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Baptisms and Weddings at St Mary Magdalene, Belmont and St Laurence, Pittington



Saturday 8th and 22nd Jan 10-11am
Appointments will be available every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at St Mary Magdalene Church between 10am and 11am, please just turn up.

Cathedral Prayers

Monthly Cathedral Prayers are starting on Tues 11th January at 11.15am in the Gregory Chapel. This is a short service led by Mothers Union branches. We have not met for almost 2 years due to Covid so please try to come along if you can.



Mothers Union branch monthly meeting will be held on Monday 17th January. The speaker will be Dorothy Nicholas who will talk about her and Ken's work in Israel. Refreshments will be served.



There will be a foodbank collection on Mon 31st January. Please leave any donations between Mon 17th - Sun 30th Jan on the vicarage step.



Donations towards Church flowers would be appreciated, please leave in the box located in the Narthex.



0.05% donated to church. Every little bit helps towards church funds. Simply shop at

smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1173193-0

Church Administrator, Christina White is working in the Parish Office Mon-Thurs 9.30 till 12.30pm
Email marymagbelmont@gmail.com or phone 0191 3867224

The Benefice of St Mary Magdalene, Belmont & St Laurence, Pittington.

Sunday 9th January 2022



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.

Hymns 125 Crown Him with many crowns **536** O
Worship the King **513** On Jordan's bank

Bible Readings

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43.1-7

New Testament: Acts 8.14-17

Gospel Reading: Luke 3.15 -17.21-22

Services this week

Sun	9.30am	Holy Communion SL
	9.00am	Holy Communion SMM
	10.30am	Holy Communion SMM
	4.00pm	Time Service SMM
Mon	9.15am	Morning Prayer in person & live streamed
Tues	9.15am	Morning Prayer in person & live streamed
Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion SMM
Thurs	10.00-11.00	SL Church open for prayer

Please note all services are first streamed to St Mary Magdalene Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SMMBelmont>

then posted afterwards to St Laurence's Facebook Page

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1719669764968104?modal=false&should_open_composer=false

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43.1-7

Israel's only Saviour

¹But now, this is what the LORD says –he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel:

'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. ⁴Since you are precious and honoured in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up!" and to the south, "Do not hold them back." Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth – ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

New Testament Reading: Acts 8.14-17

¹⁴When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. ¹⁵When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3.15 - 17, 21-22

¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶John answered them all, 'I baptise you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'

The baptism and genealogy of Jesus

²¹When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

For our prayers this week:

Pray for those who are unwell and have asked for our prayers: Anne Barnfather, Maureen Bond, Andrew Dover, Joyce Fry, Edward Fraser, Richard Harrison, Mike Jackson, Anne Johnson (Pittington), Matthew Litobarski, Adam Matthews, Linda Potter, Jackie Roberts, Trevor Uren, Christopher Percival and Helen Wilson.



If you would like anyone to be added to the prayer list, please let Heather/ Liz know, after seeking the person's permission first.

From Our Parish weekly prayer cycle:

Belmont Scout and Guide Group; Broomside Lane, Cheveley Park and Gilesgate medical practices; the People's Kitchen; Durham Food Bank; children in troubled families; residents of Norman Terrace, Pittington; Lincolnshire Close, Cheveley Walk, Wantage Road, Rowntree Avenue, Belmont.

Please **Sign** your name on the attendance list for track and trace. We kindly request social distancing between one another and **wear face coverings**.

The BRF Centenary Prayer

Gracious God,
We rejoice in this centenary year
that you have grown BRF
from a local network of Bible readers
into a worldwide family of ministries.
Thank you for your faithfulness
in nurturing small beginnings into surprising
blessings.
We rejoice that, from the youngest to the oldest,
so many have encountered your word
and grown as disciples of Christ.
Keep us humble in your service,
ambitious for your glory
and open to new opportunities.
For your name's sake
Amen

