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BAPTISM OF CHRIST

12th January 2025

HYMNS

Introit 527

Gradual Psalm Antiphon (Ps 104)

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

Offertory 716

Communion 150

Recessional 259 (omit vv. 2 & 5)



COLLECT

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your
beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

FOR OUR PRAYERS: Brian, Kathy, Jewel, Beverley, Ben, Denise, Edna, Alan, Marta

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: Alan's partner, Pat

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: Betty Rodrigues

WALSINGHAM: 7 - 10 APRIL 2025

The Forest Hill pilgrims are organising a trip to Walsingham this year. See below for details and who to contact if you're interested.

Full cost of trip: **£300**

Deposit: **£40** (Non refundable) ASAP

Remaining balance needs to be paid by:
2 February 2025

Travel: A 16 seat mini coach has been booked. Leaving St George's Church Vancouver Rd, London SE23 2AG at
11:00 Monday 7 April 2025

Returning from Walsingham

11:00 Thursday 10 April 2025

Luggage one cabin case per passenger,
We have **3 places left** if you would like to join us, please contact us:

Rev Tommo Couch & Janet Hamilton

Mobile 07962344744 or email

janetanddenise@hotmail.com for a booking form.



FILM NIGHT

The next meeting will be **Thursday 30 January** and we will discuss 'A Sense of an Ending' currently available for free at itvx.com (just sign up for a free account).

DISCUSSION GROUP

Our recent survey indicated a desire from about 10 members of the congregation for a new monthly study/ bible/discussion group.

Inevitably, there was no consensus over which day/time was preferred. Therefore, I have fairly arbitrarily plucked Thursday evenings out as a possible starting point.

Starting on **6 February**, I suggest we meet on the 1st Thursday at 19.30 in church.

Our first meeting will be a discussion about what we'd like to use as our starting subject and we might discuss the previous Sunday's sermon as well.

Please sign the list in the Foyer if you'd like to be part of this new venture.



FEBRUARY LUNCH CLUB

This will be **Wednesday 12 February**. Sign up list available now!

MEMORIAL SERVICE: DUNCAN PATTERSON-BANKS

Many of you will remember Duncan who died in December 2023. We will be holding a memorial service for him on **Sunday 2 February at 16:00**. If there's anything you'd like to share for that service, please speak to Richard.



NEW SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S

In the New Year we will be starting a monthly evening service in the style of the Taizé Community.

We will begin on **Sunday 9 February at 18.00**.

It would be lovely to gather a group of musicians to play at these services. Please speak to Richard if you'd like to contribute.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 13 January

Church: 19:00 - Meditation group

Studio: 19:00 - 20:30 - Guides

Tuesday 14 January

Church: 09:30- Morning prayer

Church: 10:30 - Ecumenical service

Church: 18:00 - Brownies

Wednesday 15 January

Hall: 18:00 - Cubs, 20:00 - Scouts

Studio: 19:30-20:30 - Yoga class

Thursday 16 January

Hall: 18:15 -19:15 - Beavers

Saturday 18 January

Church: 09:30 - Morning Prayer

Studio: 11:00-12:00 - Yoga class

Studio: 1430 - 15:30 - Outside group

Sunday 19 January

Church: 10:00 - Eucharist

Studio: 14:00 - 16:00 - Outside group

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 30 January

Church: 19:30 - Film Night

Thursday 6 February 2025

Church: 19:30 - Discussion Group

Sunday 9 February 2025

Church: 18:00 - Taizé Service

Wednesday 12 February

Church: 13:00 - Lunch Club

NT: Acts 8: 14 - 17

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come^[a] upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.



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

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ 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^[b] the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ 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.'

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² 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;^[a] with you I am well pleased.'