



**Parish of Effingham and Fetcham**  
Our Lady of Sorrows and Church of the Holy Spirit

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*A Very Warm Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors*

**Baptism of the Lord**

Sundays: Cycle B    Weekdays: Year I    10 January 2021



Fr Stephen has kindly asked me to contribute to the Newsletter each week until the current rate of infection subsides as, like many, I am having to shield myself. Today we celebrate the Baptism of The Lord. We are constantly called to grow in wisdom and grace. It took Jesus thirty years to reach maturity and to acquire wisdom. It will take us a lifetime to grow, to mature, and to ripen as human beings and children of God. At Baptism we were pointed in a very specific direction. God wants us to have life, life in abundance. In Baptism we share in the life of God. In Baptism we became disciples of Jesus. We are called to fight against evil and to love one another. Jesus came to save us. He was God's servant, and God was well pleased with him

and with the mission on which he was about to embark. In this way, Jesus shows his love for us. He doesn't stand apart from us, but has placed himself beside us. He reveals to us that we are God's precious children and he desperately wants us to have life here and, most importantly, hereafter. God is with us. If we recognise the presence of God in our lives, we can all go about doing good just as Jesus did. That's what we pray for. The ultimate question for each one of us : *'Am I listening to God and am I being true to the direction in which I was pointed at Baptism.'*

May God bless you all,

*Deacon Ian*

## ***This Week***

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are keeping safe and well as we enter this third national lockdown. As the new and more infectious strain of Covid is very prevalent now, we need to take extra care to keep ourselves and each other safe. Whilst our churches remain open for Masses (most of the time—see below) that doesn't mean you have to attend! It is important for each of us to take a responsible decision as to whether or not we come, guided by government advice, scientific evidence and prayer.

A number of our wonderful stewards have decided that they need to step down for a while (and I fully support their choice). As a result, we need to reduce the number of weekday Masses which are open for people to attend. Mass will be live-streamed on the other days. Fortunately, at present we can continue all of our weekend Masses. The resulting schedule will be:

Sat 6.00 pm (OLOS) Attendance + live-stream  
Sun 9.00 am (OLOS) Attendance + live-stream  
Sun 11.00 am (HS) Attendance

**Mon 12.00 noon - LIVE-STREAM ONLY**

Tues 9.15 am (OLOS) Attendance + live-stream

Wed 9.15 am (HS) Attendance

**Thu 9.15 am - LIVE-STREAM ONLY**

**Fri 6.00 pm - LIVE-STREAM ONLY**

Sat 10.00 am (OLOS) Attendance + live-stream

**Please remember:**

- Hands – Face – Space
- Sunday Mass obligation is still suspended
- Please avoid social mixing outside your household/bubble before and after Mass
- Please take special care of distancing (a) as you enter and leave, (b) when you come forward for Holy Communion

I will continue to hear **Confessions** on Saturdays: 11.00-11.45 am at HS, and 5.00-5.30 pm at OLOS. As throughout the pandemic, please wait—socially distanced—in the porch or outside the church. That way we can use the whole church as a large confessional, maintaining both social distancing and confidentiality. If you prefer, you can also phone me to request Confession by appointment.

God bless,  
Fr Stephen

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Daphne McLeod** and **Mary Halfacre**, who died recently and remember their family and friends at this time too.

**Second Collection THIS WEEKEND** for the “White Flower” appeal on behalf of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. This collection is not available for Gift Aid through the Parish. Donations can also be made online at [www.spuc.org.uk/donate](http://www.spuc.org.uk/donate)

### ***First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation***

Children aged seven or over on Sep 2020 (school year 3 or above) can apply. Application forms are available at the back of the churches and on our website under the “Younger Members” tab. Please return the completed form along with your child's baptismal certificate to Fr Stephen or Deacon Ian.

### ***General***

**Food donations** for those needing support can be left at the back of the churches, for onward distribution. Many thanks.

