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January 7, 2024 **The Baptism of the Lord**

*Welcome to everyone gathered here today.
Please make yourself known to the greeters.*

Today's Readings

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29;
Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11



Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Alberton – The Rev'd Ann Bush, Rector, and Gordon
Christ Church, Cherry Valley

~The Rev'd John Ferguson, Priest-in-Charge, and Rev. Carolyn Tomlin

Provincial Prayer Care

Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon

~ Archbishop Lynne McNaughton and the Provincial Council

Council of the North

Diocese of Brandon – Rt. Rev. William Cliff

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. Peter's, Foxley River

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

January 14 – 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany (green)

Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17;

1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Readers: Jim E, Sandra H; Hilda J, Tim O; Martyn C, Barb C

Prayers of the People: Sandra H, Amy M, Savannah M

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Mark's

11 am – St. Thomas'

11 am – St. Stephen's

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- **Clinton View Lodge Service** - Wednesday, January 10th, 10:30 am.

All are welcome and appreciated!

- **Rectory Committee Meeting** (tentative)- 7 pm, Thurs., January 11th.

- **Bible Study** resumes Wednesday, January 17th at 9:30, at the Rectory and online. Please call the office and leave an email address if you would like to be added to the list to have readings and the Zoom invite.

- **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ecumenical Service** will be held on January 21st at 10:30 a.m. at Kensington United Church, with a storm date for the following Sunday. This will replace our regular Sunday Worship Services on January 21st. This year it is the Anglicans turn to preach!

- **Deadlines for Annual Reports** and actual **Annual Meetings** are fast approaching. Annual Reports for St. Thomas' are due by January 17th and for the other churches by January 24th. Using last year's schedule as a guide, Annual Meetings are as follows (all at 7 p.m.):

- St. Thomas' – Monday, January 29 (alt. Mon., Feb. 5)

- St. Stephen's – Thursday, February 8 (alt. Thurs., Feb.15)

- St. Mark's – Monday, February 12 (alt. Mon., Feb. 19)

- St. Elizabeth's – Tuesday, February 20 (alt. Thurs., Feb. 22)

- Parish – Tuesday, February 27 (alt. Thurs., Feb. 29)

**St. Thomas' APP**, Anglican Powering Potential (new name – formally ACW Anglican Church Women) will be cleaning the church hall on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024, 9:00-9:30 am. If you could help us, we would appreciate it.

**St. Thomas' APP**, Anglican Powering Potential (formally ACW Anglican Church Women) will be meeting on Tuesday, January 16, at 10:00 a.m. in the church hall for our Annual Meeting. If anyone would like to attend for the social part you are welcome. We do a collection at our meetings, but there is no membership fee to attend any of our meetings or functions. All people within the Anglican Church are members. Any questions, please contact Doreen Cole at 902-886-2207.

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**COLLECT** (p 348)

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit,  
keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,  
faithful to their calling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS** (p 348)

God of life and freedom,  
we celebrate the revelation of Jesus  
as the Christ who makes all creation new.  
Accept all we offer you this day  
and make us new in him,  
who is Lord forever and ever.

**A READING FROM GENESIS 1:1-5**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning— the first day.

**A READING FROM ACTS 19:1-7**

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”

They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John’s baptism,” they replied.

Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 1:4-11**

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”