

**Chesterfield Parish Church
Saint Mary & All Saints**

Doing the Right Thing

John and Jesus are both in agreement that there is no need for Jesus to be baptised—but, as the NRSV translation puts it, they agree to *fulfil all righteousness*.



In Jesus, God is doing the right thing by the human race, and by all creation—in sharing all the consequences of sin and mortality. God does not sit in righteous judgement but shows us that righteousness shares and transforms our lives.

When all we want is a comfortable life, that is the time we most need to remember the lengths Jesus went to in order to share God's very life with us.

BAPTISM OF CHRIST (11th January 2026)

- 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: 73

Setting: Leonard Blake in C

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 Acts of the Apostles

Acts 10.34-43

Peter began to speak to the crowd: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

Gradual Hymn: 72

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 3.13-end

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 200

Communion Motet: *Mater, ora Filium*
(Charles Wood, arr. Oxley)

Post-Communion Hymn: 77

Voluntary: Choral Song (Samuel Sebastian Wesley)

CHORAL EVENSONG

Responses: Tomkins

Psalm(s): 46 & 47

First Lesson: Joshua 3.1-8, 14-end

Office Hymn: 74

Canticles: Holman in F

Second Lesson: Hebrews 1.1-12

Anthem: Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning
(Malcolm Archer)

Hymn: 52

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

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 11th January - Baptism of Christ

- The South East Derbyshire Deanery
- ◊ The Anglican Church of Central America
- ✦ *Mary Wright; Gladys Fielding; Edna Judd; Barbara Dain; Joan Day*

Monday 12th January - Aelfred of Hexham;

Benedict Biscop

- Parish of All Saints Marpool
- ◊ Sodor and Man - The Church of England
- ✦ *Harry Crofts*

Tuesday 13th January - Hilary; Kentigern;

George Fox

- Parish of St Matthew Morley and Smalley
- ◊ Sokoto - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Eric Allsopp; Margaret Coxhead; John Martin*

Wednesday 14th January

- Parish of All Saints Ockbrook
- ◊ Central Solomons - Anglican Church of Melanesia
- ✦ *Selina Buchanan; Gemma Jones; Dorothy Hirst; Allan Johnson*

Thursday 15th January

- Parish of All Saints Ripley
- ◊ Soroti - The Church of Uganda

Friday 16th January

- Parish of St Giles Sandiacre
- ◊ Southwark - The Church of England
- ✦ *David Peppitt; Sarah Wicks; Paul Leech; Glynn Dannatt*

Saturday 17th January - Anthony of Egypt;

Charles Gore

- Parish of All Saints Sawley
- ◊ Southwell & Nottingham - The Church of England
- ✦ *Katherine Bagshaw; Ida Webber; Barrie Goodwin*
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◊ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Organist & Choirmaster:
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Our prayers have been asked for:

Tony Ragan; Linda Weston; Ralph Turner; Ian Mackenzie; John Nickols; Ambrose Mason; Cathy; Joan Melbourne; Trevor Crane; Elise Wilson; Joshua Wilson; Anthony Duce

✦ *David Manson, priest*

✦ *Dorothy Crawshaw*

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.

Gift Aid Envelopes

Grateful thanks also to those using the Gift Aid Scheme to increase the value of their donations. Please bear in mind, though, that the scheme is aimed only at UK tax payers, and that the special Gift Aid Envelopes need to carry your name and address to be effective - please don't use them otherwise, as their cost could reduce the benefit of your donation. Many thanks.

Next Sunday - 18th January - Epiphany II

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Choral Mass

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9
John 1.29-42

18.30 Choral Evensong

Readings: Psalm(s) 96
Ezekiel 2.1-3.4
Galatians 1.11-end

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