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**BAPTISM OF THE LORD – CHRISTMASS III**

<b>Sunday and Weekday Worship in Wells &amp; Shepton</b>	
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6.00pm Vigil Mass ( )
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.00am Solemn Mass ( <i>Pro Populo</i> ) 11.00am Mass in Shepton <b>6.00pm Mass at All Hallows School, East Cranmore (Bury Intention)</b>
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<u>Feria of Week 1 of Ordinary Time</u> 9.30am Mass ( )
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<u>Feria</u> 9.15am Mass in Shepton 9.30am Mass <b>Noon Funeral Requiem of Patrick Morgan</b>
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<u>Feria</u> 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC in Shepton 9.30am Mass ( <i>James Morrison RIP</i> )
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<u>Feria</u> 9.15am Mass in Shepton 9.30am Mass ( <i>Maureen and Andrew Dathan RIP</i> )
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<u>Feria</u> 9.30am Mass ( <i>James Morrison RIP</i> ) 6.00pm Traditional Latin Mass
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<u>Feria</u> 9.30am Mass Confessions in Shepton <b>12.30 Holy Baptism in Shepton</b>
<b>Next Week: Ordinary Sunday II (Year A)</b>	
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Vigil Mass ( )
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.00am Solemn Mass ( <i>Pro Populo</i> ) 11.00am Mass in Shepton 6.00pm Mass at All Hallows School, East Cranmore (Alkington Intention)
<b>Confessions</b> Normally, the holy Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays, Noon to 12.30pm in Shepton & from 5.00pm to 5.30pm in Wells.	

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WITH THE NEW ACADEMIC TERM, SUNDAY EVENING MASS AT THE CHAPEL OF ALL HALLOWS SCHOOL HAS MOVED FROM 6.30PM TO 6.00PM. IT IS A PUBLIC MASS, OPEN TO ALL! THE CHAPEL STANDS APART FROM THE SCHOOL, CLOSE TO THE GATE.**

**ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS WEEK** Antonio DiClaudio (1996), Rachel Lovell (2003), Helen Kerley (1998), William Woodward (2001), Lynn Fear (2000), Lucy Sankey (2006), *Requiam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.* O Lord, grant them eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon them

**PRACTICAL MINISTRIES - ROTAS**

<b>CLEANING</b>	<b>COFFEE</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>	<b>WELCOMING</b>
<b>Week beg 17th</b>	<b>Sun 16th</b>	<b>Fri/Sat 14/15th</b>	<b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup>/Sun 16<sup>th</sup></b>
Nicki & Hilary Ambrosini & Annalisa Hiscox	Charlotte Lythaby & Maria Mena	Barbara Duncan & Rosie Gripper	6pm Helen Cox 9am Mary Cryer

**THE CANDLE-STAND RETURNS TO ITS USUAL PLACE AS ORDINARY TIME STARTS.**

<b>9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC:</b>	
<b>Hymns-</b>	<b>Mass Setting:</b>
<i>Opening 661</i>	<i>Kyrie None</i>
<i>Sprinkling 401</i>	<i>Gloria 460</i>
<i>Offertory 241</i>	<i>Sanctus 461</i>
<i>Communion 773</i>	<i>Mem Acclam 462</i>
<i>Final 331</i>	<i>Agnus Dei 466</i>

**LITURGICAL DIARIES AND DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES** Copies of these attractive and useful publications are still available in the porch. The diaries are £5.99 and the directories £5. Please put money in the box. Pocket parish diaries should be available soon (we hope!).



**COFFEE AND CAKE** Parish coffee morning will be this Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January. Stay after morning Mass or drop in anytime between 10.00 and 11.30am.

**A REMINDER!** Please remember to put your hymn books and music sheets back and please don't leave newsletters lying on the pews (**you should of course be taking them home to read!**) It isn't really the sacristan's job to tidy up the whole church after Mass: it's something we all take responsibility for.



**TO REFLECT ON DURING THE WEEK - MATTHEW 3:13-**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, He went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on Him; and lo,

a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

**Question of the week:** God's Spirit descended and a voice from heaven said 'This is my Son, the Beloved'.... Do you ever feel 'beloved' by God?

**NEW TRANSLATION OF THR MASS** This exciting re-translation of the 2003 edition of the Roman Missal will come into force this year. Join other local Catholics as we explore the revised translation and deepen our understanding of the Mass: **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January at St George, Taunton, 10.30am- 3.30pm.** Please bring a packed lunch. The day will be organised by the Clifton Diocese's Department of Liturgy. There will also be catechesis in the parish after Easter.

**"SHEPTON RACES"** This is a race night quiz with fun for all ages. It will be held in the Parish Room of St Michael's in Shepton on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Runners and riders assemble from 7.00pm. Try dressing up as if going to the Gold Cup at Cheltenham or Ladies' Day at Ascot. There will be refreshments and prizes. All proceeds will benefit St Michael's parish.

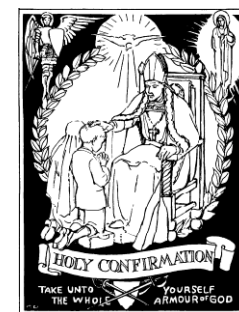


A horse costs £2. These are on sale now and on the night if there are any still unsold. To reserve a horse, please ring David Holden on 01749 34711 or 07999546319 or e-mail on [thedavidholden@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:thedavidholden@tiscali.co.uk). **There will be 5 races on the card including the St Michael's Cup.**

**FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6.00pm Church	RCIA meeting
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00am Church	Coffee & cakes morning
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	4.15pm Church	Praying into silence
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.00pm Church	Pastoral Council meeting
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7.00pm onwards, Shepton	"Shepton Races"
<b>Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2011</b>	<b>10.15am Church</b>	<b>Parish Assembly and AGM</b>

**CONFIRMATION 2011** His lordship the Bishop will be joining us for Pontifical Mass and Confirmation at St Michael's, Shepton on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May. The joint preparation course for Shepton and Wells will run in Wells this year. Candidates are supposed to have passed their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday by the date of the Confirmation (Some latitude is allowed on this). Candidates do not have to be teenagers – apart from age, the only qualification is that a person has not received the Sacrament validly before. Candidates should write a letter to Fr. Philip indicating the wish to be confirmed.

