



# St Alban's Parish Church



## Next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January The Second Sunday of Epiphany

God is waiting with blessings of abundance for those who are far off as well as those who are near. No one is to be denied this blessing in God's kingdom.

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January The Baptism of Christ

We think about the encouragement that Jesus received from God at his baptism and how we too can hear that God is pleased with us.

**9.00 am Said Mass** Fr Graham

**10.00 am Parish Mass**  
**President** Mtr Linda **Preacher** Fr Graham  
**Readings** Patrick Newman  
**Intercessions** John Appleby  
**Eucharistic Minister** Sue Storey

**6.00pm Evening Prayer** Mtr Linda

**Today at the Parish Mass:**  
**Hymns:** NEH 47,52,49,48

#### During the Week

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup>** 19.00 **Said Mass** Mtr Linda  
**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>** 10.00 **Said Mass** Fr Graham

**WELCOME** We are really pleased to see you. If you have any queries or are unsure about anything please ask.

#### Forthcoming event

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 7 pm  
**Magic Night** with pie and pea supper.  
Tickets £5 (accompanied children free)  
To book see Joan or Sally and state choice of pie by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January.



**Please take this sheet home  
and use it in your prayers**

**First Reading** **Isaiah 62:1-5**  
"As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you." Creation, like the bridegroom, looks forward to the fulfilment of God's covenant promise.

**Second Reading** **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**  
"No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit." The Spirit within each of us is given for the common good, and each of us has our own unique attributes to enable us to serve.

**Gospel** **John 2:1-11**  
Another wedding and another blessing – this time it is turning water into wine, poverty into riches, exclusion into embrace.

#### Services

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**10.00 am Parish Mass**  
**President** Fr Graham **Preacher** Mtr Linda  
**Readings** Judy Appleby  
**Intercessions** Ian Franklin  
**Eucharistic Minister** Wendy Bishop

**6.00pm Evening Prayer** Fr Graham

#### Notices

**Food for our Pantry**) can be placed in the box at the back of church.

#### Digital and Online Giving

St Alban's relies solely on donations to maintain services and our work in the community. We know people want to be generous but don't always have the means at hand to make a donation when they are in church.

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Thank you for your support.



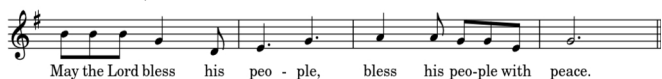
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## First Reading **Isaiah 43:1-7**

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 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.'

## Psalm 29, 1-6



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

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the  
mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;  
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice. **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 Sirion like a young wild ox. **R.**

## Second Reading **Acts 8:14-17**

Now 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 baptized in the name of the Lord  
Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands  
on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Someone is coming, said John, someone  
greater than I.

He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with  
fire.

Alleluia!

## Gospel **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.'

## Intercessions

**We pray for** the Church throughout the world; that  
it might bring the voice of God to great and ordinary  
alike – encouraging, enabling and equipping.

**We pray for** those who are unsure and uncertain,  
wherever they are. May they hear the voice of God  
drawing them into the work of the kingdom and  
encouraging them to accept God's praise and  
affirmation.

**We pray for** peace and harmony in every dark  
corner of our planet; that God might speak peace  
into the most violent and difficult of places,  
transforming lives and bringing in the kingdom.

**We pray for** those whose lives are lived in chaos,  
distress or pain; that they might find the voice of  
God in the midst of everything – transforming fear  
into faith and distress into joy.

**We pray for** those we know who are suffering, in  
body, mind or spirit. May they know God's loving  
care for them and never lose hope.

**We pray for** all who have recently died and all  
whose years mind occurs this week especially  
those we know including: Doris Pickering,  
Christopher Marshall, Ethel Beaumont,  
Gwen Cooper, Jeremy Grant, Kenneth Drinkall,  
Harold Lyon, Winifred Willis, William Dugdall.