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Sunday 10th January 2021

A Verse for this new year

1st Peter 1 verse 3

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy he has given us new birth
into a **living hope**
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

Congratulations!

Happy Birthday

to all those who celebrated a birthday over the last few weeks

Special Mention too:

Pat Johnson, Sheila Dales, Jennie Godfrey, Samuel Harris, Joy Godfrey

Do let us know if someone you know has a special day coming up

Scottish History Group

Our new group plans to meet using ZOOM on the 2nd Monday of the month at 2.30pm.

Our next meeting will be held on the

Monday 11th January

To join in please contact MITCH THOMSON on 01875 320067 or by email on mitchonline16@gmail.com



Lyfe Group - a Small Group Study on Zoom

Tuesday 12th January 8pm

We invite you to join in with our On-line Home Group, a chance to fellowship, discuss and learn about our faith with others from the church family. Contact Vicki Clark or Fiona Harris for joining details..

Online ZOOM Coffee at Mary's

10:30 am Saturday Mornings
bring your own coffee, cake and chat.

For details of how to join the Zoom

Coffee Morning please contact

Andrew Watt

andrew@andrewwatt.org.uk



Rectors Muse



Happy New Year! Well that is my hope and prayer for this new year for you, your family and friends and for the church family. I pray with thanksgiving for the production and administration of the new vaccines that in time we will all be in a much safer and happier place.

Once again I acknowledge the struggle and frustration of this past year and those affecting us at the beginning of 2021. A new strain of COVID and new restrictions being enforced it can so easily feel like this hope of a happier year is already fading away. However, I need to remind all of us that as people of faith our eternal hope is not placed in any vaccine or scientist but in our Lord.

St Peter writing in his first letter (aptly named 1st Peter) encourages us and reminds us to Praise God, to give thanks for the gift of Jesus. Why? Because through the mercy and love of God gifting us Jesus we can all be born a new into a living hope. Not a dead hope or fading hope, not a wish filled hope but a sure and certain hope that is living because Jesus who died, is now the living resurrected Lord. His promise to us is that as we accept and confess him as our Lord he will forgive you and give you the gift of an eternal hope, a concrete promise of the resurrection to come.

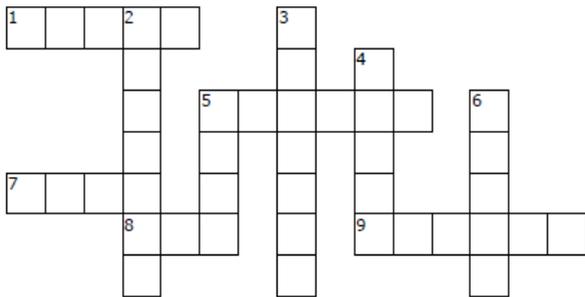
This Sunday as we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord we remember again that Jesus comes to be baptised, not because he has to but he does so to identify with us and to reveal the heart of the Father to us. As Jesus is baptised the Father cries out this is my child whom I love. This in one sense is a personal message of affirmation for Jesus as he begins his ministry of love that will lead him to the cross. It is also a reminder to us that as we confess the Lord and renew our Baptism promises that the Father looks down on us with that same love. The Good News we talk about at its very heart is the announcement that we are loved by God so much that he comes to us in Christ Jesus. Through Jesus we are given new life, a new beginning, a new hope for this life and the life to come whatever may happen in 2021. However I do still pray that it will be a happier year for one and all.

With love from Peter & Fiona

Bible Quiz Time

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REPENT	JORDAN	FORGIVE	HEAVEN
CLOTHING	SINS	JESUS	WILD
LOCUSTS	WATER	RIVER	BAPTIZED
SPIRIT	CONFESS	HONEY	JOHN



ACROSS

1. What was heard when Jesus was baptized.
5. The river where Jesus was baptized.
7. The Spirit came down from heaven like a ____.
8. To break one of God's commandments.
9. To turn away from sin.

DOWN

2. To admit that you have done wrong.
3. To pardon for sins.
4. The liquid used to baptize someone.
5. Name of the man who baptized Jesus.
6. A sticky, sweet fluid made by bees.



Izzy's News

LET ME IN! - Its Snowing again

Some dogs I know love the snow and in previous years I too would frolic around and join in the fun. But its not much fun when the Harris's throw you out and refuse to come out and play with you.

