

13 January 2019—Baptism of Christ
(Epiphany 2)

THE AVP BREXIT DEBATE

Continuing the AVP Brexit Debate – you're welcome to have you say.

THE RULES: All entries must be courteous; you can state your own view, not pillory those of others; limit of 100 words; try to reflect from a Christian perspective; you can be printed anonymously, but must supply your name; send entries to me at the Rectory (Rectory@AVP-Benefice.org.uk) by Wednesday lunchtime, and a panel of differing views will adjudicate them—their decision is final.

One entry this week – from Roger King:

The Christian message is one of inclusiveness and generosity towards those less fortunate than ourselves. Much of the bellicose pro-Brexit rhetoric is anti-immigrant and betrays a xenophobia which runs contrary to the Christian ideal. I firmly believe that Jesus walks with the migrants (*Matthew 25: 34-46*). Humankind faces many challenges in this century, the chiefest of which is climate change due to global warming. This can only be solved by nations collaborating to achieve global solutions, not by seeking isolationism.

And a thought from me:

Do pray for all our MPs this week. They will be wrestling with their consciences in preparation for the Vote on Tuesday, and many of them are facing quite unprecedented levels of criticism, threats of violence and intimidation. The very important rights to protest and share strongly-held political views need to be tempered with an understanding that they are trying to do their jobs, and that they have feelings, too!

Do send in your thoughts for next week.

Blessings,
Gary.

*Growing in Faith,
Reaching Out
to All*

St Mary's
Fordingbridge
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St Mary's
Breamore
SP6 2DF

Holy Ascension
Hyde
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St Giles
Godshill
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St Boniface
Woodgreen
SP6 2AJ

St Mary's
Hale
SP6 2RF

Sandleheath
Uniting Church
SP6 IPT

We welcome all, especially visitors and those attending for the first time.

If you need gluten free wafers at Communion, please speak to someone at the door before the service.

Please take this newsletter home with you for the week ahead.

Please stay after the morning service for tea and coffee, to meet folk and ask any questions. God Bless

READINGS - for you to use today and during the week

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COLLECT:

Heavenly Father
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

AMEN.

PSALM 29 *(For Morning Prayer)*

1. Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
2. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
3. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
The Lord is upon the mighty waters.
4. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice.
The voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.
5. The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
The Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
6. The Lord shall give strength to his people;
The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 8:14-17

The gift of the Holy Spirit is given to Samaritans, outside the ranks of the Jewish people.

¹⁴ When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

At the end, the Reader says:

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel Reader

When the Gospel is announced, the Reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke*.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(Glory be to thee, O Lord.)

Luke 3:15-17,21-22

Jesus is baptised, and the voice of God is heard affirming his mission.

(In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance.) ¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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.' ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² 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.'

At the end, the Reader says:
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

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Praise be to thee, O Christ.)

(c) New Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible.

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.
AMEN.

EMERGENCY PRAYER CHAIN : Please send all requests for prayer to
prayer@avp-benefice.org.uk. If you feel able to commit to regular prayer for those on the list
and wish to become a prayer partner, please make contact via the above e-mail address.

GARY OUT & ABOUT : *Monday*, lunchtime meeting, Messy Church at Hyde, PCC at Hale & Woodgreen in the evening. *Tuesday*, visit to a Church Hall in Verwood identical to that in Fordingbridge to see how they have developed it, followed by Deanery Chapter of Clergy Meeting in New Milton. *Wednesday*, Governors Meeting at Breamore. *Thursday*, ChurchDesk Training Meeting in the Office in the morning, Assembly at Hale in the afternoon, and PCC at Fordingbridge in the evening. *Friday*, Deanery Standing Committee in the morning. *Saturday* afternoon, Farewell Service for the Bishop of Southampton in Winchester Cathedral - see below.

