



St Mary's • Coxhoe • Durham

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9.15 am

Baptism of Christ

13th January 2019

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.

Post 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.

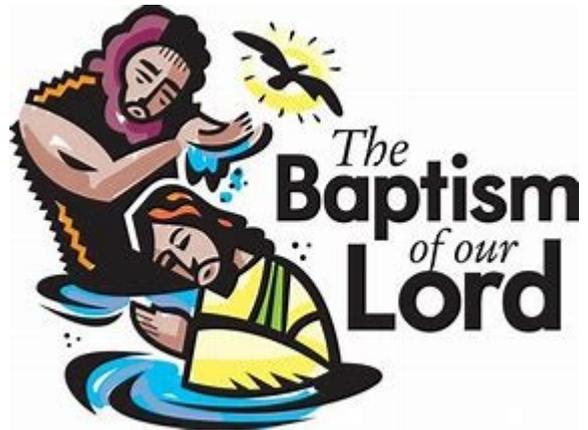
Readings: *Baptism of Christ*

Isaiah 43.1-7

Psalms 29

Acts 8.14-17

Luke 3.15-17,21,22



Hymns today

Come down O love divine	89
On Jordan's bank	538
The Church's one foundation	640
River wash over me	581
Be still and know	48
We have a gospel to proclaim	728

What's on at St Mary's

Tuesday: Holy Communion at 9.30 am

Coffee Mornings: Tuesday & Thursday at 10.00 am

Next Sunday: Parish Communion at 9.15 am



Please remember in your prayers:

For those in need:

Janice Hall	Brian Armstrong
Margaret Walker	Duncan Black
George Storey	Hazel Barker
Barbara Pile	Derek Bykerk



The Bereaved - *'Commended into God's care'*

Raymond Ogden - Laid to rest on 28th December



***We remember the following this week and give thanks for their lives:
[13th January - 19th January]***

13th January	Sarah Jane Lofthouse	1999
14th January	James Laing	1956
14th January	Mary Hannah Beck	1992
14th January	Enid Walton	2008
15th January	Raymond Barker	1985
17th January	Eric Ormiston	1977
18th January	Margaret (Peggy) Todd	2017
19th January	Rita Elizabeth Patterson	1986
19th January	Gilbert Thornton	2014

Durham Diocese Cycle of Prayer & ACP

- Lindisfarne Regional Training Project, Dean: Rev Dr David Bryan, Staff and students training for ministry.
- Those in the midst of famine or disaster
- Pray for the Anglican Church of Australia The Most Revd Philip Leslie Freier - Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia

14 January - St Felix of Nola: saved by a spider's web

What do you do when you find a large spider web in your house? If you ever feel some sympathy for the spider who went to all that trouble, then Felix is a good patron saint for you. He was saved by such a spider, spinning such a web.

Felix had been born to a Syrian soldier who had retired to Nola, near Naples in Italy. When his father died, Felix gave his property and money away, and was ordained by St Maximus of Nola. Felix went to work with him, ministering to the people of Nola.

Then Decius, the Roman Emperor, began another persecution of the Christians. Maximus escaped to the mountains, but Felix was arrested and badly beaten. Legend has it that he was rescued – and freed from captivity - by an angel. In any case, Felix followed Maximus and found him sick and in need. Felix hid him in an empty building, and prayed for God's protection.

The soldiers were out looking for the two men, but then a spider arrived at the door of the building where they were hiding. The spider spun such a magnificent web across the door that it fooled the imperial soldiers into thinking the building was long abandoned. The spider saved Maximus and Felix that day, and the two men stayed on the run until Decius' death in 251.

After that, the people of Nola wanted Felix as their bishop. But Felix refused, and returned to farming his lands; giving the poor most of the food that he managed to grow. Though Felix went on to die naturally, he was still thought of as a martyr, or 'witness' because he had suffered torture, imprisonment and privations in the persecution. Felix did not mind: he served a King who was not of this world, and he looked forward to a better future life with that King in a new heaven and a new earth.

NOTICES

Next Sunday: Parish Communion at 9.15 am

PCC Meeting: There will be a meeting of the PCC on Thursday at 6.30 pm



"We're looking for something to help us survive our church's early morning Winter services"

Contact Information

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Items for inclusion in Notice Sheet should be passed to John Davies by Friday 6.00pm. Tel: 07956 145 926

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