

Churchwardens' Chat

Epiphany Carol Service tonight at 5pm: a selection of congregational carols, readings and choir anthems for the season of Epiphany.

Midweek services:

Morning Prayer at 10am Monday to Friday
Centering Presence on Tuesday at 10.30am
Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at 10.30am

Next Sunday 19 January – The Second Sunday of Epiphany

8am Said Communion (BCP)
10.30am Sung Eucharist
5pm Evensong

Offertory: we are re-instating the practice of taking the bread and the wine up to the chancel steps during the Offertory Hymn (immediately after the Peace). If you would like to do this please tell Jim or Brian.

Advent reading: if you have borrowed books during Advent please remember to return them to Margaret Hartley.

Confirmation preparation: if you would like to be confirmed, or are pondering it, please talk to Fr Andrew. The Confirmation service will be on Sunday 25 May at 10.30am. Preparation sessions will take place in the weeks preceding this.

Time for a New Years resolution? Join the C of E Parish Giving Scheme!

The life of the Abbey depends on congregational giving, so please consider joining this scheme which allows you to give to this parish securely and safely online. Find out more at <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/> or at the welcome desk. We are very grateful for your support.

Quiet Day at Walsingham Saturday 8 Feb 2025: There is more information about this at the welcome desk. Do sign up if you are interested.

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Pastoral visits

If you know anyone who might welcome a pastoral visit please let Fr Andrew know: vicar@wymondhamabbey.org.uk, 07543 593903
Please note that Fr Andrew's usual day off is a Monday.

Wymondham Abbey ❖ Sunday 12 January 2025

The Baptism of Christ

Welcome to the Abbey, especially if you are newly with us or visiting. Use this sheet together with the main Eucharist booklet for the hymns and readings. Today we are using the New English Hymnal.

Hymns: NEH 46, Psalm 29, 12, 48, 440 (omit verses 4 and 5)

*Note to **families with young children:** the children will be invited during the Vicar's welcome to go into St Benedict's for Sunday Club. They will then come back into church at the Peace. The children are then welcome to be in the play area or with you in the main seating, as you prefer.*

*After the bell rings, the servers and clergy enter and we all stand to sing **Hymn 46.***

We begin on page 3.

*Page 6: we sing the **Gloria** from the Mass of the Holy Angels by Gerard Chiusano.*

*Page 7: **First Reading** – Isaiah 43: 1–7*

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my
daughters from the end of the earth — everyone who is called by my
name, whom I created for my glory,

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We remain seated for Psalm 29

*The Choir will sing the response first, which we repeat, and which we then
sing after each verse (sung by a solo cantor):*



R *The Lord shall give his peo-ple the bless-ing of peace*

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ascribe to the Lord glory and
strength. Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; worship the
Lord in the beauty of holiness. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. **R**

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; the voice of the Lord is a
glorious voice. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord
breaks the cedars of Lebanon; He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and
Sirion like a young wild ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord
shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests
bare; in his temple all cry, 'Glory!' **R**

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; the Lord sits enthroned
as king for evermore. The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R**

*Page 7: we stand for the **Gospel Reading** – Luke 3: 15–17, 21–22*

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in
their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John
answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is
more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his
sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-
fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into
his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been
baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit
descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from
heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

*Page 7: **Sermon***

*Page 9: **Prayers of Intercession**, during which we pray especially for:*

The sick and housebound: Zorina Bell, Di Capocci, Vivienne Clifford-Jackson,
David & Marion O'Connor, Julia Parker, Elizabeth & Roy Pulsford,
Jennie Rackham.

Recently departed: Kathleen Deacon , Audrey Clitheroe

Years' Mind: Phyllis Standley, Robert Grimwood, Corinne Groom, Kenneth
Lawrence

*Page 9: after **The Peace**, we sing **Hymn 12**.*

*The **Eucharistic Prayer**, during which the bread and wine are consecrated,
begins on page 10. Please join in the singing of the 'Holy, Holy' (p11) and
'Lamb of God' (p13) from the Mass of the Holy Angels by Gerard Chiusano.*

*Page 13: during the distribution of **Communion** the choir sing 'The Journey'
by Simon Lole then we all sing **Hymn 48**.*

*After the **Blessing** (p15) we sing **Hymn 440** (omit verses 4 and 5).*

Organ Voluntary: Fugue in C from Sonata No. 2 by Felix Mendelssohn

Please join us for refreshments after the service.