FAREWELL SERVICE FOR THE BISHOP OF SOUTHAMPTON: Most people will know that Bishop Jonathan of Southampton has been appointed the new Dean of York Minster. He has been a wonderful support to the Deanery, and we are sure that many will want to thank him for his ministry here, and pray for him and Christine as they prepare for their new life in York. ***All are invited to: WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY, JANUARY 19th, 5.30p.m Perhaps each Church/Parish/Benefice might like to send a card to Bishop Jonathan – either by post, or with the people attending.***

Transport: If you would like a lift or can offer one, please e-mail or phone Gary (01425 839622) by Wednesday, and he will try to match you up - or you might be able to arrange it during the Notices and Coffee at Church on Sunday.

ALPHA IS COMING TO OUR COMMUNITY! You are invited to Alpha for a time of great food, even better conversation and talks that make you think. Alpha is a chance to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, informal and open environment.

Where & When: Mike & Heidi's, The Vicarage, Frogham Hill, SP6 2HH.

M: 07525 662999

E: metrotman@yahoo.co.uk

Starting on Tuesday 22nd January at 9.15am (after the school run) or 7pm.

Why not give Alpha a go?

COLOURING PENCILS : Would you be willing to donate some colouring PENCILS and sharpeners for the Kinkiizi schools? Contributions can be left in the Food Trolley for me to collect up until February 3rd. Please note felt tips are not suitable as they dry out in the heat. Many thanks Sarah Perrelle

LIFT TO AIRPORT : Nicky Davies and I are travelling to Kinkiizi in February and wondering if anyone might be willing to drive us to/ from Gatwick airport? We will have four 23kg suitcases plus hand luggage. The drop off date is Thursday 7th (15.30) and collection Saturday 23rd (18.00). If anyone can help with either journey please contact me at sarah.perrelle@hotmail.co.uk. or 01425 291397. With many thanks in anticipation! Sarah Perrelle

FAIRTRADE FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS : All are welcome at the Fairtrade Friday Coffee Morning at St Boniface Church, Woodgreen SP6 2AJ—held on the last Friday of the month (except for December). 2019 dates are :

Fri Jan 25 th	Fri Feb 22 nd	Fri Mar 29 th	Fri Apr 26 th
Fri May 31 st	Fri Jun 28 th	Fri Jul 26 th	Fri Aug 30 th
Fri Sep 27 th	Fri Oct 25 th	Fri Nov 29 th	Fri Dec 13 th

KINKIIZI CHRISTMAS QUIZ : How about having a go at The Kinkiizi Christmas Quiz while you're recovering from eating too many mince pies! Quiz sheets are in all the churches and there is a £10 prize for the most correct answers.

UNITY WEEK PRAYERS AND SERVICE : The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity services this year are :

<i>Monday 21 January</i>	<i>7pm</i>	<i>St Mary's, Fordingbridge</i>
<i>Tuesday 22 January</i>	<i>7pm</i>	<i>Fordingbridge Methodist Church</i>
<i>Wednesday 23 January</i>	<i>2pm</i>	<i>Holy Ascension, Hyde</i>
<i>Thursday 24 January</i>	<i>7pm</i>	<i>Fordingbridge Catholic Church</i>
<i>Friday 25 January</i>	<i>9.45am</i>	<i>Fordingbridge United Reform Church</i>
Sunday 27 January	10.30am	United Service at St Mary's Church, Fordingbridge, followed by refreshments

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual event usually held between 18-25 January each year—we celebrate it between the two nearest Sundays. More information is available at www.ctbi.org.uk

MICHAELMAS GROUP : David Williams, centre manager of the Fordingbridge Foodbank will be talking to Michaelmas group on Tuesday January 15th at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall. All are welcome. If anyone would like to donate items, the ones which are most needed at present are listed by collection points, but items such as milk, breakfast cereals, tins of meat fish and veg, toiletries for women/men and washing powder are very much in demand.

MESSY CHURCH AT HYDE : Monday 14th at 3.30pm - lots of fantastic activities for the first Messy Church of 2019 and we are hoping for a special guest speaker!

