

**St John the Baptist, Great Gaddesden
St Peter and St Paul, Little Gaddesden
St Lawrence, Nettleden**

All bible readings are from the Lectionary, Year B

Sunday, 10th January, Baptism of Christ

9.30 am On-line Joint Parish Worship - Eucharist (JR/HT-pr)

Tuesday, 12th January

10.30 am Little Gaddesden via Zoom Coffee and Cake. Please contact Hilary Catchpole on h.catchpole@btinternet.com

Wednesday, 13th January

10.00 am On-line Podcast (AWA)
7.55 pm Via Zoom Mid-Week Discussion Group – What does the Bible say about Hell? Contact Anthony Archer for meeting details

Sunday, 17th January, Epiphany 2

9.30 am On-line Joint Parish Worship – Morning Prayer (HT/GM-pr)

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The Collect

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

HOLY SCRIPTURE

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the 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. ³Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The New Testament 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. ²He 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.’ ³Then he said, ‘Into what then were you baptized?’ They answered, ‘Into John’s baptism.’ ⁴Paul 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.’ ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

The Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:	We pray the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and all clergy and congregations in that province
Prayer Areas:	Ledgemore Lane, Gatesdene Close area, Pipers Hill, all carers in the community
Sick:	Pat Fraser-Beck, Ian Thorne
Recently Departed:	Sheelah Wray
Anniversaries:	Rose Griffiths, Dorothea Patterson, George Sear

CHURCH OPENING TIMES:

Great Gaddesden and Little Gaddesden churches will be open for private prayer. If you find the church closed, please contact the Vicar on 01442 214898.

Nettleden Church:

9am-10am on Sundays *when there's no service*

Please check the church websites for up-to-date information

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is between 18th-25th January. The theme for 2021 is "Abide in My Love You Shall Bear Much Fruit" (John 15:5-9).

There is a new way to donate to our churches - Pay by Text:

For Great Gaddesden church, just text GREATGADDESSEN plus the amount you wish to donate (between £1 and £20) to 70085, for example text "GREATGADDESSEN10" to donate £10.00.

For Little Gaddesden church, just text LITTLEGADD plus the amount you want to donate (again between £1 and £20) to 70470, for example 'LITTLEGADD10' to donate £10.

For both, Texts will cost the amount donated plus one standard rate message.

Safeguarding Officer for all three churches: Heather Tisbury, 01582 842807

Our parishes have a Prayer Group and if you would like to be prayed for or know of someone who would appreciate extra prayers, please contact the Vicar on 01442 214898 or vicar@littlegaddesdenchurch.org.uk or Helene Hockings on 01442 842493.

**All information for the Pew Sheet by Thursday 9.00am to:
Helene Hockings, tel: 01442 842493, a_dmin-church@outlook.com**