

St.Cyprian's Link 12th January 2014

The Baptism of Christ

Services today: 9.15am – Eucharist Celebrant – Revd Lucy Ireland

10.30am – Eucharist We welcome Revd. Dr. Ivan Draper as our Celebrant and Preacher this morning

All Hymns today will be found in The Source

We also have Holy Communion on Thursday mornings at 10.00am, followed by Tea or Coffee for everyone who would like to join us.



Thanks to everyone who helped out in clearing away the Christmas decorations and tidying up the Church

VESTRY MEETING

The Vestry will be meeting on Monday evening 13th January in the Choir Vestry at 7.30pm If anyone has anything they would like to be discussed, please speak to any Vestry member.

Prayers

ANGLICAN The Anglican Church of Australia: The Most Revd Dr Phillip John Aspinall, Archbishop of Brisbane & Primate of Australia DIOCESAN St Mary the Virgin, Port Glasgow (Andrew McMichael); St Margaret's, Renfrew; St John's, Johnstone (Donald Orr).

DAILY PRAYERS

13th Bearsden and Kirkintilloch Baptist Churches 14th For the people and the city of Glasgow 15th For all Bible Study groups and Prayer groups 16th For Pope Benedict XVI and the church of Rome 17th For the Ministry Advisory Group 18th For Christian Unity

Please also remember in your prayers:

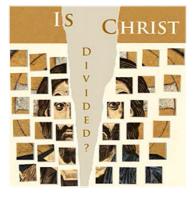
Margaret Conway; Jennie Downes; Daphne Fraser; Susan Frost; Marilyn Hazlette; Kirsty Kilday; Eric and Sheila Oakes; Alan Paterson; Doreen Rendell; Karen Rose; Geoff Scobie; Jack Smith; Les and for all those in the "Prayer Book" at the back of the church.

May God keep them in His care

Les Update

Les is now out of Intensive Care and in the Enhanced Recovery Ward making slow, steady progress. He does not feel quite ready for visitors yet but greatly appreciates everyone's care, concern and good wishes.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



January 18-25th There will be an Ecumenical Service hosted by Harestanes Baptist Church in Harestanes Primary School at 7.00pm on Thursday January 23rd. Please come along

If you would like to get something into the Link next week please let the Secretary have it – best to E.mail it – before teatime on Wednesday – maryboyd@9northbank.com

Opening Hymn:327

(Lord for the Years)

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 your 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.

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

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: 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, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendour.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of maiesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; he LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest

bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christhe is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Hymn: 283

(Jesus is King)

Gospel : Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, 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 it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. 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. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Offertory Hymn 306

(Just as I am without one plea)

Communion Hymn 436

(Purify my Heart)

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 the Holy Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Closing Hymn: 396 (O Lord my God)