

**The church is now open during the following times for private prayer:**

Sunday 12.30pm - 4.00pm  
Monday – Saturday 9.30am – 5.00pm

During term-time, Morning Prayer is said at 9.15am on Monday to Thursday. The Revd Mark is available then for pastoral conversations. Please contact him by phone or email to discuss the arranging of Weddings, Banns of Marriage, Baptisms, etc.

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& St MARY MAGDALENE  
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**12<sup>th</sup> January: The Baptism of Christ**

**10.00am Parish Eucharist & healing ministry**

cel: Fr. Michael pr: Fr. Mark

Healing ministry: Steve Morris & Di Ramsay

**Bible Readings for the Eucharist**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 43. 1 - 7

Reader: Jill Robb

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Acts 8. 14 - 17

Reader: Steve Morris

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia.

This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Gospel:** St Luke 3. 15 – 17,21 - 22

**Intercessions** led by: Paul Price

**Collect for The Baptism of Christ**

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.

**Prayer after 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 .

**Hymns at the 10am Eucharist today :**

**552, 527, 463, 70, 615, 137**

**11.45am: STJ's Worship & Praise**

**please pray for: those who are ill: Marita Westgate,**

Elizabeth, Jane & Doug Drakeley, June, Jo Miles, Kevin Dewhurst, Margaret Hartley, Fr. Gordon, Mary Ellis, Rita Cornwall, Marie Spicer, Barbara Valander, Pauline Burgwin, Millie Worrell, Pat Hall, Joy Cockerton, Cathy, Pam Westwood, Shirley Buckle, Doris Webb, Jan Pace, Sister Remedy, David Steer

those who have died: Doug Jones, John Hall; all those whom we have known & loved; all who have worshipped with us here; all victims of domestic abuse; those who have died as a result of political violence; victims of natural disasters.

### In St James Church: in the coming weeks:

#### “Open the Book”:

**13<sup>th</sup> Jan:** 3pm Rehearsal

**14<sup>th</sup> Jan:** 9.15am Clearwater Academy  
FCIA next week

#### **15<sup>th</sup> Jan. St Anthony of Egypt:**

**10am Eucharist** Fr. Mark

Philippians 3.7-14; Matthew 19.16-26

#### **15<sup>th</sup> Jan:**

11.30am Bounce & Rhyme

2.00pm Tea at Two

**18<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Last date for Notes and articles to Fr Hugh or Jackie Hall for February's edition of "Around the Spire". Thank you.

#### **19<sup>th</sup> January: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

##### **10.00am Parish Eucharist**

Isaiah 62.1- 5; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11

##### **11.45am STJ's Worship & Praise**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Feb: 10am – 12noon: New Year Coffee Morning**

**&Sale.** If you have items suitable for sale or raffle prizes, Lu P. & Jackie B. will be pleased to receive them. Thank you.

**“Come and Find Out”** : It's time to meet again – so please let Fr. Ian have some dates & suggestions for discussion, and we need somewhere to meet, please! Thank You!

*There are a number of cake-tins & boxes in the church kitchen; before we have a clear-out, please check to see if one of them belongs to you! Thank you!*

**“God loves Quedgeley – let's live that love together!”**

#### **From the Revd Mark:**

**Confirmation 2025** will take place on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**. We shall also be offering Baptism by full immersion on that day – so if you, or anyone you know, have not been baptised or confirmed, now is the time to get in touch with the Revd Mark.

**STJ's Planning Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** in church, following the STJ service, light lunch provided. Please put the date in your diary.

**“Faithful Generations”:** Gloucester cathedral, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 12noon to 5pm. An event for Grandparents with grandchildren:

<https://gloucester.anglican.org/event/faithful-generations-event>

**The Church Electoral Roll** is our only official list of Church members – every parish has one and every six years the roll has to be renewed. 2025 is the year for our renewal, so from 1<sup>st</sup> January a new roll will be compiled and everyone who wishes to be enrolled must reapply.

To be eligible, you must be 16 years of age or over; you must be baptised, and be either a resident in the Parish of Quedgeley and Kingsway or a regular worshipper at St James' Church.

**Ann & Gordon Williams** have taken on the task of compiling our Electoral Roll and they will have a form available in church for you to complete and return to them. The forms will then be kept securely.

It is important that we have an up to date and accurate record of our members, so please do not hesitate to complete a form Thank you!

#### ***A prayer for use throughout Epiphany:***

*“Eternal God, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and now made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.”*