



**Welcome to St Edburgha's Church  
Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany  
Baptism of Christ**

***During the distribution of Holy Communion, you are most welcome to take time to pray and light a candle in the Gilby Chapel.***

**Collect:**

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading:  
Isaiah 42. 1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched

them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

**Second Reading:  
Acts 10. 34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality,' <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea,

beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 3.13-end**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been

baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

*Children's activities and toys are available to use at any time during the service at the top of the north aisle.*

### **For Your Prayers**

**Frederick Caffull whose funeral is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm.**

**We Pray for the family and friends of the late  
Mr Brian Palmer**

Jackie B, Peter S, Christine, Liz, Andrew, Glenys, Bill and Jo

*\*\*Please contact the parish office if you would like to include someone on the prayer list\*\**

### **Monthly Charity**



## Supporting our Community



Your donations of tins of meat, fish, fruit, rice pudding, and monetary donations are always gratefully received.

## **Children and Families Work:**

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**Safeguarding:** If you have any concerns about a vulnerable child, young person or an adult, please contact Julie Bridges (children) 07814 023913 – Tammy Tearoe (adults) 07462 228797

## Electronic Order of Service:



## Fundraising Events

### **24<sup>th</sup> January**

Skittles Night 7:30pm  
In Church Hall (B33 8PD)  
£10.00 includes hot supper – bring your own drinks – suitable for all the family – Book at: 0121 291 0401

### **7<sup>th</sup> March**

Traditional Afternoon Tea  
In the Church Hall  
Book a Table @ 0121 291 0401  
£18 per head or £21 with Prosecco  
Children under 12 is £8

## Congregational Christmas Card



A huge 'Thank You' to all those who contributed to the Congregational Christmas Card this Christmas. An amazing total of **£120.00** was raised towards the continuing work of **Crisis**, the national charity for homeless people and **Crisis Skylight Birmingham**. Also, a very big 'Thank you' to Teddy, Lucas, and Jonathan for their wonderful art work this year!

*Sylvia Roberts Tel: 07771 655 789*

## Other Notices

The funeral of longtime member of St Edburgha's Church, **Frederick Caffull**, will be held in church on **Tuesday, 13th January at 12 noon** followed by commendation at **Yardley Crematorium at 1:00pm**. Please keep his son Phillip in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad time.

## Special Service

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Compline Service 6:30 p.m.**

## Hymns for today

**166 34 87 610**

# JOIN US FOR



**Join us on the third Saturday of every month at 10:30am until 12:30pm.**

**17<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**21<sup>st</sup> Feb**

1st March

22nd March  
18<sup>th</sup> April

18 April  
3d Year

**St Edburgha's Church Rd, Yardley, Birmingham B33 8PD**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January – 10:30am – 12:30pm**

**Come and join us for the beginning of our adventure in Messy Church. We are creating this space to be open, creative, fun and explorative. The best part of all is we'll make you lunch. We want to draw people into our community and provide a space to get to know one another. Aimed at families with 0-11-year olds, we'll create together, play together and eat together. Each session will be themed and we'll have a short story from the Bible.**

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