Baptism of Christ

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.**

Today's Readings

Hymns

<u>Isaiah 43.1-7</u>	766 – Praise my soul the King of Heaven
Psalm 29	507 – We have a gospel to proclaim
Acts 8.14-17	787 – Take my life and let it be
Luke 3.15-17,21-22	227 – Crown Him with many crowns

Post Communion

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.**

<u>Gluten Free Wafers</u> - whenever the Eucharist is celebrated gluten free wafers will be available from the communion station in the Lady Chapel.

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ST MARY'S SERVICES – JANUARY

Sunday 12 January

10am	Morning Prayer at St Mary's
10am	Sung Eucharist at Church of The Ascension
	celebrating David Cousins 25 years as a Reader

Monday 13 January

8.30amMorning Prayer10amMainly Music

Tuesday 14 January8.30amMorning Prayer10amMidweek Said Eucharist

Wednesday 15 January

8.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 19 January

8.45amSoul Food10amSung Eucharist

All are welcome to Evening Prayer at Church of the Ascension at 5pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Pray for our sick and those who care for them: Mike, Martyn Wassell, Louise, Helen, Jim, Ken, John, Angela, Mike Roberts, Rev'd Claire Lording, Brian, Pat Orme, Glen Whitehouse, Jane Price, Tony.

Recently Departed: David Baxter, Margaret Collins.

Year's Mind: Nellie Morgan, Edward Wall, John Richards, Joan Pearson, William Jones, John Hadley, Ethel Pearson, Sidney Moss, Florence Stretton, Edith Thomas, Pat Gilchrist, Leslie Stephens, Raymond Heagney, Derek Richardson, Pauline Evason.

Please pray for the people that live in Castlewellan Care Home in our parish and for the people who care for them.

<u> Baptism Preparation – Prayer for January</u>

Book – That's Not My.....

Lord Bless these parents as they nurture the children in their care. Help them to nurture the unique qualities in each member of their family. Amen.

Mothers' Union

Subs are due now, they are £30 as last year, payment to Mary. If anyone would like the bank details to transfer their payment, please speak to Mary. The next meeting of the Mothers' Union is Wednesday 5^{th} February at 2pm.

The Reverend Sarah Roberts-Malpass

On Thursday 6th February at 7.00pm at St Mary's Kingswinford, Bishop Martin will license The Reverend Sarah Roberts-Malpass as Anglo-Catholic Mission Priest in the Benefice of Kingswinford. All are welcome to attend.

Mainly Music cake Rota

Our Mainly Music group has recommenced on Monday mornings. If you are willing and able to make a cake or small cakes for one of our sessions, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church. We regularly have 20-24 adults in attendance and 15-18 children. The cakes are always very much appreciated by the parents/carers and the children. Your help with this is much appreciated.

50/50 Draw

It's now time to renew your membership or become a member of our 50/50 draw for 2025. If you wish to renew your number/s it's £12 per number and is due before the end of January. If you are interested in joining the draw please speak to Helen. You can make your payment either in cash, by bank transfer or by using the contactless machine.

Please remember if making a bank transfer, don't forget to reference your payment with your surname and 50/50, thank you.

Hilda Wood and her family would like to thank all at St Mary's that have sent cards and kind wishes on the sad loss of her husband Ken. They are much appreciated.

Please remember to bring in any used stamps that you have been collecting for Sarah 😊