

Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

Do Not Fear

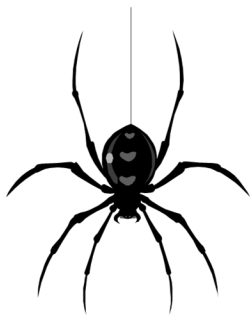
Several times God speaks to Israel through Isaiah, telling the people not to fear—and not to withhold the overflowing grace and joy of God from anyone who comes to seek the Lord.

When at his baptism Jesus is revealed as the one in whom God's Spirit lives, he is also revealed as the one who will not withhold the Spirit.

It is the leadership of the faith and of the nation who have not heard the words of God telling them not to fear, and who are withholding God's love and grace from the peoples—and who withhold recognition of what God wishes to accomplish in Jesus.

They are tired, small-minded and mean-spirited. This is why they are afraid. Their religion has become one of power, and they hold on to it jealously.

The baptism of Jesus is a reminder to us that faith in Jesus begins and ends in God's generosity—a generosity we are expected to share in and show ourselves.



Baptism of Christ (12th January 2025)

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's)
- 10.30 Choral Mass
- 18.30 Choral Evensong

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

MONDAY-SATURDAY

MORNING PRAYER 09.00

EVENING PRAYER 16.00 (Thursday 17.00)

MONDAY Mass 12.15

TUESDAY Mass 09.30

WEDNESDAY Holy Communion (1662) 09.30

THURSDAY Mass 17.30

FRIDAY Mass 12.15

SATURDAY Mass 09.30

NEXT SUNDAY *See back page*

The church is open for private prayer and visiting Monday-Saturday 09.00 - 16.00

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Full details of events may be found at crookedspire.org, on the notices displayed in church, or from the organisers.



Please respect those who wish to prepare for Mass in quiet prayer; also those who wish to listen to the closing Organ Voluntary.

BAPTISM OF CHRIST

CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 74

Setting: Oxley - Simple Communion Service

Collect Prayer

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 the Prophet Isaiah Isaiah 43.1-7

But now 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.'

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: 72

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 76

Communion Motet: Among Earth's Multitude of Lights
(trad. arr. Martin Shaw)

Post-Communion Hymn: 68

Voluntary: *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*
BWV739 (Johann Sebastian Bach)

CHORAL EVENSONG

Responses: Byrd
Psalm(s): 46 & 47
First Lesson: Isaiah 55.1-11
Office Hymn: 530 (*t.i*)
Canticles: Statham in E
Second Lesson: Romans 6.1-11
Anthem: Lo! star-led Chiefs (William Crotch)
Hymn: 344
Voluntary: *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*
BuxWV223 (Dietrich Buxtehude)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 12th January - Baptism of Christ

- For those who are preparing for baptism
- ◇ The Church of the Province of West Africa
- ✦ *Harry Crofts*

Monday 13th January - Hilary; Kentigern; George Fox

- Parish of St Helen Pinxton
- ◇ Lango - The Church of Uganda
- ✦ *Eric Allsopp; Margaret Coxhead; John Martin*

Tuesday 14th January

- Parish of St Thomas Somercotes
- ◇ West Lango - The Church of Uganda
- ✦ *Selina Buchanan; Gemma Jones; Dorothy Hirst; Allan Johnson*

Wednesday 15th January

- Parish of St Michael & All Angels South Normanton
- ◇ Langtan - The Church of Nigeria

Thursday 16th January

- Parishes of St John the Baptist Ault Hucknall and Scarcliffe
- ◇ Lebombo - The Church of Mozambique & Angola
- ✦ *David Peppitt; Sarah Wicks; Paul Leech; Glynn Dannatt*

Friday 17th January - Antony of Egypt; Charles Gore

- Parishes of St Mary and St Laurence Bolsover
- ◇ Leeds - The Church of England
- ✦ *Katherine Bagshaw; Ida Webber; Barrie Goodwin*

Saturday 18th January - Amy Carmichael

- The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
- ◇ Leicester - The Church of England
- ✦ *Violet Foster*
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Churchwardens: John Hague
Colin McKenna

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Our prayers have been asked for:

Andrea Sutcliffe; John Robinson; Jean Madin; Colin Hutson; Jean Morris; Wendy Layton; Ambrose Mason; Paul Bates; Tony Ragan; Sue Hastings; Barbara Carter; David Pedrick; Joseph Watson; Roxanne; Imelda Davies; Ralph Turner; John Nickols; Terry; Becky; Les & Lynn Metcalfe; Jackie Turner; David McGhie; Shirley Francis; Olivia, Sebastian & baby Ophelia; Cathy; June Robinson; Joe Martin; Lodovico Mirani; Gwen Hallam

✦ *Peter Cordell, RIP*

✦ *Laurence Atkinson, RIP*

✦ *David Wastie priest, RIP*

Church 'Post Box'

Here is the last call to collect any remaining Christmas Cards from the back of the church before they are sent for upcycling.

Christmas Card Upcycling

Used Christmas cards are again being collected to make labels for the Prayer Tree for the next Christmas Tree Festival. All types of greetings cards throughout the year would also be welcome.

Next Sunday - 19th January - Epiphany II

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Choral Mass
Readings: Isaiah 62.1-5
John 2.1-11

18.30 Choral Evensong
Readings: Psalm(s) 96
1 Samuel 3.1-20
Ephesians 4.1-16

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