

5.30pm Choral Evensong (Officiant: *Fr Andrew*; Preacher *Fr David*)

Choir: *Boys & lower voices*

HYMNS: NEH 46, 47

RESPONSES: *Radcliffe*

PSALM: 65

READINGS: *Isaiah 55:1-11; Romans 6:1-11*

CANTICLES: Evening Service in *A Sumsion*

ANTHEM: No small wonder *Edwards*

Small wonder the star, small wonder the light, the angels in the shepherds in fright, but stable and manger for God. No small wonder. Small wonder the kings, small wonder they bore, the gold and the incense, the myrrh to adore but God gives his life on a cross. No small wonder. Small wonder the love, small wonder the grace, the power the glory the light on his face. But all to redeem my poor heart. No small wonder.

This coming week (13-18 January)

MORNING PRAYER 8.30am (St Nicholas Chapel)

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST (*except on Thursday*) 11.00am (St Nicholas Chapel)

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME RECITALS 1.10pm (resume Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January)

THURSDAYS: 10.30am (said) Eucharist in St George's Church

THURSDAYS: 10.30am Morning Prayer in the Chapel at Whitgift Almshouses

Next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am (said) Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

*Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11*

6.00pm Nowel (A Ceremony of Carols & other works)

*sung by the choristers & Whitgift Chamber Choir*

*Evening Prayer will be said in Fr Andrew's Study at 5.30pm*

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**OREMUS:**

**Readings, Prayer & Music**

Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

Prayers, Readings & Texts for the Sunday Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist (President & Preacher: *Fr Andrew*)

Choir: *Girls & lower voices*

HYMNS: NEH 56; 58 (t.128); 48

SETTING: Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo *Haydn*

COLLECT

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, God for ever and ever.

FIRST READING *Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 read by Christine Lankester*

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' Go on up to a high mountain, O Sion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!' Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

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RESPONSORIAL Psalm 29



Ascribe unto the Lord you powers of heaven, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto 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 splits 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**

SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 *read by John Langridge*  
Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness, and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 3:15-16,21-22  
At that time: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them

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all, saying, 'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Now when all the people were baptised by John the Baptist and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'

ANTHEM: A New Year Carol *Britten*  
Here we bring new water from the well so clear, for to worship God with, this happy New Year: *Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine; the seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.*  
Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe, open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go:  
Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin, open you the East Door, and let the New Year in:

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:  
Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

- Prayers for peace in Ukraine, Europe, and the Holy Land.
- The ceasefire between Israel-Hezbollah to hold fast.

Those who are unwell:  
Jenny M; Pam V; Vera A; Barbara A; Margaret; Mariam; Fiona; Paul; Ben A; Sally A; Emily B; Michael B; Margaret F; Marilyn H; Ranil P; Nicky P; Robby R; Lorraine S; Adrian S; Francis W; Linda W; Jean W; Diane W.

Those who have died:  
Jacky Alcock; Gill Doling.

Those whose Year's Mynde fall at this time:  
Catherine Sutton; Nellie Brown; Agnes Honor; Ada Parsons; George Humphries; Grace Wilkinson; Elizabeth Spencer; Philip Blanshard.

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