

Psalm 72:10-15

10. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute:
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.
11. All kings shall fall down before him:
all nations shall do him service.
12. For he shall deliver the poor that cry out,
the needy and those who have no helper.
13. He shall have pity on the weak and poor:
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
14. He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall be their blood in his sight.
15. Long may he live:
unto him may be given gold from Sheba;
may prayer be made for him continually
and may they bless him all the day long.

Introduction to Community Youthwork - Volunteer Training Day

Saturday 10th February 2018, St James' Church, Devizes 9.30-1pm

Are you interested in knowing more about volunteering and supporting young people in the local area?

Are you currently involved with Youth Work Activities but would like some support?

This FREE Training day will cover:

Session one - Introduction to youth work

Session Two – Safeguarding

Session Three – Responding to challenging behaviour

For more information or to book a place please contact:

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Supported by the Local Youth Network

Places are limited so please book asap. Refreshments are provided. More

information available www.wiltshireyfc.org.uk

Please pray for:

- the housebound, the sick and the elderly
- all those recently bereaved
- the new priest who God is calling to join us in the Wellsprings benefice and ask for guidance in their appointment. Pray that they may hear God's call through the advertising process and be excited by the opportunity of joining us.

What's On This Week?

Tuesday 9 January

10.00 am Home Group - 29 Blounts Court

Wednesday 10 January

7.30 pm Home Group - 3 Talbar Close

Sunday 14 January

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) - St Mary's

9.30 am Parish Communion - Christ Church

11.00 am Parish Communion - St Mary's

Reading for All Age Worship: Mark 1:4-11 (The Message)

John the Baptizer appeared in the wild, preaching a baptism of life-change that leads to forgiveness of sins. People thronged to him from Judea and Jerusalem and, as they confessed their sins, were baptized by him in the Jordan River into a changed life. John wore a camel-hair habit, tied at the waist with a leather belt. He ate locusts and wild field honey. As he preached he said, "The real action comes next: The star in this drama, to whom I'm a mere stagehand, will change your life. I'm baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. His baptism—a holy baptism by the Holy Spirit—will change you from the inside out." At this time, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. The moment he came out of the water, he saw the sky split open and God's Spirit, looking like a dove, come down on him. Along with the Spirit, a voice: "You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life."

A prayer for the New Year

Father God, as we begin a New Year we give thanks and look forward to all that you are doing across the 'Wellsprings benefice', and the privilege of participating in this.

We pray for the new priest you are calling to join us and ask for your guidance in their appointment. May they hear your call through the advertising process and be excited by the opportunity of joining us. Please prepare us to support them in their ministry here, in the certainty that our future is held in your loving hands.

We thank you for the signs of your love and presence in our midst, for the ministry and flourishing of all our churches, and for everyone who has played a part in serving here over the last year. Thank you for all the gifts and blessings that you pour out upon us. In the name of Jesus. Amen

ROTAS: is it your turn?

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Sidesmen (11.00 am) Sheila Gover and Margaret Mead
Reader -
Intercessor -
Coffee Di Robinson

Next week:

Sidesmen (8.00 am) José Jousiffe
Sidesmen (11.00 am) Cath Winstanley and Tony Molland
Reader Adrian Hopkinson
Intercessor Nikki Goves
Coffee Di Grimmer

Worton

Sidesmen (8.00 am) Robin Shercliff
Sidesmen (9.30 am) June Mason and Mark Lewis
Reader (9.30 am) Margaret Armand Smith
Intercessor Liz Starling
Coffee Ali and Steve Pratt

Next week:

Sidesmen (9.30 am) -
Reader 1 Tony Walker
Reader 2 Heather Walker
Intercessor Reneé Coulson
Coffee Jill Duckworth and June Mason

Christmas Cards. Please may we have as many Christmas Cards as you can spare for remaking in aid of Church funds. Thank you. Sheila Anderson

An historic Sunday! It was really exciting to witness the very first joint service at the new Wellsprings Benefice last Sunday which was also Ali's first opportunity to celebrate with all of us together. It was a very happy occasion with a large congregation, which hopefully will make a good foundation stone for future events. Thank you, Seend, for your hospitality!

Contact details for Revd. Alison Bridewell:
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Please note that Ali's day off is a Monday.

If you have any items for the newssheet, please call me on 01380 725658 or e-mail liz-starling@tiscali.co.uk by Thursday evening. Thank you Liz Starling

**ST MARYS CHURCH, POTTERNE
CHRISTCHURCH, WORTON & MARSTON**

7 January - 13 January 2018

*"Where is the child you has been born King of
the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising,
and have come to pay him homage."*



We wish you all a very warm welcome to church today. We hope you will stop and chat with us after each service, and that you will come again. If you have any questions please ask. Normally coffee is served!

Services for	Sunday January 7th	Epiphany 1 / The Baptism of Christ
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Christ Church
9.30 am	All Age Worship	Christ Church
11.00 am	All Age Worship	St Mary's

Lectionary Readings:

isaiah 60:1-6	Page 700
Ephesians 3:1-12	Page 190
Matthew 2:1-12	Page 1

Collect:

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face: through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek; may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen