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## Today Baptism of Christ (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany)

10am Parish Holy Communion

**Leading:** Rev'd John Williams  
**Welcoming:** Judith Johnson  
**Reading:** Pip Bowhay  
**Praying:** Mary Quine  
**Playing:** Matthew Williams

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## The Week Ahead at All Saints'

Events held in the church or Fellowship Rooms,  
 unless otherwise stated.

**Tuesday 15 January 6.45pm-8.45pm** Chat Cafe

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## Next Sunday at All Saints'

**20 January, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

10am Parish Holy Communion  
 Led by *The Venerable Christopher Futer,*  
*Archdeacon of Exeter.*

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## Collect for the Baptism of Christ

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.  
*Amen.*




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## New Testament reading for today

**Acts 8. 14-17**

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.

<sup>15</sup> The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup> (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus).

<sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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## Epiphany on the Jordan

*A Sonnet by Malcolm Guite,  
 Poet, Priest and Chaplain  
 of Girton College, Cambridge*



Beginning here we glimpse the Three-in-one;

The river runs, the clouds are torn apart,  
 The Father speaks, the Spirit and the Son

Reveal to us the single loving heart  
 That beats behind the being of all things  
 And calls and keeps and kindles us to light.  
 The dove descends, the spirit soars and sings

'You are beloved, you are my delight!'

In that quick light and life, as water spills  
 And streams around the Man like quickening rain,  
 The voice that made the universe reveals  
 The God in Man who makes it new again.

He calls us too, to step into that river  
 To die and rise and live and love forever.

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## Today's Gospel reading

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

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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.'

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> 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.'

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## Prayer for the Week

Lord, touch our lives with your glory  
 that we may reach out to others.

Fill our hearts with your love that all  
 may see the love of Christ.

Inspire us to dare new things for you that we  
 may encourage those without hope, open our  
 lives to your Spirit that we may reflect your  
 praise.

*Amen.*

*From 'Celtic Prayers & Reflections' by Jenny Child*



## Urgent, important notice

The roles at All Saints' of both **CHURCH WARDEN** and **CHURCH TREASURER** are each practical, pragmatic and vital responsibilities for an essential part of church life, underpinning the mission and ministry. We are **NOW** in dire need of both!

Susan Sawyer, has admirably served as our **Treasurer** for a number of years and has now, having given many months of notice, stepped down from this role. Similarly, Nick Cox has done a sterling job as **Church Warden**, with Judith Johnson, for the past few years and has given plenty of notice of his intention to stand down at the Annual Parish Meeting on 7th April. There have been pleas in this Weekly News Sheet in the recent past, and in personal approaches, endeavouring to find at least two individuals willing, able and capable of replacing Susan and Nick in these roles, however these pleas have, thus far, been unsuccessful.

**The role of Treasurer** - All Saints' cannot continue to function without one! If no replacement is found then the responsibility falls onto the already busy Churchwardens – a highly impracticable situation. It is perfectly possible that the role could be shared between two people working closely together – one to do the banking of the collection(s) etc each week and another to look after the 'books'.

**The role of Church Warden** – It is now an ideal time for someone to come forward. It would mean that the three months from now until the beginning of April, when Nick stands down, could be more than useful as a learning period, with the opportunity to 'shadow' him in the things he does and 'learn the ropes'.

*PLEASE speak to John, Nick, Judith or Ceri, in confidence, if you feel you might be able to help or need more information.*



## Next session

**Love Your Neighbour!**

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> February  
3.30pm-6pm

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## All Saints Kenton

### Weekly News



**Sunday, 13 January 2019**  
**BAPTISM OF CHRIST**  
**(2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany)**

**10.00am:** Parish Holy Communion



**Welcome to our service today,** especially if you are visiting All Saints' for the first time this morning. We hope you will all feel at home with us, and experience the presence of God as we worship together.

**Please join us** for refreshments in the Fellowship Rooms (the glass rooms at the back of the church) after the 10am service and do take this sheet home with you to refer to during the week.