St. Mary the Virgin
Week beginning 10th January 2021.

Betty is as usual collecting stamps for the RNIB. As with all charities they have been short of donations this year and collecting stamps is a very easy way of contributing.

The 10am service will be on zoom again tomorrow. Code 552 850 6788 password. 180615 Order of service and Psalm are attached to the email.

Please Pray for the following:


Recently departed: James Hayward, Jean Glover. Don Beven, June Aylott.

Years mind for week beginning 10th Jan, Sun: Stanley Airey, Mon: Doris Anderson, George Friday.

Readings for Epiphany 2
1 Samuel 3. 1 – 10 Revelation 5 1 – 10 John 1. 43 – end.

This Week’s Services

Sundays – 10.00am Church service will be on zoom at 10.00am. Code as above.

If you feel ill after attending church please phone 020 8856 8221. Please continue to say prayers for the parish and the nation at 1.00pm.

Fr. Neil will be working Mon, Tues, Wed..this week.

Birthdays This Week

Mon: Eileen Wiltcher, Thurs: Michaela Peters. Fri: Michelle Mendoza
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We also have a WhatsApp group Andy Hirons is admin.

'Financial Update

We are encouraged that so many of you have made contributions during this difficult time. Thank you to you all. This has meant that we have been able to continue to make regular payments for our essential services and towards the Parish Support Fund. If anyone who has not done so already is willing to make a donation our bank details are: PCC St Mary the Virgin – Sort Code: 20-06-72 Account No: 80692638 Thank you

We believe in the equality of all peoples and value the richness that comes with racial and ethnic diversity. Racism is a sin; as such we oppose racism in all its forms. There is neither Jew nor Greek... you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28

Readings for the Baptism of Christ.

FIRST READING Genesis 1.1–5
A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning
when God created the heavens and the earth,
the earth was a formless void
and darkness covered the face of the deep,
while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.
Then God said, Let there be light'; and there was light.
And God saw that the light was good;
and God separated the light from the darkness.
God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.
And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.
SECOND READING Acts 19.1–7

While Apollos was in Corinth,
Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus,
where he found some disciples.
He said to them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?’
They replied, ‘No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.’
Then he said, ‘Into what then were you baptized?’
They answered, ‘Into John’s baptism.’
Paul said, ‘John baptized with the baptism of repentance,
telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him,
that is, in Jesus.’ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them,
and they spoke in tongues and prophesied –
altogether there were about twelve of them.

GOSPEL Mark 1.4–11
Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
And people from the whole Judean countryside
and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him,
and were baptized by him in the river Jordan,
confessing their sins.
Now John was clothed with camel’s hair,
with a leather belt around his waist,
and he ate locusts and wild honey.
He proclaimed,
‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me;
I am not worthy to stoop down
and untie the thong of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’
In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee
and was baptized by John in the Jordan.
And just as he was coming up out of the water,
he saw the heavens torn apart
and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.
And a voice came from heaven,
‘You are my Son, the Beloved;
with you I am well pleased.’