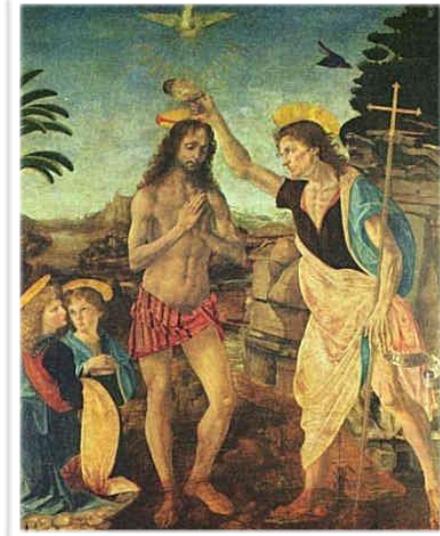


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Detail from the Baptism of Christ by Leonardo da Vinci



Welcome

Welcome to you all, especially the family and friends of Ted Willan, who sadly died recently.

Return of an Old Favourite

The Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion service is returning. A said communion will be taken by Revd Geoffrey Howarth on ATOM Sundays at 9.15 in Morland church, beginning next Sunday.

A.T.O.M.

A.T.O.M., our alternative type of meeting, returns on Sunday 18th January in Morland Village Hall. Coffee from 10.30, service starts at 11.00. Shared lunch after the service. Do join us.

Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all who supported our choir hosting the Appleby Coffee Morning yesterday in aid of the Morland Choristers' Camp Bursary Fund. Some of the cakes are available to buy in church this morning.

Candlemas Eucharist

On Monday 2nd February, the Deanery will be holding a Solemn Eucharist at St. Lawrence, Appleby at 7.30pm.

About Today...

Today is the second Sunday of Epiphany, the season which celebrates the revelation of Jesus as the Messiah and the saviour of humankind. Each week during the season, we focus on a different aspect of this revelation as people begin to see and understand that Jesus is God's son: the worship of the Magi; his baptism; the wedding at Cana and finally his presentation in the Temple, 40 days after Christmas, when he was recognised by Simeon and Anna, in the celebration known as Candlemas.

Today's focus is on Jesus's baptism where God himself proclaims Jesus as his son. Jesus' baptism marks him out as the one who will lead his people to freedom and establish the Kingdom of Heaven, but taking upon himself our sin and reconciling us to God. John the Baptist urges us to follow him as he leads us and all humanity away from sin and death towards eternal life and true freedom.

The season of Epiphany is therefore traditional time to pray for the worldwide mission of the Church. The feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, appropriately falls in the Epiphany season, as does the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25).



For your prayers

- The world-wide mission of the church, all missionaries and missionary organisations, the Church Mission Society.
- Our youth group, Eden Live, reconvening on Tuesday after its Christmas break.
- Mark Pickering, head verger of Blackburn Cathedral, in hospital with severe head injuries after an unprovoked attack in the cathedral.
- The family & friends of Barbara Beaumont, Ted Willan and Neil Davis, who sadly died over the Christmas period.
- The people of France at this difficult time.
- Christians in the Middle East.
- The conflicts of the world, especially Iraq & Syria.
- Our PCCs, meeting over the next few weeks.

From our calendar of prayer:

- Anglican Communion: Diocese of Langtang (Province of Jos, Nigeria), Bishop Stanley Fube, clergy and people.
- Carlisle Diocese: Ministerial Training Residential Weekend at Rydal Hall, 9th to 11th
- Appleby Deanery - St Michael, Kirkby Thore; St James, Temple Sowerby; St Edmund, Newbiggin. Priest-in-charge: Sarah Lunn, curate: John Griffiths; Readers: Michael Higginbottom, Lynn Miller.
- Our bishops - Bishop James, Confirmation at Holy Trinity Church Langdale, 10.00 am.

Today's Readings

Acts 19.1-7

Paul came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He 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.' ³Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' ⁴Paul 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.' ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

Mark 1.4-11

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

