

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY HYMN # 156 Do not be afraid

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Communion Prayer*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER & BREAKING OF THE BREAD

If you are a believer in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; or Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer; we welcome you to take Communion with us. It is also perfectly acceptable to take only the bread, or only the wine, if you so wish

If you would like to receive a blessing instead of taking Communion, or would like a prayer for healing at the altar rail, please ask the priest when he comes to you.

THE COMMUNION OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION & BLESSING

FINAL HYMN # 625 Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him

SENDING OUT & POSTLUDE

NOTICES

Christmas Cards Please give your used Christmas cards, and those of your friends, to Shirley Rowson for recycling into cards for next Christmas.

Upcoming dates:

19 January 2025	Communion with Keith Bretel
26 January	Morning Prayer
2 February	Morning Prayer
9 February	Communion with Keith Bretel

Readings for Sunday 19th January : (Ephiphany 2)

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

St. John's Anglican Church, St. Raphaël

A congregation of the Church of England's Diocese in Europe
And a member of the World-Wide Anglican Communion

**St. John's is an inclusive congregation
and welcomes everyone to worship with us.**

**A VERY WARM WELCOME
TO OUR SERVICE THIS MORNING**



**Sunday 12th January 2025
The Baptism of Christ**

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If you require a gluten free wafer for communion, please notify the welcome person at the back of the church before the service begins.

Nos services sont filmés et publiés sur internet, vous pouvez apparaître dans nos vidéos./Our services are videoed and posted on the internet. You may appear in our videos.

The music edition of the Hymn Book is available at the back of the church

COMMUNION SERVICE

NOTICES & ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN # 150 Crown him with many crowns (Omit v.2)

WELCOME & PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CONFESSION, KYRIE, ABSOLUTION, GLORIA

COLLECT PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH (43:1-7)

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.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (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.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

HYMN # 675 Spirit of the living God

Gospel Reader: The Lord be with you
All: And also with you

Gospel Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke
All: Glory to you, O Lord

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. 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.'

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON BY THE ARCHDEACON

ANTHEM - Be still, for the presence of the Lord (David Evans)

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