And rise in Glory

Almighty God, in our baptism you have consecrated us
to be temples of your Holy Spirit.

May we, whom you have counted worthy,
nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith,
and worship you with upright lives;
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The water may be sprinkled over the people, or they may come and sign themselves with the cross in it as the president 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.**

Liturgy of the Sacrament (please stand)

The peace is shared.

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

and also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

We share the peace with those around us until the offertory Hymn is announced. We sing the offertory 3—A man there lived in Galilee

Prayer over the gifts.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe, you bring forth bread from the earth.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe, you create the fruit of the vine.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The preface continues until we sing.

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.

After the Consecration

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died: Christ is risen:

Christ will come again

*At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer we sing **Amen.***

Silence is kept for a moment as the young people re-join us and we join in the prayer that Jesus taught his friends to say.

**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**

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.**

We sing the Agnus Dei.

**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**

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

Behold 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.

All who are baptised are welcome to receive. We currently receive in one kind only. That means we receive the bread only. The Priest receives the wine on our behalf. Once all have received the bread and returned to our seat we consume together with the words

The body of Christ **Amen**

During Communion we listen to Sam play. You may also like to light a candle during this time as a symbol of your prayers rising toward God.

At the end of communion the priest will lead us in a period of silence, and then in 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. **Amen**

We listen to the notices about our community life.

The Dismissal *(please stand)*

The Lord be with you

And also with you

May God the Father, who led the wise men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. **Amen**

May God the Son, who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.
Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit, who came upon the beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan, pour out his gifts on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

*We sing our final **Hymn 821—When Jesus came to Jordan** during which the clergy depart.*

Our Community Life Together /Dates for your Diary Happy New Year—2022

May God bless each of us in the coming year and in our life as a parish together.



A Huge Thank you!!

A huge thank you to everyone for all your help in making a Advent and Christmas celebrations such a success. For everyone who arranged and cleaned, delivered leaflets, cooked and served food and drink, helped in services, welcomed our guests and those who encouraged us. It really was team effort and we should be very proud of what we achieved. Thank you—you were amazing.

Giving Tree

A huge thank you to all who made contributions under the giving tree— to St Mungo's, Laurence's Larder and also to St Anne's. We were very generous as a community and it will assist us in our further mission during 2022.

Finance—St Anne's

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. At present we are just short of our target each month.

Laurence's Larder

You can still leave your donations, tinned fish or any non perishable food in the basket at the top of the stairs. You can see updates on this work at www.laurenceslarder.org.uk

The season of Christmas and Epiphany

From the 6th January till the 2nd February we observe the season of Epiphany. We take down our Christmas trees, but our crib remains until the Feast of Candlemas on the 2nd February .

Used Christmas Cards and Wreaths

Lesley would love any old Christmas cards to make into new Christmas cards for next year. Rhona would love any used Christmas wreaths as the base of each wreath can be used again. Please bring either in for collection here!

Coming to Church

Please wear a mask at all times this is now required by law.

Please 'wrap up' as windows will be open! For now, we are not offering refreshments after the service.



For our prayers— Maureen, Bob, Piers, Gill, Michael, Joyce, Mavis, Hada, June, Kay, Comfort, Joyce, Fr Robert, Jean, Peter, Pearl, Rute, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth. We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Don Hawkes, Bob Lewis, Harold Hamilton, Bert Gotobed, Joseph Lyon, James Dunn and Albert Laurencin .

Services during the week 9th January 2022

Monday	2pm Christian Contemplation on Zoom only
Tuesday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom
Thursday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom
Friday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom 9.30am My Move 2pm Tea and Chat
Sunday 16	8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom 9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday School <i>Thought for the day at some point on Facebook</i> 5pm Zoom Service of the Day

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