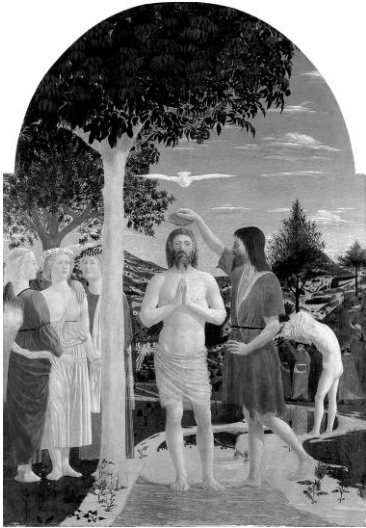


**NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION** This will be for **Pax Christi**, the international Catholic Movement for Peace. Pax Christi relies on our support to continue its work of peacemaking. Pope Benedict's choice of theme for this year's Peace Sunday is: *Religious freedom – the path to peace.*



***The collection this weekend is for the Fabric Fund***

**PARISH AGM** This will be on **Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> February at 10.15am.** There will be reports from Fr Philip, the Pastoral Council and the Finance & Fabric Committee on the past year and an outline of plans for 2011. All parishioners are welcome and it is an opportunity to ask questions and express views.



## SUNDAY OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS - THE LAST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS-TIDE

The Baptism of Jesus marks the end of the hidden years in the Carpenter's Shop. It continues the theme of Epiphany because it manifests to the world around Him, Who Christ is. It also marks the beginning of Jesus Christ's public ministry. This event is recorded in the Canonical Gospels according to Matthew, Mark and Luke. A careful reading of the Gospel according to John in John 1:29-33 also points at the event of the baptism of Jesus which is described there. The event of the Baptism of Jesus is also recorded in the apocryphal Gospel of the Hebrews. John the Baptist preached a

baptism for the forgiveness of sins and in so doing he was preparing the way for the Lord. Jesus came to the Jordan River where he was baptized by John at a site traditionally known as Qasr al-Yahud (the Jews' Castle). This event concluded with the heavens opening, a dove-like descent of the Holy Spirit, and a voice from Heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." The voice combines key phrases from the Old Testament: "My Son" (the Davidic king as God's adopted son in Psalms 2 and Psalms 10, "beloved" (Isaac in Genesis 22), and "with whom I am well pleased" (the servant of God in Isaiah 42:1). Most Christian groups view the baptism of Jesus as an important event and a basis for the Christian rite of baptism (see also Acts 19:1-7). The main area of controversy has to do with the early Jewish-Christian heresy of Adoptionism. In Eastern Christianity, Jesus' baptism is commemorated on 6 January, the feast of Epiphany. In the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, and some other Western denominations, it is recalled on a day within the following week, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In Roman Catholicism, the baptism of Jesus is one of the newer Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary instituted by Pope John Paul II. It is a Trinitarian feast in the Eastern Orthodox Churches, for it reveals the identity not only of the Son, but of His Father and the Holy Spirit as well. The **Baptism of Christ**, accompanying this article, is a painting by the Italian Renaissance master Piero della Francesca, finished around 1448-1450. It is housed in the National Gallery, London. The panel was commissioned by the Camaldolese abbey of San Sepolcro (Tuscany), originally part of a triptych. Its dates to Piero della Francesca's early career. It portrays Christ being baptised by the Baptist, His head surmounted by a dove representing the Holy Spirit. Christ, John's hand, the bird and the bowl form an axis which divides the painting in two symmetrical parts. A

second division is created by the tree on the left, which instead divides it according to the golden ratio. The three angels on the left wear different clothes and, in a difference from the traditional iconography, are not supporting Christ's garments, but are holding each other's hands. This would be an allusion to the contemporary council of Florence (1439), whose goal was the unification of the Western and Eastern Churches. The Camaldolese Ambrogio Traversari was in fact a strong supporter of the union. Such symbolism would be also confirmed by the presence, behind the neophyte on the right, of figures dressed in an oriental fashion.

## TRAIDCRAFT STALL

Our parish fair trade stall will be operating next weekend after both masses. If you are still in festive mood look out for discount chocolate gold coins !!



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CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY A formation day for those working with young Catholics will be held in London on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March. For more information and subsidised tickets please email Dave Wheat, our diocesan youth co-ordinator: [youth@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:youth@cliftondiocese.com)

ECUMENICAL LENT COURSE: *Rich Inheritance: Jesus' legacy of love* A five-session course will be held at various venues in the Wells area in the week beginning 14 March. The course includes material by Archbishop Vincent Nichols. The cost will be £5 each which includes the booklet. Forms will be available soon or contact Ian Mills: 677773, [irmills@aol.com](mailto:irmills@aol.com).

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE Bishop Declan invites the people of our diocese to join him for a Mass on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon in celebration of marriage. This celebration is for the whole diocesan community and especially for our married couples. If you are celebrating a 'significant' anniversary this year please contact the Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator, Anne-Marie Sparrow: [annemarie.sparrow@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:annemarie.sparrow@cliftondiocese.com), 0117 902 5593. Just to remind you, significant anniversaries are: silver (25), pearl (30), golden (50) and diamond (60).