

This week's services



Sunday 10th January

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW

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Sunday 17th January

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Ramsden



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	1 Corinthians 1: 1-17
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 1: 18-end
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 2
Thursday	1 Corinthians 3
Friday	1 Corinthians 4
Saturday	1 Corinthians 5

Please pray for the following throughout the week

Monday *Those who are sick or grieving within our community.*

Tuesday *Those who are suffering in this country and around the world.*

Wednesday *The Queen and other leaders in this country.*

Thursday *For the troubled areas around the world, we pray for peace and justice.*

Friday *For the ministry of the Forest Edge Benefice and for those who lead us.*

Saturday *For an abundance of love, peace, harmony and forgiveness to reign within families and relationships.*

Please also pray for the Chipping Norton Deanery, and particularly this week:

St James', Ramsden.

Please pray for Paul Mansell & Gail Ward
and the Church Wardens
John Hook & Rosalind Danks.

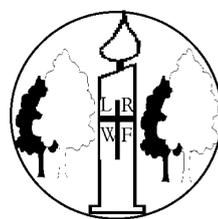


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PEW SHEET

*Baptism of Christ
1st Sunday of
Epiphany
10th January 2021*

Please print this pew sheet for your use at home.

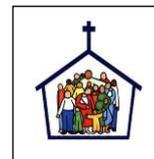
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The Collect



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.

First Reading Genesis 1: 1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Second Reading

Acts 19: 1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'



In our anxiety, fear and uncertainty,
when hearts are heavy with the load we bear,
and there is no one to turn toward but you;
yours is the peace that calms,
the peace that comforts,
the peace that gives us strength to carry on.
Yours is the voice we long to hear,
the persistent whisper in our ear,
'Be still, and know that I am God'.
Yours is the presence in the dark
that banishes our fears.
Yours is the hand that guides,
the footprints in which I walk.
In our anxiety,
fear and uncertainty,
in confidence we turn to you.

Amen



All British stamps bear the head of the Queen or King reigning at the time. Other than that, what is unique about British stamps compared with those of all other countries? Stamps of every country - except Britain - bear the name of the country. When stamps first appeared, there was no need to include the country's name to distinguish them from stamps of other countries, since only Britain was then producing stamps. On this day in 1840, Rowland Hill introduced a system of paying to the Post Office a penny for a stamp which would be stuck on the envelope. The penny stamp would cover costs of delivery of letters throughout the United Kingdom. Before that time it would be the person receiving a letter who had to pay. When letters were delivered, time was being wasted in waiting for people to answer the door. Another invention of Rowland Hill then, was to have a slit in doors through which letters could be put- hence our letter boxes in doors.

**Commemorative stamps, Lord,
call to mind famous people,
sport and inventions,
and nature, art and history.
As I value what these images represent,
lead me particularly, Lord,
to value every individual person,
made as we all are in your image and likeness.
Inspire me to show appreciation
to all who are a part of my life.
May I use well
all the opportunities that come my way
to make my part of the world a better place.
Amen**