

Church Services and Opening Times

We have reviewed the current arrangements for holding services and opening the church for private prayer in the light of the new lockdown restrictions.

The restrictions continue to allow communal worship and opening for private prayer. We think it a good thing to maintain continuity of worship and prayer in the church even with small numbers, but particular caution is clearly desirable at the present time.

Until further notice, therefore, there will continue to be a live service each **Sunday at 9.45 a.m.**, but we encourage everyone to err on the side of caution, and to access the on-line service instead if they are vulnerable or at all concerned.

On-line services every Sunday will continue, as will the mid-week Zoom Evening Prayer or Compline at 7.30 p.m. every Wednesday. To ensure an extended interval between times of opening, the church will no longer be open for private prayer on Saturdays, but only on Sundays until 4 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

*If you wish to view the **Virtual Church Services** or wish to know more about our parish and our various activities, then please visit our Website at:*
www.stmaryshoughtonwyton.org.uk



**St. Mary the Virgin
Houghton with Wyton
Church**

The First Sunday of Epiphany THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST Sunday 10th January 2021



Readings:

1st reading: **Genesis 1:1-5**

Gospel: **Mark 1:4-11**

Hymns (*Complete Anglican*)

739 When morning gilds the skies

117 Come, Holy Ghost

476 O breath of life

419 Shine Jesus Shine

A prayer for the world

God of love and hope, you made the world and care for all creation, but the world feels strange right now. The news is full of stories about Coronavirus. Some people are worried that they might get ill. Others are anxious for their family and friends. Be with them and help them to find peace. We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists, and all who are working to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill. Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us. Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe. **Amen.**

1st reading: Genesis 1:1-5
Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

The Baptism of Jesus

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

Collects for

1 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. **Amen.**

2 The Baptism of Christ

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

ZOOM Meetings

- 1. Evensong on Wed Evenings at 7.30pm**
- 2. After church Coffee & Chat on Sundays at 11:00am**

Anyone wanting to join should request the info required from **Guy Morton** on **01480 494641**

Should anyone need assistance of any kind, i.e. shopping, medicines etc. please contact: **Lane Thompson** at the **Timebank**
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