

Epiphany - Candlemas

6th January	The Epiphany	
9.30am:	Holy Communion (hymns)	St Mary's
11.00am:	Morning Worship (hymns)	St Faith's
13th January	Baptism of Christ	
9.30am:	Morning Worship	St Mary's
11.00am:	Holy Communion (said)	St Faith's
20th January	Third Sunday of Epiphany	
9.30am:	Holy Communion (said)	St Mary's
11.00am:	Morning Worship (hymns)	St Faith's
21st January	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins	
21st - Noon:	<i>Prayer and Lunch @ Daventry Methodist's</i>	
22nd - Noon:	<i>Prayer and Lunch @ Holy Cross, Daventry</i>	
24th - Noon:	<i>Prayer and Lunch @ URC Daventry</i>	
25th - Noon:	<i>Prayer and Lunch @ St Augustine's, Daventry</i>	
27th January	Fourth Sunday of Epiphany	
9.30am:	Morning Worship	St Mary's
11.00am:	Holy Communion (sung)	St Faith's
6.30pm:	Unity Service @ Holy Cross, Daventry	
3rd February	The Presentation - Candlemas	
9.30am:	Holy Communion (hymns)	St Mary's
11.00am:	Morning Worship (hymns)	St Faith's

The Benefice of St Mary's & St Faith's is part of the Daventry Team Ministry

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St Mary's + St Faith's

Benefice Newsletter

During Epiphany a reading in Church invite us to take a leap: from Bethlehem to the Jordan; from the stable to the river; from infancy to adulthood. From Jesus' birth to his Baptism. He's now about 30 years of age. Some time has passed.

It is amazing to watch a person develop - we might even say emerge. Profound changes are evident even between birth and 3 months. (Maybe the time difference between the visit of the shepherds and the visit of the wise men?) Discernible changes, week by week, as awareness and curiosity stimulate the senses with light and sound, smell, taste and touch. As the months accumulate so do the accomplishments: crawling, walking, talking; as well as significant growth and knowing, cheeky smiles. With that the socialising begins: family, friends, nursery and school. The baby has become a person, completely integrated into our life, part of who we are. Yet, who the 'mature' person will be, usually still alludes us.

My Mother-in-Law used to say of my children, 'I just want to live long enough to see what they're going

to be when they grow up'. We have a curiosity, a desire to know how someone will 'turn out'; but we're all growing, learning, changing, all the time. We're all children, and the delight of our heavenly Father.

Here we presented with the 'grown up' Jesus. This is how the lovely baby in the manger has turned out. That child, 'little, weak and helpless', so 'dear and gentle'. He's done alright, his Dad tells us so: 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased!' Whatever has happened in the intervening years, one thing is sure: Jesus has stayed on track. But now its time for action. This is when he began his ministry. A clear but understated way of announcing his intention: to be the great disruptor, with his revolutionary concept: the Kingdom of God.

Revolutionaries usually make a noise to create a stir; usually turn to force to wrest power. Usually.

Not this one. He complies; he falls in line. Just like 30 years earlier when he submitted to living a human life; to endure a human birth - to be swaddled. Here he is, going with the crowd - one among many - doing the 'group' thing. Well, for now! →

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Barby News...

From the Registers:

Funerals:

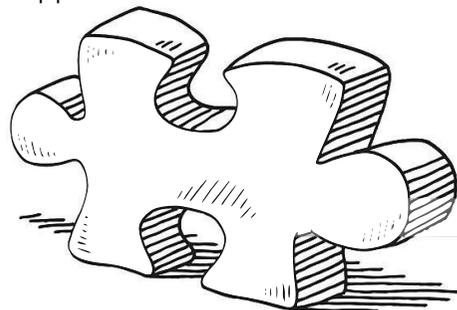
30th November

Simon LIVESEY (53)

20th December

Henry Albert FLAVEL (96)

Barby Church Trust The December Taps and Toilets draw took place at the Breakfast Cafe. Jeannette Massie (No.1) won £180, and Gill Leppard (No.55) won £80.



Jigsaw Challenge

Saturday 2nd February
'compete to complete'

Tackle a 500 piece jigsaw in a Team of 4 (including children over 10).

Prizes for the winning team the the runners up.

Refreshments available.

Tickets £10 per team available from Jan Middleton (01788 891968). All in aid of St Mary's Church Trust.

Soup and a Roll

St Mary's Church will be open on **Saturday 2nd February** 12 noon to 2pm. Homemade soup and a roll, homemade desserts and cream, tea or coffee will be available for £4.50. Games and activities for children.



All proceeds to St Mary's Church.

→ And perhaps that's it. That's what he's been doing for 30 years: immersing himself, as a human, in being human, in all things human; gaining a deep personal experience of life 'in earth'. Asking the questions: 'How does this happen?' 'How does this work?' 'How do I react?' 'How do I feel?' 'What's it like?' These are the immersive questions. The questions that take us down into the dark depths before we emerge renewed, reborn. The questions we can only really know the answer to by getting alongside the other; by experiencing what they are experiencing; by celebrating →

Barby's next **Breakfast Café** is on Sunday 20th January 9.30 until 11.30 in the Village Hall.

Kilsby News...

St Faith's 100 Club - November winners: £100 (45) Mr. Longmore. £65 (16) J. Prendergast. £40 (27) J. Mieth. £40 (95) J. White. £20 (81) S. MacPhee

→ their joys, by feeling their sorrows. The Christ has not just adopted the human genome, he's entered fully into human life.

But now things will change: Jesus ministry is beginning and this event, *this Baptism*, marks that start.

There will still be the crowd - but they will be hanging on to him and his every word. He will still be getting alongside folk, but he won't be going along with them. Instead, 'follow me' he says. Leave your nets and all that's entangling you; leave your financial concerns and all that's making you insecure; leave your vanity and all that distracts you.

But first: the crowd can wait - and disciples too. For the first *action* of Jesus is prayer. This disruptor chooses solitude, he quietly withdraws - to the desert - to wilderness. This revolutionary is patient - *he has all the time in the world* - and he knows us; me and you, and all those we discount as being part of 'us'. And he loves us all with the heart of the Father... and he's ready to Baptise us with fire.

- Rev Nigel Fry

Items for the February Newsletter should be sent to Ann Maiden, 6 Castle Mound, Barby, or to maidenann@aol.com by the 22nd January. *Thank you.*

URC Café

Everyone welcome



9am-12noon
Mondays
and Thursdays

Come and play...



...on Wednesdays at
1.30pm at Kilsby...



And at Kilsby
United Reformed
Church...

Services at 11am:

6th January

Rev. Elizabeth Kemp

13th January

Mrs. Dorn Margetts

20th January

Mr. Cecil Gill

27th January

Mr. Trevor Boyes

3rd February

Rev. Geoff Townsend

