



All Saints, Mudeford



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The Parish of Mudeford

Weekly News Sheet



High Cross Somerford

Sunday 10th January 2021

First Sunday of Epiphany

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The Baptism of Christ

Mark 1.4-11, Genesis 1.1-5

'You are my beloved'

It is approaching the time of year when I have to sprinkle the bees with oxalic acid to get rid of the varroa mites which cling so closely to them and risk infecting them with a dangerous virus which causes deformed wings. Sprinkling the bees for cleansing ties in with this week's theme of baptism.

We are in the Epiphany season when Jesus is revealed, last week to the nations represented by the wise men and this week Jesus is revealed as God's Son in his baptism.

Mark describes the event in such a very few words, but he wants us to know that Jesus was baptised by John and as he came up out of the water three things happened.

The heavens opened. Only God can open heaven; he is on the move; he has taken the initiative in sending his Son Jesus for the salvation of the whole world.

The Spirit of God descended on him like a dove. It reminds us of the spirit of God which swept over the face of the waters in Genesis. Jesus is anointed with the Holy Spirit to empower and equip him for his ministry.

God the Father spoke from heaven saying, 'You are my Son, the beloved with you I am well pleased.' Jesus is affirmed by his Father at the beginning of his public ministry. God says he is well pleased with him before he has done anything.

Sometimes we talk about life as being a journey of faith with Baptism marking the beginning of that journey.

At our own baptism God was saying he loves each one of us dearly and he is delighted with us even when we were tiny babies and hadn't done anything. Throughout our lives God continues to love us and delight in us. He addresses us as his children, part of his worldwide family.

We give thanks for our own baptism, for the forgiveness of sins, for the gift of the Holy Spirit who anoints and empowers us to live well and who renews us daily so we become more like Jesus. We delight to know ourselves as God's beloved children. We give thanks for all our brothers and sisters in Mudeford and around the world.

Rev Anne Jablonski



Collect 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. **Amen**

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. **Amen**

Online Service for 10th January from 7am

Sermon Rev Anne Jablonski

Reading Genesis 1.1-5 by Jill Duncan

Gospel reading Mark 1: 4-11

Prayers with Vikki Miller

Online Service from 7am Sundays

Our internet services, prayers, and talks are posted on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/parishofmudeford/> and on YouTube Channel.

Both of these can be accessed from our web site at www.allsaintsmudeford.org

In our Parish

We continue to ask for God's healing presence in the lives of those who are unwell, those in hospital and those waiting for treatment.

We remember especially Marion, Amanda, Canon Patrick, Sarah, Liz, David, Sheila, Tony, Doreen, Angela, Robert, Noleen, Stephen, David and Jenny, Betty, John and Joan.



We pray for the Faithful Departed and all those who mourn. We remember all those suffering from Covid 19 especially those known to us and those who care for them. We pray for all those who are suffering from loneliness and anxiety facing the latest lockdown. May we always be aware of those in need and offer help when needed.

We pray that the vaccination process will give hope to many people and pray for all those working to distribute it throughout the country.

We continue to pray for our missionary links around the world. We hold in our prayers especially: The girls in The House of Joy, the people of Kinkiizi, the Julius and Dora Children's Centre in Kenya, Chris & Veronica Padayachee our CMS link partners. We pray the work of St Francis Hospital, Zambia. We also remember Jeremy Nash and the people of Burkina Faso in West Africa.

Date for your diary

Lent Course. Our Lent course this year will be "Trees in the Bible". Revd Stephen Startup has prepared 6 sessions which will probably start around Tuesday 23rd February (Ash Wednesday is on 17th February). The study considers six trees which illustrate God's plan of salvation. So if you have any photos, drawings, paintings or poems on trees, each week there will be space to have a look at some of these.

Pastoral Care:

Please contact: Rev Anne Jablonski
01425 240018
or Tony Eden 01202 473003

If you are in need of shopping please get in contact with us to help arrange for someone to contact you. If you are able to shop for someone please let us know.

Priest-in-Charge of Mudeford

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There are a few church calendars left for anyone who would like one.
Please contact Tony on 01202 473003

Christchurch Foodbank.

The staff were delighted with the Christmas stockings and gave them out with the turkey meals and the stockings were received with smiles and tears by those who received them.

Thanks once again to all those who helped by donating money towards the cost of these.

MISSION POT: This month (January) the Government is doubling all contributions made to Practical Action, so please continue to support this very worthwhile charity. Whilst working in Zambia, I have seen a number of projects organised by Practical Action, from providing clean water in very remote communities to methods of improving crop growth. They are all simple schemes which the local people adopt for themselves to improve their standard of living".

You can send a donation to All Saints Church or you can text money through directly. Thank you.

FINANCE: Please may I ask for your continued financial support. Please send donations in cash or cheque to me Tony Eden at, 3, Minterne Road, Christchurch, BH23 3LD making cheques payable to "The PCC of Mudeford.". If you use the BACS system you can send donations directly to the following account:

The PCC of Mudeford, Sort Code: 52-21-34, Account no: 03060012

Reference: please use your name as reference.

We are truly grateful for all the support that we have been given this year, which has enabled us to continue paying our bills. We hope that we can continue to do this in 2021. Thank you very much.

The Anchor

The Editors would like your contributions to February's Anchor.

The theme is **Love** with Valentine's Day in mind. Possible ideas include an unusual proposal of marriage, a romantic meal or anniversary or a special song or place. Other kinds of love are important too and we would love to hear about those, not least on the theme of kindness to one another.

The deadline is Thursday 21st January. bob_and_vikki@yahoo.co.uk or jfaward@btinternet.com

Church Closure.

We are sorry that we have had to decide to keep the church closed for public worship until Ash Wednesday due to the pandemic and the rapid increase in the virus in Mudeford and the surrounding area.

The PCC will have another special meeting on 2nd February to review the situation. This is in line with our neighbouring Anglican churches.

We will be continuing to post services, prayers and "Messy Church" items on line.

Ash Wednesday is during half term when hopefully the schools will be able to go back. This is 6 weeks which is the same length as Lent so might be a useful time of reflection and hopefully Pancake day will be a different type of celebration and Lent a time of thanksgiving.

Jan suggested that as we can't meet up we could light a candle in our window each night at 6pm for the NHS and carers and say a prayer for them at this difficult time. More about this in the next Anchor.



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If you would like any
Traidcraft food items
please contact Pauline
and you might be able to
collect the items from
her front porch

Pauline's contact number is: 01202 241395

Cards by Rachel Nash

Rachel is still selling her beautiful greetings cards with profits going to Burkino Faso. Her email address is

rachel.nash.cards@gmail.com

She delivers to your door or you can pick them up at Pauline's

Our Vision for Mission

This Parish seeks to be inclusive in extending God's kingdom, by encouraging the whole community to grow in the Christian faith through prayer and worship and to care for others through pastoral and practical support.