



READINGS

Isaiah 43: 1-7 or

Acts 8: 14-17

Luke 3: 15-17, 21,22



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9th January 2022
Baptism of Christ

COLLECT

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of your Son; by the power of your Holy Spirit complete the heavenly work of rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please PRAY for:

- ❖ Messy Church helpers and families as they gather today.
- ❖ The Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.
- ❖ The Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan, especially for the Rt Revd Peter Yuol Gur, Bishop of Tonj.
- ❖ Roman Catholic Churches in Salisbury: St Osmunds, St Gregory's and the Holy Redeemer at Bishopdown.
- ❖ The Anglican Church of and people of South Africa as they mourn the death of Archbishop Desmond Tutu.
- ❖ Salisbury & District Hospital & Hospice, Fountain Way Hospital and New Hall Hospital.
- ❖ Secondary Schools in the Salisbury Deanery.
- ❖ all the parishes in the Alderbury Deanery.
- ❖ our own wardens and sides-persons.
- ❖ those who live in Old Blandford Road and Bishops Drive.
- ❖ all the staff and volunteers involved in administering the Covid vaccinations and boosters, especially those in our area, the hospital staff, paramedics, care workers, key workers, schools and businesses who are under a lot of pressure at the moment due to Covid
- ❖ all who are suffering from Covid or are isolating.
- ❖ those who are sick, and all who care for them, especially Ann Baker, Marion Webb, Neil, Revd Brian Coleman, Revd Simon Wilkinson, Ann Parry, Kath Glover, Molly Hawksworth, Bill, Enid McLaughlin, Bruce and Diane Eagles and Tessa Bremner Macdonald.
- ❖ those who have died especially Julian Mason, Pat Sansome and Robert (Bob) Stratton.

What is prayer?

Prayer is giving our attention to God in a two-way spiritual relationship where we talk and listen to God. Mother Theresa said that prayer is like sitting on God's lap - like a child's conversation with their parents, or a lover's conversation such as in the Bible's Song of Songs. It is natural for anyone in an intimate relationship to ask for the things they need, for advice or guidance and just to talk about their day. However, CS Lewis surmised that we do not pray so that God changes things but so that we change. Prayer can also motivate us to action. I am often, I believe, praying for others when I should be doing things for them. It's so much easier to pray for a bore than to go and see him.

What do you think Intercessory prayer is?

The good news is that we don't pray on our own, but alongside Christians throughout the ages and around the world. Prayer brings us in touch with God *and* others. In our intercessions, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we offer situations to God, in order to bring love and justice into the world. There is a prayer diary for the year in each church for you to use – do take one.

PARISH DIARY

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| Sunday 9th January | 8.00am | Communion at All Saints. |
| | 9.30am | Communion at St George's. |
| | 11.00am | Service of the Word at All Saints. |
| | 12.15pm | Baptism All Saints. |
| | 3.00pm | Messy Church Christingle in All Saints. |
| Tuesday 11th January | 9.00am | Morning Prayer in All Saints Churchyard. |
| Wednesday 12th January | 9.00am | Morning Prayer at St Georges. |
| | 2.30pm | Property Committee All Saints. |
| | 5.00pm | Clergy and LLMs and Churchwardens meeting. |
| Thursday 13th January | 4.00pm | LPA meeting at the Vicarage. |
| | 7.30pm | Pause for Prosecco venue tbc. |
| Sunday 16th January | 9.30am | Communion Service at St George's. |
| | 11.00am | Service of the Word at All Saints. |
| Wednesday 19th January | 7.30pm | Standing Committee venue tbc. |

News from our CMS Mission Partners in Uganda

See churchmissionsociety.org/clare for the whole letter.

We support Tom and Verity Clare through the Church Mission Society since our CMS link with Madagascar came to an end in 2020. Please pray for them and the church and people of Arua, northern Uganda. Tom works to improve



Tom is really looking forward to getting back to Arua and having the opportunity to dig deep into where God is leading the diocese and the church in terms of health work in this season. He is so grateful to God for our colleague Joan (pronounced "Joanne") who has been covering the role of diocesan health coordinator in his absence and has done a brilliant job. Joan joined the department in February, through Global Link Africa, as a missionary within her own country. She has been an inspiration to all of us with her public health background, her spiritual focus within health and her joyful approach. Do pray for her as she finishes her service this Christmas and looks towards her next steps.

Pray for Tom as he seeks to follow God's direction over a wide range of areas in the coming months, including: community health insurance models, the effective integration of faith and medical practice, improvement of chronic disease management, advocating for funds for infrastructural improvements and improving community health education alongside the usual day-to-day work.

Tom hopes to continue doing some clinical work in the health centres. We thank God that he could be involved in diagnosing and treating a nine-year-old-girl with vitamin A deficiency last year, who was having sight issues but whose symptoms resolved and whose sight was restored to normal after an injection of high-dose vitamin A. We thank God for his healing however it comes about, whether through the miracle of divine healing, the miracle of the human body's defences or the miracle of medical interventions.



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