

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

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| Sun | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Epiphany</b><br>Isaiah 60.1-6; Matthew 2.1-12<br>8.00am Said Holy Communion<br>10.00am Parish Holy Communion                                       |
| Mon | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.00am Prayer Meeting in Church  |
| Wed | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30am Said Holy Communion   |
| Thu | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice  |
| Fri | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 6.30pm Choir Practice   |
| Sat | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am <u>Coffee Morning in Church</u>   |
| Sun | 12 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Baptism of Christ</b><br>Isaiah 43.1-7; Luke 3.15-17, 21-22<br>8.00am Said Holy Communion<br>10.00am Parish Holy Communion<br>4.00pm Taizé Service |

The Office of Morning Prayer is said Monday - Saturday at 9am and that of Evening Prayer Monday - Friday at 5pm.

### Rotas for 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Sides-** 8.00am Keith Warren  
**People:** 10.00am Di Wheatley, Roger Clarke, Keith Warren  
**Readers:** 8.00am Keith Warren  
10.00am Keith Fowler

### Rotas for 12<sup>th</sup> January

**Sides-** 8.00am Pete Hilton  
**People:** 10.00am Kay & Henry Roberts, Chris Warren  
**Readers:** 8.00am Pete Hilton  
10.00am Helen Evans

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Jan: Taizé Service in Church

Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Jan: Mothers' Union Service then  
AGM in Church

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Jan: Churches Together Service,  
Open Door Church, DSJ

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Feb: Jazz Breakfast

### NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

Deadline 6pm Thursday; hard copy to Dorothy Harriss, 1 The Orchard, MD; email [dorothy@harriss.me.uk](mailto:dorothy@harriss.me.uk) or ring 218743

**Greeting Cards:** Pam Pearson and Greg Ford make very attractive cards which are on sale at the back of Church;

**Church Floodlighting:** In memory of a loved one, or to mark a special wedding anniversary or birthday in a unique way, why not sponsor the church floodlights? Book the date with Kay 349021, give Julie the £20 fee.

**Raffle Prizes:** We are always grateful to receive prizes for the raffles held at various events. Please let Kate or Julie have suitable items. Thanks.

**Ness Group:** To join a morning prayer service via zoom at 9am any weekday morning with our LMP neighbours to the north, just ask for the link. Have a hot drink and Bible nearby to listen to readings, reflection, and prayer.

**Notices:** Please look at the notice board for information about events/special services by churches in our LMP.

*Church is open each day till 5pm: please come in to be still in God's presence, to pray or explore the building.*

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Growing in Faith  
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### January 5<sup>th</sup> 2025: Epiphany

Preacher: Kate Brown; Intercessor: Dorothy Harriss

Please pray this week for the people of the church of St John, Baston, their priest Revd Carolyn Bailey, and their outreach into their community.

**Prayer Meeting:** We meet in Church **tomorrow, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January, at 10am** for our monthly time of prayer for those particularly on our hearts and minds. On the back shelf you will find slips of paper in the felt bowl on which you can print names or situations of particular concern to you, and they will be included.

**Coffee Morning:** Our monthly social time will be held **in Church on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January from 10.30am** as work is carried out in the Green School to upgrade the facilities. We will have a raffle, some jigsaws, and a small collection of books you've not seen before. If you have a couple, bring them along too! Delicious refreshments as usual with plenty of time for a catch-up after the Christmas and new year festivities. **Please join us.**

**Taizé Service:** We are having a Taizé service on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm**. This will be a quiet, meditative service with simple, repetitive songs which are easy to pick up and times of quiet, short readings, and prayers. You are very welcome to join us.

**Mothers' Union:** We shall be meeting in Church on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm** (please ignore the incorrect listing in the magazine) for a Communion service followed by our AGM then refreshments. Members and visitors very welcome.

**Jazz Breakfast:** Kate will soon be selling tickets for our next Jazz Breakfast on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Be sure to buy yours early to avoid disappointment!**

**WaterAid:** As a way of giving thanks for the blessing of clean water you always have on tap for drinking, cooking, flushing, and washing, you can still donate to this charity which is a leader in the field. Envelopes are available on the back shelf. **Thanks.**

**Green School:** This month, thanks to a grant from SKDC Shared Prosperity Fund, a new, larger kitchen will be installed, after some existing storage cupboards have been removed, and the toilet facilities reordered. This means the Green School will remain closed during January, then we look forward having a welcoming, more usable venue for community use and hirers, as well as an improved secondary worship space. Keep an eye on newsletter/Facebook page for progress reports.

*Happy New Year to Everyone!*

**Readings and Prayers for the Day inside.**