

# St Mary, Whitegate and St Peter, Little Budworth – Sunday 9 January

## The Baptism of Christ

### Holy Communion

#### 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,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

#### Acts 8.14-17

14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come<sup>2</sup> upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John<sup>2</sup> laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

#### Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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, <sup>22</sup>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.'

#### 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.**

#### NOTICES:

At the end of the service please take this sheet home with you. If you could put your hymnbook on the shelf by the door please and the service book in the box.

For events, contact details and notices please see the January newsletter or magazine.

To enable us to make pastoral visits in as safe a manner as possible please contact the Vicar if you would like a visit.

#### Present Aid at St Mary's

Thank you to those who supported this as we raised £174. A list of items we have been able to send will be available once we can make the necessary arrangements.

#### Confirmation Service

We are pleased that Bishop Mark will be with us on 30<sup>th</sup> January for our Confirmation Service. If you would like to know about Confirmation please speak to the Vicar in good time beforehand.

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**Forthcoming Services (subject to any changes in Covid rules that may be announced)**

9 January	Baptism of Christ
9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
11.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
16 January	Plough Sunday / Epiphany 2
9.30am	Plough Sunday at St Mary's
11.00am	Plough Sunday at St Peter's
23 January	Epiphany 3
9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
11.00am	Morning Prayer & Baptism at St Peter's
30 January	Epiphany 4
10.30am	Benefice Confirmation at St Mary's with Bishop Mark, the Bishop of Chester

**PCC Meetings**

St Mary's PCC meets in the Mews on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm

St Peter's PCC meets in the Red Lion on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm.

NB This sheet was prepared before the Vicar's Christmas break so if Covid rules change some things listed may need to be revised.

**This week**

Wednesday 9.00am Men's breakfast at Tarporley Garden Centre  
Wednesday 4.00pm St Mary's Fabric & Churchyard Committee meeting  
Saturday 10.00am Baptism Preparation in the Mews