

St Mary's Church, Shalford  
Parish of Shalford and Peasmarsh

*St Mary's Home Church*  
***Epiphany Season***

***The Baptism of Christ***



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 10am  
via zoom only with coffee to follow  
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*Greeting each other and welcome*

The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

*Welcome*

*Opening prayer*

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn**

**Prayers of Penitence**

*Let us pray*

Because God was merciful,  
he saved us through the water of rebirth  
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.  
But through sin we have fallen away from our baptism.  
Let us return to the Lord and renew our faith in his promises  
by confessing our sins in penitence.

God be gracious to us and bless us,  
and make your face shine upon us:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,  
your saving power among the nations:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,  
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Collect for today*

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 our Saviour. **Amen**

**Liturgy of the Word**

**First reading: Genesis 1.1-5**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.  
This is the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 1.4-11**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, **Glory to you O Lord**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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.' This is the Gospel of Christ,

## **Reflection/Sermon**

**Reflection by all through:** Image, Object, Word, Story, Poem, Sound

## **Hymn**

## **The Creed**

## **Prayers**

*Ending with the **Lord's Prayer***

## **The Peace**

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you **And also with you**

*We offer each other a sign of peace*

## **Final Hymn**

## ***The Blessing***

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life,  
perfect in you the image of his glory; and the blessing ...

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

*Notices; then Coffee & chat in random break-out rooms – leave when you wish*