

# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

13 January 2019

Baptism of Christ

10.00 am Parish Communion



## Collect of the Day

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. **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40.1-8 (p 677 OT)

## Gospel: John 1.19-34

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' <sup>20</sup>He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' <sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' <sup>23</sup>He said,

'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord"',

as the prophet Isaiah said.

<sup>24</sup>Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup>They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' <sup>26</sup>John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup>the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' <sup>28</sup>This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' <sup>32</sup>And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but

the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

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4.00 pm            Messy Church – Neville Hall

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Tuesday          12 noon          Funeral of Joy Goodway (see notice)

Thursday        8.00 pm          Worship Committee at The Parsonage

### **Next Sunday 20 January**

### **3rd of Epiphany**

8.45 am          Holy Communion

9.15 am          St Lawrence Café – Neville Hall

10.30 am        Morning Worship with Baptism

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The Preaching Programme for January to April is now available.

Joy Goodway, long time former resident of Halls Lane and wife of Dennis (who had served well over 50 years in our church choir before he retired last year), died on 10 December, aged 86. Her funeral will be held here this Tuesday at 12 noon.

### Music at Waltham St Lawrence

As well as seeking a new Director of Music, we are also in need of new choristers. Please read carefully the article “**Singers Wanted!**” on p 14 of this month’s *Lych Gate*, and think about whether you could respond, and/or encourage someone else to do so. The main points are that to sing in our choir:

- You don’t have to be a regular churchgoer already
- You don’t have to come every week, just when you say you will
- You don’t have to have a first-class voice – a ‘normal’ one will do; the main thing is that you enjoy singing
- You don’t need to be an excellent sight-reader, and in any case your music reading will improve with practice

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