HYDE BIBLE STUDY : The Bible Study Group will be at Heather Cottage, Rockford Common on Wednesday 16th at 10.00am

FORDINGBRIDGE MOTHERS' UNION : Happy New Year to all our members. The Deanery Wave of Prayer is on 14 January at St Georges Jumpers, Christchurch.

VISIT TO LEE ABBEY : Hyde Church have booked a visit to Lee Abbey for the weekend of 25 to 27 October. They have booked 25 places and they will be allocated on a first come basis - please get in touch with Heather Clark (01425 656820) as soon as possible if you would like to join them in this lovely place for a great weekend break.

JIGSAW FESTIVAL CATERING : We will be serving teas/coffees/cakes and light lunches in the Church Hall during the 3 days of the Jigsaw Festival. We need a variety of cakes and traybakes to serve and would greatly appreciate any that you can provide. Freezer space is available if you want to bake in advance or they can be brought to the Church Hall on Friday 15th, Saturday 16th or Sunday 17th. We will also need some help during the weekend with serving, clearing and washing up. Please consider giving up a couple of hours. Rotas/ lists are up at the back of Church. Many thanks, any queries please call Jean Groves 01202 822187

COME AND SING AT CANDLEMAS : Saturday, February 2nd, 2019 at St Mary's Church Fordingbridge. Jonathan Dove – Missa Brevis and other music. Rehearsals start at 10 am - Candlemas service at 6pm; Compline by candlelight at 9pm at Breamore. COST: £20 to cover the cost of lunch, supper and music, (£10 without supper). To book or for more information contact Director: Canon Gary Philbrick, Rectory@AVP-Benefice.org.uk 01425 839622 or Choir Secretary: Sarah Kuzan - sarah_kuzan@hotmail.com. *Closing dates for bookings: January 28th*

REFLECTION : “To Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love
All pray in their distress;
And to these virtues of delight
Return their thankfulness.”

This is the first verse of Blake's poem “The Divine Image”. The poem was chosen by Malcolm Guite, Priest and Poet, for Epiphany Sunday. We have had the excitement of Christmas followed by the more peaceful time of Epiphany with the three Wise Men and their gifts. It feels a bit of a shock to return to the reality of Brexit with all its haggling, arguments and sometimes nastiness. We treat as a nuisance the refugees desperate enough to risk the dangerous Channel crossing; we neglect many of our much depleted services. Since every one wants his or her own way the future can seem frightening. maybe we sometimes wonder how it will all end?

“For Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love
Is God our father dear,
And Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love
is Man, his child and care.”

We must not forget that God is ever present and it is for us, as St. Paul tells us to, ‘pray continuously.’

Daphne Himmel

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Sunday 13	8.00am	Holy Communion	Fordingbridge
January	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Fordingbridge
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Hyde
	10.00am	Morning Service	Woodgreen
	10.45am	C of E Morning Service	Sandleheath
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Breamore
Monday 14	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Fordingbridge
	3.30pm	Messy Church	Hyde
Wednesday 16	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Fordingbridge
	10.00am	Bible Study Group, Heather Cottage	Rockford Common
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Fordingbridge
Thursday 17	7.30pm	Bell Ringing	Fordingbridge
	7.30pm	Fordingbridge PCC Meeting, Church Hall	Fordingbridge
Friday 18	6.20pm	Choir practice	Fordingbridge
Sunday 20	8.00am	Holy Communion	Fordingbridge
January	8.30am	Holy Communion and breakfast	Hyde
	9.00am	Christian Unity Week Service	Godshill
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Fordingbridge
	10.00am	Morning Service	Hale
	10.00am	Morning Service	Hyde
	10.45am	Morning Service	Sandleheath
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Breamore
	11.30am	Baptism	Fordingbridge
	4.00pm	Baptism meeting	Fordingbridge
	6.30pm	Evensong	Fordingbridge

Contact : Jackie Garratt or Gail Newell, Church Office, The Rainbow Centre, 39 Salisbury Street, Fordingbridge SP6 1AB
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CHURCH OFFICE OPEN - MONDAY TO FRIDAY 10.30am to 12 noon