

## NEWSLETTER

### Gospel Reflection

Luke provides an extraordinarily detailed list of the public officials who were in office when John and Jesus began their work. The names of Pontius Pilate and of Herod the tetrarch are easily recognised here. Luke demonstrates that John the Baptist and Jesus enter into the real world of history, a world in which power and position dominate events.

John's work is to travel around the region near the Jordan river, proclaiming 'a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins'. With his baptism John challenges the people to a new start, a change of heart, and to seek the forgiveness of God. If they respond, they will be ready to welcome the Messiah.

At the end of this gospel passage the evangelist gives a lengthy quotation from the book of Isaiah, which Christians consider to have been fulfilled in the coming of the Messiah. We have come to identify the voice in the wilderness with the voice of John. The whole of creation is described as getting ready for the coming of the Lord. Finally, 'all mankind shall see the salvation of God'. Luke makes clear that the Messiah comes to offer salvation to all nations.



### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

If you wish to make preparations for your child to be Baptised you should telephone Fr Simon.

Following this there are Meetings on the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm that you will need to attend, where you will meet Mrs Gerri Doherty and Deacon Tony Ford.

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General Queries – ring the Parish Number and/or send an email to the Parish

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"United in conviction and united in love, with a common purpose and a common mind"  
Philippians 2:2

### **8th DECEMBER 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES**

Saturday 7th December	5:15pm 6:30pm	Mass Indian Curry meal
Sunday 8th December	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 9th December		<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 10th December		<b>No Mass</b>
Wednesday 11th December		<b>No Mass</b>
Thursday 12th December	7:30pm	<b>No Mass</b> Christmas Concert
Friday 13th December		<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday 14th December	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 15th December	10:00am 12:00pm	Mass (Livestreamed) Pensioners meal

If Fr Simon is unobtainable please leave a message and send an email to [stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk)

**200 CLUB DRAW**

Winner: £40 Prize  
This week – Mrs Lorraine Penketh

**WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB  
AND HELP THE PARISH?**

**Prisoner Outreach**

Do you – like me – find carrying round small coins a waste of time? The Prisoner Outreach Organisation is a Christian network of volunteers who have been voluntarily working in HM Prisons and supplies copies of the BIBLE ALIVE booklets to prisoners. Drop your loose change into the bottle on the table in the porch and help to support this good cause.

**Coffee morning**

The next coffee morning will be in January 2025, date to be confirmed.

**Christmas Concert**

Anyone allowed Christmas concert on Thursday 12th December at 7:30pm. There will be a collection for charity on the night.

**PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES**

If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function, please contact Phil Martin on 07720 807162

**Prayer for our Parish:**

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish  
and grant us a new vision of your glory,  
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word  
and a new consecration to your service,  
that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come,  
through Christ our Lord.

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St Joseph pray for us

**SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS**

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

**Gospel** Luke 3: 1-6



In the fifteenth year of the rule of Caesar Tiberius—it was while Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea; Herod, ruler of Galilee; his brother Philip, ruler of Iturea and Trachonitis; Lysanias, ruler of Abilene; during the Chief-Priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas—John, Zachariah’s son, out in the desert at the time, received a message from God. He went all through the country around the Jordan River preaching a baptism of life-change leading to forgiveness of sins, as described in the words of Isaiah the prophet:

Thunder in the desert!  
“Prepare God’s arrival!  
Make the road smooth and straight!  
Every ditch will be filled in,  
Every bump smoothed out,  
The detours straightened out,  
All the ruts paved over.  
Everyone will be there to see  
The parade of God’s salvation.”



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi

**Church chairs**

All of the chairs in the church have been repaired and covered with new material, paid for by the coffee mornings. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, it took a lot of hard work to get the new covers on the chairs.