

A special welcome to all newcomers or visitors

## Baptism of Christ Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019



	10.00am	Parish Communion
Hymns for today:	684	Thou whose Almighty word
	212	God forgave my sin
	476	O breath of life
	752	Will you come and follow
Do sta	y for refreshi	ments and after the service.

Tuesday	7pm-9:30pm	Alpha Course Week 1
Wednesday	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10am – 12noon	Parish Office open
	12:30pm	Midweek Communion
	1pm	Lunch-open to all
Thursday	9:30am-11am	Songs and Stories
	12pm	Funeral of Molly Hawkett
Saturday	9.30am	Prayer Space
	10am – 12 noon	Parish Office open
	10am – 12 noon	Paul's Place, Spring Cleaning
		and Breakfast

## Next Sunday: 20th January 2019 – Third Sunday of Epiphany

## 10.00am All Age Communion

#### **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.

### Isaiah 43: 1-7:

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

#### Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.

### We pray:

For those living in Woodhaw Road and Hawthorne Road

For those who are sick or needing our prayers including: Edna K, Phyllis A, Jim H, Anne-Maria R, Pam, Lorraine P, Jason P, Betty C, Dan B, Lisa F, Ken G, Christopher C, Max, Isla and family, Baby Finley, Baby Lottie, Poppy B and Joy L.

**For those who have died**: Doreen Simmonds, Molly Hawkett and Peggy Sprake and at their year's mind, Revd Iris Keyes, Phyllis Ball, Gordon Smith, Elsie Bonney, Gwen Mason, John Brooksmith, Richard Smith and Paul Judd.

# **CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS**

## Pastoral Assistants

Today we're saying thank you to Ann Hawkes as she steps down from this licensed role after 27 years. Pastoral Assistants are people who are trained to walk alongside others with a listening ear, especially in times of particular need. You can find more information on the diocesan website https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/dvm/pastoral-assistants. If you would like to consider being put forward for training for this ministry please speak to Rosie.

## Patronal Festival and Lunch – Sunday 27th January

We are holding our annual Patronal Festival on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January with Revd Matthew Prior preaching followed by a bring and share lunch. Please see the signup sheet at the back of church.

<u>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Paul's Place with Spring Cleaning and Breakfast</u> please speak to Diane for more information.

### Alpha Course – Starts this week - Tuesday 15th January

Whether you're new to church, thinking of being confirmed or would like to think more about your faith and how to share it, you're invited

to this course which runs on Tuesday evenings till 5<sup>th</sup> March. Alpha is a great opportunity to reflect on our faith and invite new people. There's a meal, a talk and time for discussion, we are also using the course as confirmation preparation. Please do come along if you are able alternatively if you would like to commit to praying for the course, let us know and we can keep you updated with specific prayer requests and updates. If you would like to find out more or volunteer to help please speak to Rosie or Anne-Maria.

### **New Chairs**

If you have asked to purchase one of the wooden chairs and have still to pay, please see Diane. We are asking for a minimum donation of £20 (please gift aid your donation if you are a tax payer).

## **Food Bank Donations**

Runneymede Foodbank are currently requesting donations of: long life fruit juice, squash, hair conditioner, anti bacterial surface cleaner, kitchen roll, men's deodorant, men's shower gel, men's shampoo, men's razors and shaving foam. Please leave your donations at the back of church.

Are you able to give financially to support our projects and the work of St Paul's in this community? Please make cheques payable to 'St Paul's Church' and if you are a tax-payer use a gift aid envelope.

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