

8am Holy Communion, in Church

10am Service of the Word, in Church & [Zoom](#)

Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in (or outside) the WCC after the 10am service.

You are welcome to share in our worship in the following ways:

1. Come to Church All are welcome!

Remember to bring your order of service for the 10am service.

2. Join Zoom on your computer

When signed in you can 'Join a Meeting' (ID: 846 662 9590 / Passcode: 834900).

3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone

a) Call **0131 460 1196** b) Enter Meeting ID then #, then enter Meeting Passcode then #

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.

A Psalm for today, Psalm 29

Refrain: *The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;

worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. **[R]**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice. **[R]**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox. **[R]**

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;

the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare;

in his temple all cry, 'Glory!' **[R]**

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;

the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;

the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **[R]**

Open our ears, glorious Lord Christ, to hear the music of your voice above the chaos of this world; open our eyes to see the vision of your glory, for you are our King, now and for ever. Amen.

A Gospel reading for today, 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.'

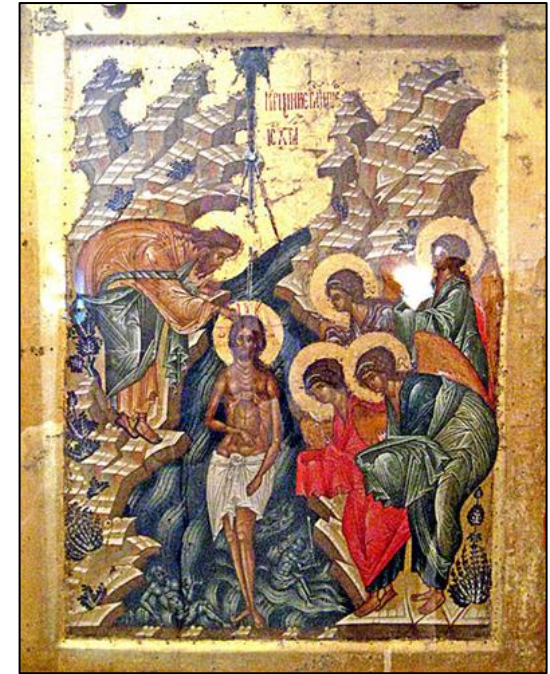
So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

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.'

Come and share our short session for children and young people during our Sunday 10am service EVERY WEEK!

We invite children of all ages, with their adults, to come into the Lady Chapel during part of the service, and share in A Godly Play (a short visual storytelling of scriptures, with wondering questions, stories, crafts, puzzles, and even some acting for those that want ... for all ages to share together; then various age related activities). There will be a display in the Lady Chapel most weeks, if you'd like to find out more!

You might also like to explore the links on our [Children & Young People](#) page. There are lots of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus.



Baptism of Christ Icon, 1497, Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery



Newsletter and Notices



The church is open each day, from early morning to mid afternoon.

An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.

Commissioning of Katharine Stanley as Pastoral Enabler – Our 10am Service of the Word on **Sunday 9th January** invites us to think about Christ's baptism, and the ministry we can all share with Jesus through our baptism. So it's a good moment to commission Katharine, for the Pastoral Enabler Ministry she has prepared for, through the Diocesan Foundations Course. Authorised by the Bishop to exercise this new role, in Church School Ministry, Care for the isolated, and Godly Play, we'll pray for Katharine at the font, as we all remember our baptisms on Sunday. You'll be very welcome to bring your presence, prayers, love and support to this service, if you can. Thank you.

TLC Planning meeting, Tuesday 11th January at 2pm, WCC – To confirm future monthly dates and discuss what we might do to ensure our visitors enjoy that time with us. All are most welcome to come along to the meeting ... we always need more volunteers and many hands make light work! Many thanks in anticipation, Rosemary.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 12th January, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church and **via Derwyn's Zoom (ID: 846 662 9590 / Passcode: 834900)**. You can also dial in by phone; instructions on previous page.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 12th January, 11 for 11:15am – Worship for babies/toddlers and their parents / carers; with a story, singing and instruments for little ones too! Join us for refreshments, fellowship and a little chance for the children to play before/after the service.

Mothers' Union Meeting, 12th January – MU meet in church this Wednesday at 1:45 for 2pm for their monthly fellowship and talk. Please come along if you're interested.

Funeral of Eileen Bowes, RIP – Eileen worshipped at our church for 50 years before moving to Welwyn. Her sons have asked us to share that she passed away on 18th December and her funeral will be at 11am on **Friday 14th January** at The Barton Glebe Burial Ground, Cambridgeshire, should anybody wish to attend.

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 15th January, 9:30am A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

DIGITAL GIVING TO ST MICHAEL'S

While fewer people carry cash, and our donations in the collection plates and offertory box remain much smaller than before the pandemic, the costs of running our parish remain. Please consider using our digital giving facility to support St Michael's. To give by phone: text **STMIC** (then a number from 2 to 20, e.g. STMIC7 or STMIC15) to **70085**.

The most efficient way to give is by Standing Order direct from your bank account: please see the Giving Sunday envelopes from our most recent Stewardship renewal, in the Welcome Area. Thank you for considering your giving to St Michael's.

Thank You in huge measure to all who contributed to our Advent and Christmas worship in December: to wardens and sidespeople, singers, bellringers and musicians, all who cleaned the church and those who arranged hospitality, flowers, the crib and the tree. Thank you to everyone who contributed to worship to praise God at this special time. Thank you too from the Clergy for all our Christmas cards and gifts. Blessings for the new year, Derwyn.

Governors needed! Can you help St Michael's Primary School to deliver its Christian vision, by joining our governing body? We must have a majority of church governors but have several upcoming vacancies. Please think about whether you can offer us your time and speak to Katharine in the Parish Office if you'd like to know more. Thank you.

Giant Christmas Card – Many thanks to all who used the Christmas Card to pass on good wishes. A total of £354.64 was raised for the work of The Children's Society.

Would you like to receive news and information from St Michael's electronically? May we invite new or newer worshippers to think about completing a Welcome Card, and submitting your email on it if you wish.

Holly Rings – If you bought a Holly Ring, please could you return just the wire ring and pine cones to be recycled to help save expenses for next time. Thank you.

Travelling Crib sheep – We hope that you and your families enjoyed sharing in the Crib during Advent! If you have held onto your sheep over Christmas, would you be good enough to return it to the Parish Office (or put it in the porch post box) as soon as possible? Many thanks!

Choir – Have you and/or your child been inspired by the singing recently? Might you like to join our Choir? We would welcome interest from possible singers, adults or children in Year 4 or above. For more information on the Choir see the website or contact the Parish Office.

Would you be interested in managing the stock of our information booklets? This small role would involve the occasional update of information and translation leaflets and their stock and displays. Do contact the Parish Office if you're interested in volunteering.

More details of all services and events are available on the [Calendar](#) page on our website.

Do follow us on Social Media too, for regular updates.

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