

# **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

## **THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

### **The First Sunday after Epiphany**



#### **Collect for the Week**

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

**Please note that there will not be any 8:00 am BCP Communion in January.**

#### **10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)**

President & Preacher: Reverend Nicholas Burton

#### **10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom**

Lead: Wendy Anderson Link: Viv Littlechild

Hymns	Spirit of God Servant King In Christ alone The Spirit lives to set us free
Reading:	Acts 10. 34 - 43 (NIV page 1104)

#### **6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)**

Minister: Tim Harrold

Introit Anthem: A Maiden most gentle – Andrew Carter

Hymn: NEH 49 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

Responses: Smith 5 part

Psalm: 61

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Joshua 3. 1 – 8 and 14 – end (NRSV page 208)  
Tony Johnson

Magnificat: Sumsion in G

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 1. 1 – 12 (NRSV page 233) Brad Collins

Nunc Dimitis: Sumsion in G

Anthem: When Jesus, our Lord – Felix Mendelssohn

Hymn: NEH 52 O Worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness

Amen: Rutter

# THE WEEK AHEAD

## MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> January

Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx 1167  
Benedict Biscop, Abbot of Wearmouth. Scholar 689

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

## TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup>

Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, teacher of the faith, 367  
Kentigern (Mungo), missionary bishop in Strathclyde and Cumbria 603  
George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends (the Quakers), 1691

Parish Office closed

## WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer  
3.00 pm Communion at Chamberlain Court - Lois Woodhouse

## THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer  
12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

## FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer  
12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre  
6.30 pm Junior Choir practice  
7.30 pm Full Choir practice

## SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup>

Antony of Egypt, hermit, abbot, 356  
Charles Gore, bishop, founder of the Community of the Resurrection, 1932

**9.45 am – 4.15 pm** RSCM Exams at the Parish Church

**10.00 am – 4.00 pm** Choristers Café **closed** - RSCM examinations

## NEXT SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

### **The Second Sunday of the Epiphany**

#### **10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)**

President: Rev. Nicholas Burton Minister & Preacher: Tim Harrold

#### **10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom**

Lead: Liz Goddard Link: Jean Kerr

#### **6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)**

Minister: Tim Harrold Preacher: Daphne Pilcher

## NEWS AND NOTES

### **Car Parking at the Parish Church**

Some of you will be aware that we had problems with the car parking over Christmas.

The PCC have decided that it would be good if we could have somebody to direct the traffic when we have large attendances at certain services, such as Christmas, Harvest Festival and Remembrance Sunday.

If anybody is interested in helping with this, please contact May or Chris.

### **Family Service Meeting Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

The Family Service will be holding a meeting at the Church Centre at 11.00 am.

### **Recycling Christmas Cards**

We will be providing a box at both Churches for the annual collection of your Christmas cards once they have been taken down. **Please cut off the front cover beforehand if you can.**

They will all go the Anglican Church of St Thomas Beckett in Hamburg, Germany where they will be recycled beautifully (you can't see the joint) and sold good as new to the ex-pat community in Hamburg for the funds of St Thomas Church. Thank you, Tony Rutherford

### **Holocaust Memorial Day – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

We will once again be observing this with a service at 8 pm in the Parish Church. Please put it in your diary.

### **Chorister's Café**

Family Service is running the Café this Sunday. Please pop along to enjoy a hot beverage in this cold weather.

### **Westminster Abbey**

We have secured four tickets which provide free entry to Westminster Abbey. They can be used multiple times in a 12 month period. If anyone would like to make use of these tickets and visit this beautiful building, then please see Tim Harrold.

## Church Youth Council

The first meeting of the CYC is on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The CYC will be exploring the topic 'MEET YOUR ANCESTORS! The Earth Story, Human Story told through fossils and skulls! Sandy Elsworth will be speaking on this crucial topic. Please contact Angela Culley email [culley.angela@yahoo.com](mailto:culley.angela@yahoo.com) or Jean Kerr email [jeak4000@gmail.com](mailto:jeak4000@gmail.com)



### **The Altar Flowers**

are given today by Pat and Tim Cripps  
In memory of much loved members of our  
family, sadly no longer with us.

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