

The first 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 reading: Mark 1: 1–12

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight”’. 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.’ And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

This week we pray especially for:

The sick: Evelyn Davies, Marion O’Connor, Julia Parker, Roy Pulsford, James,

Recently departed: Neville Groom

All who have lost loved ones

Years Mind: Shirley Spinks, Joan Chamberlain, Edwin Palmer

Fr Christopher reports that Mary Hudson is now largely confined to her house but she would welcome visits from any parishioners who know her.

This week at the Abbey

Due to cleaning of stone floor in front of the welcome desk access will be via the West doors on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week.

Mon 15 July	10am	Morning Prayer
	11am	Large tour group
	3.45pm	Evening Prayer
Tue 16 July	10am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Centering Presence
	3.45pm	Evening Prayer
Wed 17 July	10am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
	10.30am	Crochet and Conversation
	3.45pm	Evening Prayer
	6pm	The Secret Garden outdoor theatre by The Plandits
Thu 18 July	10am	Morning Prayer
	3.45pm	Evening Prayer
Fri 19 July	10am	Morning Prayer
	11am	Full peal of bells
	3.45pm	Evening Prayer
Sat 20 July		
Sun 21 July	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
		No Evening Prayer this evening

Pastoral visits: If you know anyone who might welcome a pastoral visit please let Fr Christopher know: canon@wymondhamabbey.org.uk
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