

Services and Events this week:

Mon 14th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	Stepping Stones
	2.00pm	Memorial Service for Alfred Mace
Weds 16th	4.30pm	Open the Book Practice
	8.30am	Staff Meeting
	9.30am	Fabric Meeting
	10.30am	Open the Book at Fakenham Junior School
	2.00pm	Funeral of Joan Tubbs
Thurs 17th	4.30pm	Meeting with Archdeacon Ian Bentley
	9.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Refreshments & Stalls
	5.15pm	Choir Practice
Sun 20th	6.30pm	Lactation Motivation
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong

Beacon Delivery

We are seeking new volunteers to deliver the Beacon to:

Jubilee Avenue (79 copies)
 Valley Way, 1-21 & 2-14 (19 copies)
 The Ridings (19 copies)
 Meadow Court (10 copies)
 Green Court (10 copies)

We also need one or two volunteers to give emergency cover when a regular deliverer is unable to deliver. Please contact Elaine at eburbidge@googlemail.com or on 01328 851848 or via the Rectory Office: admin@fakenhamparishchurch.org.uk

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an international Christian ecumenical observance kept annually between 18 January and 25 January. Our local prayer week includes the following:-

Fri 18 th Jan	12.00pm	Salvation Army, Oak Street
Sat 19 th Jan	6.00pm	Vespers at the Orthodox Church, Great Walsingham
Sun 20 th Jan	5.00pm	United Service at St Anthony's, Fakenham
Mon 21 st Jan	2.00pm	Methodist Service in the Trinity Rooms, Fakenham Parish Church
Tue 22 nd Jan	2.00pm	Baptist Church (Cameo meeting) at Salvation Army, Oak Street
Wed 23 rd Jan	10.00am	Mass at St Anthony's, Fakenham
Thu 24 th Jan	9.30am	Parish Communion at Fakenham Parish Church



13th January 2019 The Second Sunday of Epiphany Baptism of Christ

Welcome to today's worship, especially if you are visiting us or here for the first time. You may simply wish to sit, pray, listen and observe and my guiding hope is for us all to feel God's presence alongside us today. We hope that you find our Orders of Service or Prayer Books easy to follow. If you are unsure of anything please do not hesitate to ask someone nearby. If you are a Communicant member in your own church you are welcome to come up to Communion. (If you wish to receive a blessing please keep your hands folded.) We do have communion wafers that are gluten free – please ask. Refreshments are served after the 10.30am service.

Francis Mason, Rector

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Today's Worship:

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant & Preacher: Francis Mason
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW): Celebrant & Preacher: Patrick Foreman Leader: Elaine Burbidge (Reader)
11.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church Fulmodeston Celebrant & Preacher: Francis Mason Leader: Amanda Sands (Reader)
6.30pm	Healing Service

Please remember in your prayers:

We pray for:

- Bishop Alan and Bishop Jonathan. Pray too for Bishop Graham and Julie, preparing for their move to Cornwall;
- the Deanery of Northern Lapland (Luleå, Sweden): Gotthard Nilsson, Rural Dean;
- the Diocese of Lesotho (Southern Africa): Bishop Adam Taaso;
- the Government, our MPs and local government officers;
- those who live or work in Bridge Street, Cattle Market Street and Hempton Road;
- in the Deanery: all retired Clergy for their invaluable work;
- those who are unwell or in any kind of trouble including: Mary, Michael, Cissie Billman, Sybil, Kirsten, Sue & Andrew, Ethel, Ken, Stephen, Liz, Wilfred, David, Janet, Peggy, Ada, Joyce, Lesley Clements, Celia Cherry, James & Andia and Glenis;
- those known to us who have died recently and their families – Stephen Doughty, Alfred Mace, Phyllis Lane and Joan Tubbs;
- the anniversary of the late Hetty Money.

Music today:

Thank you to Jonathan Dodd who is playing for us today.

Hymns (Green Book) – 172, 401, 335, 291 and 427

Music – to be advised

Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

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

Readings today:

Acts 8.14-17

Now 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.

Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22

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.

Next week's readings for the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

1 Corinthians 12. 1-11 and John 2. 1-11

Notices

Church Opening

As you may have read in the local papers, intruders broke into the church just before Christmas. Various locks have been changed and a new security protocol is to be initiated. That's jargon for "We are going to lock up differently" from now on. In short, the main door will be bolted on the inside and we will exit via the west (rear kitchen) door.

New keys are slowly being circulated to those who need regular access to the church when it would normally be locked. If you normally require keys for entry and have not been given them yet please contact Francis.

A key to access the kitchen from the nave is available in a key safe in one of the cupboards. Please ask to be shown how to access it.

It is a sad state of affairs that we have to be security conscious because of the misbehaviour of a few. I would like the Parish Church to be known as a community of trust but for the next few months we will only be open in the mornings unless there is an event taking place in the afternoon.

Francis

Electrical Work

The contractors hope to begin the work on the rewiring and lighting scheme in church in mid/late February. This will inevitably impact on any groups which usually meet in church. Please check with the organisers of your group /event in advance of your meeting so they may advise you of the alternative venue. Groups which meet weekly (e.g. Stepping Stones) will be informed as soon as we know a firm date. Details will also be posted on the church website.

Bishop of Norwich

The Crown Nominations Commission, the body responsible for making recommendations to the Prime Minister and Her Majesty the Queen regarding the next Bishop of Norwich, will meet on the 22nd of January and the 11th and 12th of March. Do please pray for the members of the Commission;

our six diocesan members;

Ginnie Edgecombe
the Venerable Karen Hutchinson
Caroline Herbert
Canon Simon Stokes
Canon Sally Theakston
Jennie Vere

the six General Synod permanent members;

Anthony Archer
Christina Baron
Revd. John Dunnett
Very Revd. David Ison
Canon Judith Maltby
Jane Patterson

and the two Archbishops (Justin and Sentamu).