

Parish Newsletter
Sunday 12th January
1st of Epiphany
Baptism of Christ



The gospel readings for each of the Sundays in Epiphany demonstrate who Jesus is in some fundamental way. This Sunday, at the Baptism of Christ, a voice from heaven declares Jesus to be God's beloved Son.



This Sunday why not start your worship with breakfast in church?

9.30am at St John's on the 2nd Sunday of each month we share friendship over a breakfast of croissants, fruit, pastries, etc and end with a time of prayer leading into the 10am eucharist. We have also found that this time really enhances our main act of worship. It's simple and friendly so why not come along? Adults and children are equally and warmly welcome.

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8am Holy Communion
(St Mary's)

10am Holy Communion
(St Mary's)

10am Bespoke Service Online
(www.youtube.com/@KidHPChurch)

10am Holy Communion
(St John's)

Mon, Weds and Fri
10am Pause for Prayer online

Tuesday 14th January
7.30pm Iona Service
(St John's)

Weds 15th January
11am Holy Communion
(St Mary's)

Sunday 19th January
2nd of Epiphany

8am Holy Communion
(St Mary's)

10am Open Space Service
(St Mary's)

10am Livestream from St John's
(www.youtube.com/@KidHPChurch)

10am Holy Communion
(St John's)

10am Holy Communion
(Hampton Poyle)

5.30pm Evensong
(St Mary's)

Don't forget our service sheets are downloadable and online. Feel free to bring a tablet to the service to help the environment.

Help Needed

Can Yo please have some help with cakes and kitchen for the tea talks this year.? The first is at St John's on Sunday 12th January at 3pm and will be by William Whyte. Poster is within this newsletter Please let her know . Daviesioana@gmail.com
Thanks!

'Planning Meeting for February Open Space Service at St Mary's on 'Health & healing'

A meeting to plan the February 16th Open Space Service at St Mary's on 'Health & Healing' will be held on Wednesday 15th January at 7.30pm, 57 The Moors. We would welcome all those would be interested to join the meeting; if you plan to come please let John Morris (j264morris@btinternet.com) know.

All ideas welcome and no specialist knowledge necessary!

Serving the Community

Funerals

Martin Palmer 16th Jan 12pm
North Oxford Crematorium

In our Prayers this Week

Peter and Eirian, Graham, Sheila, Lorna,
Sarah and Vassilis
Rosemary, Aodhagan
Bridget, David, Paul, Charlotte
Peter J, Charles
J...a teenage girl, Clare
Janet, Indie,
Vilma and Mike, Mike and Anne
Robert, Sue S
Marguerite, Pat, Diana C, Nick
Jane, Michael

Those who have died: Andrew O, Marlene

We continue to pray for the people of the Middle East and all places in conflict at this very difficult time.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th - 25th January

This comes up very quickly after Christmas and is an important opportunity to celebrate and pray for a deepening of the unity that Christ has given us.

Midday prayers will be held each weekday at 12 noon. This year we are returning to holding them in the churches instead of online, as follows:

Monday 20th Baptist Church

Tuesday 21st St John's Church

Wednesday 22nd St Mary's, Kidlington

Thursday 24th St Thomas More

Friday 25th Methodist Church

The Fellowship meal this year will be held on **Tuesday 21st January**. It will be a bring and share, but

tickets will be on sale for £1 each from Penny Pedley. The speaker will be Fiona Kelling, the daughter-in-law of Diana Davis. Fiona worked in Gaza and the West Bank from 2015-2017 on the humanitarian response and reconstruction after the hostilities in 2014. She and her husband Joel became mission partners with CMS in 2018 and moved to Jordan, where we were living until July 2024. She has continued some work in the humanitarian space, more on the research side - and since October 2023 have been providing remote support to her colleagues and the beleaguered response in Palestine. While in Jordan Fiona became a trustee to a Christian charity called Mosaic Middle East. (<https://mosaicmiddleeast.org/>) They work with local partners in Iraq and Jordan, to support refugees and displaced people, particularly from minority communities. They have also recently begun to support the small Christian community in Gaza. Proceeds from the ticket sales and the donations made on the night will go to that charity.

Tea Talk at St John's Church

The Broadway, Kidlington, OX5 1DD |

Sunday 12th January 2025 at 3pm

**The accidental university – a short(ish)
history of Oxford by William Whyte**



**Professor Whyte is a Fellow of St John's
College, Oxford and an architectural
historian, specialising in churches and
universities**

Tea will be served after the talk.

Free entry

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