

Sunday *@ St Andrew's*

The Baptism of Christ **Sunday 12th January 2025**

6.00pm Sung Evensong

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

Welcome to St Andrew's — may God's peace be with you.

Introit God so loved the world, Goss

Opening Hymn 581: Lord of lords and King eternal

Beloved, we are come together
in the presence of Almighty God
and of the whole company of heaven
to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ
our worship and praise and thanksgiving;
to make confession of our sins;
to pray, as well for others as for ourselves,
that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love
and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace;
and to ask on behalf of all
such things as their well-being doth require.
Wherefore let us kneel in silence
and remember God's presence with us now.

Please kneel as we say together

**ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,
We have erred, and strayed from thy ways
like lost sheep,
We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts,
We have offended against thy holy laws,
We have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,
And we have done those things
which we ought not to have done,
And there is no health in us:
But thou, O Lord,
have mercy upon us miserable offenders;
Spare thou them, O God,
which confess their faults,
Restore thou them that are penitent,
According to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesu our Lord:
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
That we may hereafter live a godly,
righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name.
Amen.**

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit,

that those things may please him, which we do at this present;
and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy;
so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**All Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that 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.**

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us.

Answer O Lord, make haste to help us.

Please stand

Cantor Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;

**Answer As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.

Answer The Lord's Name be praised.

Please sit

Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble;

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;

3 Though the waters rage and swell, and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.

5 God is in the midst of her; therefore shall she not be removed; God shall help her at the break of day.

6 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken, but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

8 Come and behold the works of the Lord, what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.

9 He makes wars to cease in all the world; he shatters the bow and snaps the spear and burns the chariots in the fire.

10 'Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.'

11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Psalm 47

O clap your hands together, all ye people : O Sing unto God with the voice of melody.

2 For the Lord is high, and to be feared : he is the great King upon all the earth.

3 He shall subdue the people under us : and the nations under our feet.

4 He shall choose out an heritage for us : even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.

5 God is gone up with a merry noise : and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our God : O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

7 For God is the King of all the earth : sing ye praises with understanding.

8 God reigneth over the heathen : God sitteth upon his holy seat.

9 The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham : for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

Please stand for the Gloria if you wish

**All: Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Please sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55.1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Magnificat *Luke 1*

MY soul doth | magni-fy the | Lord :

and my spirit hath re- | joiced · in | God my | Saviour.
For he | hath re- | garded :
The | lowli-ness | of his | hand-maiden.
For be- | hold from | henceforth :
all gener- | ations · shall call me | bless-ed.
For he that is mighty hath | magni-fied | me :
and | holy | is his | Name.
*And his mercy is on | them that | fear him :
through- | out all | gener- | ations.
He hath shew-ed | strength · with his | arm :
he hath scattered the proud
in the imagin- | ation | of their | hearts.
He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat :
and hath ex- | alted · the | humble · and | meek.
He hath fill-ed the hungry with | good | things :
and the rich he hath | sent | empty · a- | way.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his | servant | Isra-
el :
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham | and his | seed for | ever.

Please stand for the Gloria if you wish

Glory | be · to the Father :
and to the Son | and · to the | Holy | Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever | shall be :
world without | end. A-| - | men.

Please sit

New Testament Reading: Romans 6:1-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go

on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Nunc Dimittis *Luke 2.29*

LORD now lettest thou thy servant de- | part in | peace :
ac- | cording | to thy | word.

For mine eyes have seen | thy sal- | vation:

Which thou hast prepared before the | face of |
all | people ;

To be a light to | lighten · the | Gentiles :

and to be the | glory · of thy | people | Israel.

Please stand for the Gloria if you wish

Glory | be · to the Father :

and to the Son | and · to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever | shall be :

world without | end. A-| - - | men.

The Apostles Creed

Please stand

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen**

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Answer And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray

Please sit or kneel

Cantor Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Answer Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Cantor Our Father,

**Answer which art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy Name,**

**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.**

Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the King.

Answer And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people.

Answer And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**Answer Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.**

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect

Then shall follow three Collects: The first for the day, the second for peace, the third for aid against all perils.

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please sit

Anthem O Lord give thy holy spirit, Tallis

Reflection *The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster*

Intercessions made for the world

Please stand

Hymn 645: God is our strength and refuge,

Please remain standing

Blessing

Voluntary

Diary for the week

13th-18th January

- Monday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
10.00am Ball of Yarn knitting & crochet group
10.30am-12.30pm Art Group
11.00am Church Mice Baby & Toddler Stay & Play
6.30pm Community Singers
7.30pm Bell ringing practice *New members welcome*
- Tuesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
9.30am Reflective Eucharist *followed by coffee*
1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime Concert
- Wednesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
12.00pm Eucharist
2.15pm Mothers' Union Eucharist
5.00pm Young Choristers
- Thursday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
6.30pm Board games group
7.15pm Choir Practice
- Friday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
10.00am Big Table Gospel
- Saturday** 10.00am-12noon Café open

Sunday 19th January

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Sung Eucharist

6.00pm Choral Evensong

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