I know like most people Mum and Dad enjoy looking out at the snow and how it transforms the garden or surrounding countryside. However, they don't like having to walk along icy pavements or snow filled roads but expect me to go and do my business so to speak out in the cold. My thoughts are with my friend Noreen too who had a little fall in the snow and broke her wrist. Ouch lets pray she gets well soon.



Snow and frost for a time can seem magical especially if the sun comes out. It can transform a dull winters day into a sparkling delight.

Our friend Elizabeth loves taking pictures and some of her winter snaps wonderfully capture this winter scenery. You may have seen some on her facebook page.

Dad tells me that snow is mentioned about 25 different times in the Bible. Psalm 57 says "Cleanse me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. And similarly Isaiah chapter 1 says 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

I hope all of us take the time to enjoy the wonder of our winter weather. Keep safe when out and about.

With love and barks from IZZY



Weekly Worship Online

Sunday @ 10am with Eucharist Celebration

Wednesday @ 10am Informal Worship

Join us on ZOOM for Worship and Fellowship

ZOOM Meeting ID: 656 157 5203 at 10am

Or watch our Facebook group at

"St Mary's and St Leonard's Church Family"

Or phone in



Telephone Worship Service

join in with your church family by dialling into worship

(0131) 460 1196

Aware that some people in our congregations do not have access to a smart phone or computer, or are not comfortable using Facebook or Zoom we have decided to try a Dial in Service. By dialling a **local rate number** you will be able to listen to the weekly worship services both on a Sunday and a Wednesday and be able to speak and contribute to a time of fellowship with other church members after the service. We invite you to give it a try:

Step 1: At 9.55am just before the Worship Starts dial **460 1196**

Step2: You will be asked for a Meeting ID

type in **656 157 5203**

Step 3: then press the # key

Step 4: There is no additional Password

so press the # key again

you will then be connected to the Service

*Please note that depending on your Phone Contract
you may be charged for using this service at a local rate call.*

Sunday 10th January 2021 The Baptism of our Lord

Welcome Peter

The Lord be with you
And also with you

This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Hymn

"THOU WHO WAST RICH BEYOND ALL SPLENDOUR,
All for love's sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger didst surrender,
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour,
All for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
Make us what thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship thee."

Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising
Heavenwards by thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest man.

Prayer of Confession Peter

Declaring that God is love and we are his children
we confess our sins in penitence and faith

**Father we acknowledge that we have not loved as you would have
us love. We turn to you again and ask for your mercy,
forgive us and renew us through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

The Priest declares God's forgiveness *Bill*

God, who is both power and love
Forgive us and free us from our sins
Heal and strengthen us by his Spirit
And raise us to new life in Christ our Lord **Amen**

Collect **Eternal Father,**
who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children,
born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Gospel Reading from Mark 1 v4-11 **read by Alison Bruce**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Mark
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness,
preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem
went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him
in the River Jordan.

John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt round
his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his
message: 'After me comes the one more powerful than I, the
straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.
I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy
Spirit.'

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee
and was baptised by John in the Jordan.
Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being
torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.
And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love;
with you I am well pleased.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon Bill Elliot

Hymn O LET THE SON OF GOD ENFOLD YOU

With His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let Him have the things that hold you,
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness,
Give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

Prayers for Today Led by Anne Mckay

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away
you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ who was baptised by John
you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all
the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Therefore with your whole Church scattered throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

We remember that on the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**We now obey your Son's command,
we recall his baptism and his blessed passion and death,
His glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him we offer you these gifts
And with them ourselves as a single, holy living sacrifice.**

Hear us most merciful Father and send your Holy Spirit upon us,
and upon this bread and wine That overshadowed by his life-giving
power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Breaking of the Bread

The Living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord unite us in this sign

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Distribution of Communion

*As the Priest takes communion on our behalf this day
you are welcome to say this or your own prayers at this time*

Loving God we give thanks for the gift of your Son.
Help us to know your presence and peace in our lives
and to receive the gift of your Holy Spirit
to guide us as we seek to serve in Jesus name Amen

Prayer after Communion

**Gracious God, lover of all, help us to grow in love for one another
as we come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.
We ask this in Jesus name. Amen**

Hymn JOY TO THE WORLD! the Lord has come;

Let earth receive her King,
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns;
Your sweetest songs employ.
While fields and streams and hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
The wonders of His love,
The wonders of His love,
The wonders, the wonders of His love.

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen



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