**Collect**

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**

**First Reading** Isaiah 43.1-7

1Thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
2When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
3For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
4Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honoured, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
5Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
6I will say to the north, ‘Give them up’,  
and to the south, ‘Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth –   
7everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29**

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,   
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;   
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
 the God of glory thunders;   
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;   
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;   
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf   
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;   
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare;   
in his temple all cry, ‘Glory!’

9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;   
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

10 The Lord shall give strength to his people;   
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**Second Reading *Acts 8.14-17***

14When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. 15The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit 16(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). 17Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Luke 3.15-17,21-22*

(In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance.) 15As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

21Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Benefice Pew News

**Today, 3pm. Messy Church at the Children’s Centre, YG**

**Mon 14th Jan., 7.45pm**. Benefice Ctte meeting at St Nicholas, Potterspury. Special business to discuss apportionment of Parish Share.

**Tues 15th Jan., 2.30pm.** Meditation at Kerry End, Greys Lane, YG.

**Wed 16th Jan., 6pm.** Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Potterspury

**Thurs 17th Jan., 2.30pm onwards,** Afternoon Tea at 11 Mansell Close, Cosgrove

**Thurs 17th Jan., 6pm.** Meditation at Kerry End, Greys Lane, YG.

**Thurs 17th Jan., 9pm.** St Nics Lottery draw at The Cock. Join us from 7.30pm for a meal and chat.

**Sat 19th Jan., 10.30am-noon**. Coffee Shop at St Leonards, Yardley Gobion.

**Advanced Notice**

We are planning to run an Alpha Course beginning in February. If you are interested, or know anyone who might be, please let Revd Diane know. Alpha is a very well organised course on Christianity for those who are interested in learning more.

**Services Next Sunday 20th Jan**

9.30am Potterspury Holy Communion

9.30am Wicken Wicken Praise

11am Yardley Gobion Holy Communion

6pm Cosgrove Evensong