Welcome, please join us for morning tea

Parish Council 2024

Details of the Annual Parish Meeting (25 February tbc) will follow, but in the meantime, please give prayerful thought to joining our harmonious band of parish councillors in 2024. Councillors can serve for a maximum of 6 consecutive years before taking a break, and several long serving councillors and a warden will need to stand down this year (including those who served for many years prior to the 6-year limit being introduced). We were also one short this year.

Please speak to Revd Sally or any of the current council if you wish to know more (Harold Luxton, Judy Ross, Tom Sheard (wardens), Sally Prickett, Victoria Castiglione, Marion Jamison, Jane James, Bev Dixon).

Parish Diary

Each Sunday Eucharist/Morning Prayer: St Leonard's 9.30am; St George's 10am

REGULAR SERVICES & GATHERINGS

Sunday Eucharist/Morning Prayer: St Leonard's 9.30am; St George's 10am

Weekday Eucharist: St Leonard's 1st Thursday of the month, 2pm

Taize Evening Prayer: St George's first Sunday each month – taking a break.

Twilight Meditations: St Leonard's, taking a break

Evening Prayer: St Leonard's last Sunday each month, 7pm **Choir Practice:** St Leonard's Saturday 10.30-11, then coffee.

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January 7th 2024

Baptism of Christ

First Sunday after Epiphany Year B

Prayers of the Day

Spirit of energy and change, in whose power Jesus was anointed to be the hope of the nations: be poured out also upon us without reserve or distinction, that we may have confidence and strength to implant your justice on the earth; through Jesus Christ. **Amen** APBA



Baptism of Christ, Zagitov Vladimir

God of the tearing heaven,
whose holiness is unveiled
by one who is submerged
in all the pain and sin of earth:
give us faith to follow him
who goes to the heart of darkness
bearing only the Spirit of gentle, insistent peace;
through Jesus Christ, the promised one. Amen

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Parish Priest: Revd Sally Buckley tssf

Assisting Clergy: Revd Kevin Callegari, Revd Sue Lodge-Calvert

Licenced Lay Ministers: Harold Luxton, Alison Kershaw, Sally Prickett, Jan Pattinson

Jane James, Tom Sheard

Wardens: Judy Ross, Harold Luxton, Tom Sheard

We endeavour to be an expression of God's love in the community

(Jenesis 1.1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.



Hildegard of Bingen (1098 – 1179)

Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:

ascribe to the Lord glory and might.

² Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:

O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.

³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:

the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.

⁴ The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:

the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:

the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He makes them skip like a calf:

Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash: the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert, the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.

⁸ The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees, and strips bare the forests:

in his temple all cry 'Glory.'

⁹ The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:

the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.

¹⁰ The Lord will give strength to his people:

the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.

Acts 19.1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He 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.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul 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.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied - altogether there were about twelve of them.

Mark 1.4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And 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. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He 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. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And 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. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Next week: 1 Samuel 3.1-10 (11-20), Ps 139.1-5, 12-18, 1 Cor 6.12-20, John 1.43-51 NRSV