

FIRST READING

Acts 8: 14-17

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

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 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. 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."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 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."

Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to Christ our Lord

INTERCESSION

Please continue to pray for all who are sick and in our hearts especially:

Linda Hall, Eileen Pidgeon, Jackie Morley, Logan Matthews, Sheila Gilbert, Louise Osborne, Mark West, Peggy O'Neill, Chloe Attwell, Dawn Tavener, Tony Foster, Shirley Foster, Sue Vaness, Iris White, Chris McGrath, Gregory Thomas, Valerie Pratt, Cathy Cox, Alan Gaywood, Betty Hunt, Peggy James

Please pray for these church members at home: Gwen Hare, Gwen Wells, Joyce Dyson, Joan Jackson, Jack Sapsworth, Jan Hendle, Joan Hopkins, Betty Horniblew.

We remember before God those who have died:

Terence Haestier, June Clark, Mollie Walker, Valerie Langourooux-Fay, Doris Whinnett, Mildred Toole, Erica Swallow, Mary Johnson

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Baptism of Jesus	10 th January	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 2.30pm 6.30pm	BCP Communion Parish Communion Parish Centre Service Baptism Youth Club night
Tuesday	12 th January	10.15am	Buggy Group
Wednesday	13 th January	10.15am	Parish Centre Communion
Thursday	14 th January	10.00am	Coffee morning –Parish Centre
Sunday Epiphany 2	17 th January	9.30am 11.15am 6.30pm	Parish Communion Parish Centre service with Sunday School Youth Club

NOTICES

Church Coffee during January, February and March 2016 will support the local Happy days out Childrens charity providing respite breaks, residential trips, days out, and theatre trips for some of the most vulnerable children

Future dates for your diary

**6th February 2016 – 7.00pm Pancake Party – Parish Centre Adults £7
Children £3.50 under 3 free. Tickets from Committee members.**

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Welcome to St Margaret's Church, Streatley


Baptism of Christ

10th January

Leader Teresa Dales

Preacher Steve Wood

We extend a very warm welcome to all visitors and those new to the Church. Please make yourselves known to the vicar Steve Wood, reader Teresa Dales or our Churchwardens John Weedon and John Farrent. After the service we serve coffee and we invite you to join us. We welcome all ages and for the very young there is also a children's area.

 There is a loop system and large print hymn books are available from the sidesmen.

You are all invited to come to the altar at the time of the Communion. Members of other churches who would receive at their own church are welcome to take the bread and wine with us. If you do not receive communion, please come up to receive a blessing keeping your hands down. If you would like communion brought to you please tell one of the sidesmen.

Hymns for Todays Church 268 – 235 – 98 – 430 - 238

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 you 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**