



Celebrating the Baptism of Christ

Weekly update Sunday 12th January 2025

Verse of the Week

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."

Luke 3. 22

Collect for this Sunday

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**



Bible Readings

This week's bible readings; 12th January: Acts 8; 14-17 and Luke 3; 15-17, 21-22

Next week's bible readings for Sunday 19th January: 1 Corinthians 12; 1-11 and John 2; 1-11

Services in the Parish this week beginning Sunday 12th January 2025



8.00am Holy Communion (BCP), Lady St Mary, Wareham

9.00am Breakfast Church, Sandford St Martin's

10.00am Holy Communion, Lady St Mary, Wareham

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP), at St John the Evangelist church

10.30am Holy Communion, Sandford St Martin's

Wednesday 15th January 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP), St Martin on the Walls

Services in the Parish week beginning Sunday 19th January 2025

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP), Lady St Mary, Wareham

9.00am Breakfast Church, Sandford St Martin's

10.00am Praise Communion - Lady St Mary, Wareham

10.30am Morning Worship, Sandford St Martin's

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP), St Nicholas, Arne

Wednesday 22nd January 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP), St Martin on the Walls

What is happening in the Parish...

Going Deeper: Everyone welcome!

Do you want to deepen your faith, learn alongside others, and be encouraged in following Jesus Christ?

This month:
The Way Forward?

Come and reflect and share ideas for Going Deeper 2025

6pm Sunday 12th January 2025 at Sandford St Martin's Church



Ladies That Lunch and Pray:

The next meeting is still to be confirmed. Please bring a sandwich, and drinks will be provided, between 12.00 - 14.00pm. Please note that this will be held at the normal venue and any further information or RSVP please contact Elaine Orchard, Margaret Harris, or Debs at the Parish office Tel: 01929 550905 or parish.office@warehamchurches.org.uk

Open House

Thursday 30th January 2025 - 'Open House' at Sandford St Martin's Church, **2pm**. 'Quiz' with time after for cup of tea, chat, and a raffle for charity. All are most welcome.



A new Co-ordinator is sought for the monthly (with exception of August) 'Open House' Group at Sandford St Martin's Church.

This would be with effect from April 2025. Please consider this request as 'Open House' often reaches out to twenty or more people and Lesley would be grateful for any enquiries through herself or the Parish Office on 550905.

Thank you.

Coffee Morning



At Pine Martin Grange, Sandford, on **Wednesday 29th January 2025 between 10.30am to 12.30pm**. This is in aid of Pets as Therapy. Sandford St Martin's church are doing the raffle if anyone can donate any Prizes, please drop off at the Parish Office or take to Sandford St Martin's church on the Sundays before this date. All are most welcome.



Prayer Focus:

We give thanks to God for:

- That even in the days of trials we will remember your love and goodness that will never fail us.
- Our local schools and universities and all who work in them.
- The many good times we have had in the past year with friends and family.

We pray to God for:

- The unity of the church in witness and proclamation of the Gospel.
- The peace and stability of all peoples and for the leaders of the nations.
- The sick and the suffering and all who minister to their needs.

Those asking for prayer:

Graham Baynes

And those we continue to pray for:

Mary Barnes, Jane Patterson, John Cleaton, Anne Mills

Those who have died recently and those who mourn:

Terry Holloway

Margaret Chappell – Funeral Service to take place Tuesday 21st January 1pm at Poole Crematorium

Our Mission Prayer: Heavenly Father give Ruth Guinness a renewed sense of your calling as she returns to Malawi this week. Thank you for her ministry both in Malawi and the wider world, as she encourages Church leaders to give clear relevant Biblical teaching in Churches and Bible Colleges. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our living Word.

Amen

Gathering for Prayer:

Parish Prayer Group – Every **Tuesday at 7.30pm**, gathering in person, in one of our homes. Contact Debs at the Parish Office Tel: 550905 for the venue. All are welcome to join us to pray. Please see dates below:

Month	Meetings in person on Tuesdays
January	14 th , 21 st , 28 th

Prayers for Peace – Every **Friday at 5pm in Lady St Mary Church**. All invited to make time to pause and pray for peace in our world, in our community and in our lives.

Are you able to offer your gifts and skills to enhance and lead our worship? **YES ?**

Do you want worship to be engaging, creative and fun? **YES ?**

Then come along to the new
Lay Worship Leaders Course

Learning more about prayer, music, all-age worship, giving talks and more.

Starting 1st February 2025 and
followed by 15th February, 1st, 15th & 29th March

If you would like further information, please contact
Revd's Neil or Deborah neilkelly3@icloud.com or debjswann@gmail.com

GREEN TIP

It's Veganuary. A vegan diet could be the 'biggest single way' to reduce your environmental impact, Oxford researchers have said. Cutting meat and dairy from your diet can reduce your footprint from food by 73%. If you're not ready for the full commitment, maybe introduce some meat- and dairy-free days into your week to get started. <https://veganuary.com/>



Readings for Daily Morning Prayer:

*Indicates Festival

	Psalm (s)	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday 13th January	2	Amos 1	1 Corinthians 1:1-17
Tuesday 14th January	9	Amos 2	1 Corinthians 1:18-end
Wednesday 15th January	20	Amos 3	1 Corinthians 2
Thursday 16th January	21	Amos 4	1 Corinthians 3
Friday 17th January	67	Amos 5:1-17	1 Corinthians 4
Saturday 18th January	33	Amos 5:18-end	1 Corinthians 5

Parish Office opening times - The Parish Office is open to answer all face-to-face enquiries, telephone and email enquiries **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday** 9am to 1pm. At all other times enquiries and queries can be made by email and they will be dealt with as soon as possible.



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