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# Parish Pewsheet



## The Baptism of the Lord

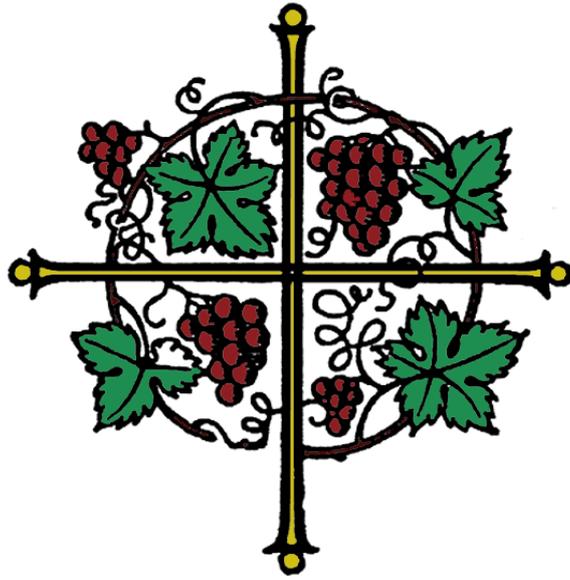
'You are my son, the beloved, with you I am well pleased'  
(Luke 3:22)

Welcome to our Parish Worship!  
Today ***Sunday 9th January***

10:00am      Eucharist      St Michael's Church, Stokenham

Celebrant and Preacher      ***Fr David Watson***

If you are joining us for the first time please introduce yourself!  
You are very welcome! Please take this pewsheet for reflection



## **HYMNS FOR TODAY**

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## **BRIGHTEST AND BEST OF THE SONS OF THE MORNING**

1. Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.  
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
2. Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;  
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall.  
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
maker and monarch and Savior of all.
3. Shall we yield him in costly devotion  
rarest of fragrances, tribute divine,  
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?
4. Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
vainly with gifts would his favor secure.  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

## **SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE**

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,      3. Manifest in making whole  
Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,      palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
manifested by the star      manifest in valiant fight,  
to the Magi from afar,      quelling all the devil's might;  
branch of royal David's stem,      manifest in gracious will,  
in your birth at Bethlehem.      ever bringing good from ill:  
Anthems be to you addressed,      Anthems be to you addressed,  
God in man made manifest.      God in man made manifest.
2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,      4. Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,      stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee.  
and at Cana, wedding guest,      Christ will then like lightning shine;  
in your Godhead manifest;      all will see his glorious sign.  
manifest in pow'r divine,      All will then the trumpet hear,  
changing water into wine.      all will see the judge appear.  
Anthems be to you addressed,      You by all will be confessed,  
God in man made manifest.      God in man made manifest.

5. Grant us grace to see you, Lord,  
mirrored in your holy Word.  
May our lives and all we do  
imitate and honor you  
that we all like you may be  
at your great epiphany  
and may praise you, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.

## **JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'RE THE SUN**

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.
3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all the sons of want are blest.
4. To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like incense shall arise  
with every morning sacrifice.
5. Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honours to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

## 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

### Isaiah 43:1-7

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

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 Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, 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."

**Reader:** This is the word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Psalm 29

**R** The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. **R**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; he God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour. **R**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!" **R**

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore. The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R**

## SECOND READING

### Acts 8:14-17

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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## **GOSPEL**

### **Luke 3:15-17. 21-22**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. 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 baptise 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 baptise 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 baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised 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."

## **POST COMMUNION**

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.



### **THIS WEEK:**

#### **Wednesday 12th January**

10.00am St Michaels, Stokenham Eucharist

#### **Next Sunday 16th January**

10.00am St Michaels, Stokenham Eucharist

6.00pm St Martins, Sherford Evensong

## **This week we hold in our Prayers**

Archdeacon Douglas Dettmer and our Archdeaconry of Totnes...a renewed vision of hope in the Gospel this new year. Growth in our churches... discernment of our own Christian vocations. Carers...the homeless and those driven to rely on foodbanks... the sick

David Barrow, Isabelle Warren, Pauline Rainsbury, Nicky Boulton, Sara Davey, Keith Ward, Ria Skirton, Sheila Blake, Gill Mickel, Evelyn Hedger, Keith and Jackie Rollinson, Katherine Yandell, Marjorie Godden, Ray & Rosemary Clarke, Barbara Hall, Beverly & Luke Hardy.

Those who have died recently and among them Richard Harding (Priest), John Scott, Graham Bowsher, Sally Darke... those whose anniversaries we keep, Andre Deuche, Thomas Dorling, Muriel Bishop, Colin Arundell, Samuel Hannaford, Marina Trout and Arthur Spedding.

**Thanks to all** who have worked so hard to make our Christmas services and Churches so beautiful – flower arrangers, choir, organists, the 'candle teams', cleaners, flag hoisters, ringers, servers, our Churchwarden and the Deputies!

**The Revd Richard Harding RIP:** With sadness we heard of Richard's death on Christmas Day. He died peacefully, his family with him. Richard was Vicar of the Parish from 2002 – 2010, I have written to Janet, his wife, to assure her of our prayers and condolences for her and the family at this time. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

## **A date for your Diary: Sunday 30th January 11.00am**

The main service in the Parish today will be the Village Service at S Martin Sherford 11.00am. This is a lay lead service by the worship committee of S Martins. To equip us for the future, we are invited to come together to see whether we can spread this form of worship to the other churches. Please come and support and consider whether you might be able to help us in future. Training will be given!

**Covid -19 Update:** It is now mandatory please to wear facemasks throughout our services even when singing unless you are exempt. There is an exception for readers and clergy when they are speaking. Please continue to use sanitiser when coming into church and before receiving communion. The clergy will wear facemasks when administering Holy Communion.

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