Aldermaston and Woolhampton Benefice News

**(the parishes of Aldermaston & Wasing, Beenham, Brimpton, Midgham and Woolhampton)**

**Sunday 12th January 2025: The Baptism of Christ**

**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.

**FIRST READING** *Acts 8.14–17* The Jews were in conflict with the Samaritans. So when the Gospel first spread beyond Jerusalem, it was significant that Philip’s preaching was effective in Samaria. Peter and John were sent to confirm this was true, and lay hands on the converts.

**GOSPEL READING** *Luke 3.15–17, 21–22* John the Baptist points always to the greater one whose way he was preparing, and promises a different kind of baptism from his. Jesus submits himself to John, for baptism and prayer.

**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.

**Services this Sunday: The Baptism of Christ**

St Mary’s, Aldermaston 10.45am Holy Communion

St Mary’s, Beenham 9.15am Morning Praise

St Peter’s, Brimpton 9.15am Holy Communion

St Peter’s, Woolhampton 10.45am Holy Communion

**Services on 19th January: The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

St Mary’s, Aldermaston 10.45am Morning Praise

St Mary’s, Beenham 9.15am Holy Communion

St Matthew’s, Midgham 9.15am Holy Communion

St Peter’s, Woolhampton 10.45am Holy Communion

**Prayers and Pastoral Care** In the Benefice we seek to offer care for everyone in our churches and our communites, especially when they are in a difficult period in their lives. If you need to talk to a someone or would like a home visit, please contact the Rector on 0118 9712 891
You might just need to talk to someone in complete confidence about a personal or family crisis. We will always listen and help if we can. If you would like prayers included in our services on a Sunday for someone who is ill or in need, (providing the person is aware that they are being prayed for), has recently died or on the anniversary of their death, please do let me know. Revd Jane

We pray for those who are ill at this time and remember those who have recently died and pray for those who grieve

**Events during the week**

*Tuesday 14th*

10am Save St Mary’s Project meeting

4pm Midgham PCC

*Saturday 18th*

10am Wedding Preparation morning

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