## Scones of Praise: Sunday 17 Jan, 4pm

Our first Ecumenical Service for Effingham & Little Bookham this year will be on Sunday 17th



January at 4pm and will take the form of "Scones of Praise" in which members of the Anglican, Methodist and our own church will select hymns and lead a prayer of intercession.

It will be a Zoom Service which can be viewed with a computer or listened to by phone as follows (please provide your own scones!).

### To join via a computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9500534101?pwd=ZUQyMm5FcU5FQWVibExDRERTOWtxZz09>

Meeting ID: 950 053 4101

Password: 695933

### To join using your phone:

Ring: 0203 481 5240.

You will be asked for the Conference ID, which is **950 053 4101**, then press #.

Then, **after the next instruction**, press # again.

## Justice and Peace Assembly Webinar - 16 Jan 2021, 10 am to 12.30 pm.

How should we respond to the current food poverty crisis? The number of people experiencing food insecurity has increased dramatically during the Covid-19 crisis, with families across our Diocese under increasing pressure. Trussell Trust food banks distributed more than 1.2 million emergency food parcels to people in the UK between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> September this year, with 2,003 food parcels given to children. Join our free Justice and Peace Webinar and find out what our parishes can do to help. To book your free place and receive the zoom link contact: Rosie Read [rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk). To find out more visit <https://abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/news>

## Coming Soon

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25 Jan)

This year, the Churches Together in Bookham & Fetcham initiative offers half an hour of prayer at 9.00am on each of the days below via Zoom.

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	St Nicolas
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	St Nicolas
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Eastwick Road Church
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bookham Baptist Church
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	OLOS/Church of Holy Spirit
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St Mary's, Fetcham
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bookham Baptist Church

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83427524093?pwd=MTd1Z1UwWEEvaidUVDVjRGg0bHVkZz09>

Meeting ID: 834 2752 4093

Passcode: 627332

*Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:*

Marie Bliss	Jim Morgan
Michael Boulvard	Maureen Rennison
Pauline Boulvard	Patrick Rennison
Christopher Browne	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Jeff Care	Allison Roberts
Amy Chapman	Jean Rowlandson
Maggi Cooke	Yolande Sharpe
Dorothy Dinan	Karen Silver
Maureen Donoghue	Mary Skilton
John Donovan	Jenny Smith
Mary Doran	Margaret Summers
Mary Hefford	Pat Turton
Derek Knott	Simon Turton
Tessa Knott	Andrea Vaughan
Noreen Landers	Rose Wedlake
Joanna Mills	Alf Wiggins
Janet Morgan	Chantal Witchalls

## Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday	09 Jan	6.00 pm	OLOS	Holy Souls - RIP
Sunday	10 Jan	9.00 am	OLOS	Holy Souls - RIP
Sunday	10 Jan	11.00 am	HS	People of the Parish
Monday	11 Jan	Noon	***	The Godchildren of the Donor – Wellbeing & Gift of Faith
Tuesday	12 Jan	9.15 am	OLOS	Canon Francis O’Sullivan - RIP
Wednesday	13 Jan	9.15 am	HS	Holy Souls - RIP
Thursday	14 Jan	9.15 am	***	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday	15 Jan	6.00 pm	***	Fr George Webster - RIP
Saturday	16 Jan	10.00 am	OLOS	Celebrant’s Intention
Saturday	17 Jan	6.00 pm	OLOS	Daphne McLeod - RIP
Sunday	18 Jan	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
Sunday	18 Jan	11.00 am	HS	Fr Michael Boland - RIP

**Please Note: \*\*\* indicates on Mon, Thur and Fri that Masses are live-streamed ONLY**

All Masses from OLOS are live-streamed on YouTube at “Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish” <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

### Eucharistic Adoration

There will be NO Adoration at the moment.

### Confessions

#### Saturdays

11.00-11.45 am HS, Fetcham

5.00-5.30 pm OLOS, Effingham

## Next Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Samuel 3:3-10. 19 | Psalm 39:2.4.7-10.R.vv8.9 | 1Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20 | John 1:35-42



***Please get Newsletter items to the Parish office by 10.00am Wednesday***