The baptism of Jesus is the beginning of his public ministry. He is acclaimed on earth by the prophet John and is baptised by him. He is acclaimed from heaven by the voice of the Father and the presence of the Spirit. As the people who have heard his preaching and accepted his call, who have confessed him as the Christ, and set out to follow his way, ponder on the words addressed to Jesus: ‘Thou art my beloved Son, with thee I am well pleased.’ Jesus’ baptism by John was a special moment, the real coming of God’s spirit upon him, the Spirit who had come on Mary at the moment of Jesus’ conception, and was with Jesus at his last moments on the Cross. This feast marks that something new is happening, and that Jesus knows he is the beloved son. The Spirit came upon him but not just for himself. Jesus later would send the Spirit to us, to help us to forgive and to carry on doing good. Jesus found a new spirit in himself and he heard words he would never forget. The spirit pours the energy of God into bread and wine and they are changed forever. We know that we need new infusions of the Spirit to give new energy. Are we the type of people who others think it is good to meet? Can we be people open to the spirit of God, open to new life, new love, and being fully the individuals, we can be? Today’s feast is an invitation to reflect on our own baptism. We too have been baptised with the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit that empowered Jesus to proclaim the kingdom and to endure the sufferings that lay before him. In our baptism the Spirit proclaims to each of us that we are God’s beloved and challenges us to be true to ourselves and to our God as we try to live according to the values of the kingdom that Jesus preached. The ministry of Jesus today is that which is carried out by us, the individuals that go to make up the Body of Christ, the Church. Preaching the truth, bearing witness to the Father, caring for the poor, being attentive to the Spirit, respecting the environment, seeking justice and peace, offering thanksgiving to the Father in the liturgy, these are the public works of the Son carried out by his people. Now is the time to take stock and ask ourselves are we being attentive to this public ministry with which we are charged.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols says: Church is an essential source of energy for the common good

With the announcement of a new lockdown for England to curb the rapid spread of COVID-19, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales, said: “The regular practice of our faith in God is a well-established source of both personal resilience and dedicated service to those in need. Such resilience and enduring service are vital in these difficult circumstances. “I am glad that no measures have been introduced that would obstruct or curtail this essential source of energy for the common good. Catholic parishes will continue to serve the needs of their local community. “In one parish, for example, the provision of food for the needy has increased by 400% since March last year.” The latest lockdown restrictions come into force on 5 January 2021. You can leave home to attend or visit a place of worship for communal worship, a funeral or event related to a death, a burial ground or a remembrance garden, or to attend a wedding ceremony. You should follow the guidance on the safe use of places of worship and must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble when attending a place of worship. Weddings, funerals and religious, belief-based or commemorative events linked to someone’s death are all subject to limits on the numbers that can attend, and weddings and civil ceremonies may only take place in exceptional circumstances.
CHURCH GUIDELINES

We are now in lockdown. Until further notice the Church WILL REMAIN OPEN for public worship (including Masses and Special Events) according to the Tier 4 restrictions. The Regulations do not allow any socialising and travelling unless for work or emergency reasons, or for communal worship events. The national Track & Trace system is in place, or you can use our Parish system to tell us you are coming.

THE CHURCH REMAINS OPEN FOR MASSES

- Please mind, that you must not attend with or socialise with anyone outside of your household or support bubble while you are there, unless a legal exemption applies.
- Face coverings should continue to be worn in churches. Please note, that those exempt from wearing a mask, must present a valid proof of exemption to be able to enter the church.
- Singing is still not permitted, but can be led by solo singers or a small singing group.

St Teresa’s church building has 78 allocated seats for households or individuals which gives max. 146 people capacity. St Ambrose, Wye has 20 zones available for households or individuals.

For MASS TIMES see next page.

CONFESSIONS  Monday to Saturday after the 10am Mass if there are any penitents waiting.

CHURCH BUILDING PROGRAMME UPDATE

The building work has resumed. The Church Hall roof is now removed and the church is shrink - wrapped with scaffolding fully in place. This week we should see netting going up inside the main Church. We are waiting on the final design for the truss lighting for both Church and church hall. Zinc should arrive on the 15th January but we will not remove the main church roof until supply of Zinc is assured. The zinc roof will start to be put on this week on the Church Hall and you should see the new window lights. The Church Roof will be removed by the demolition team. The end of the month we should have a cherry picker at the church and the church spire will be cleaned before the new roof is started. We are working inside budget controls. When the roof starts to be removed please wrap up warm. The noise levels will increase from traffic but it will only be for a short time.

WORLD PEACE SUNDAY the theme is ‘A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace’. The Covid-19 pandemic has certainly thrown up the question of the value we place on carers and the need to work together to support the vulnerable. Unless we put caring at the heart of our personal and community life, we won’t be able to ‘build back better’. But ‘a culture of care’ means more than that – a rejection of carelessness, callousness and violence; and a recommitment to the path of peace and reconciliation.

MASS COLLECTIONS Thank you to all who pay their collection money by Standing Order and to the many people who have recently signed up or set up a standing order, as well as those who have made their donation any other way. It is through your thoughtfulness and generosity that we will stay afloat.

OFFERINGS & COLLECTIONS The tap & pay machines may be used for contactless payments. There are two boxes attached to the walls at the back of the Church for offering envelopes and cash.

PLEASE SUPPORT US! We have launched Just Giving on our Parish website for our Roof Fund. If you are a taxpayer please Gift Aid as this will automatically increase the amount we receive: for every £1 you donate the Government adds 25p so if you give £100 it becomes £125. It is a simple process just requiring your name and address. You can then pay by bank transfer, Google pay, debit card, or Pay Pal. Thank you for supporting St Teresa’s Church in this important project.

EASY FUNDRAISING Did you know that whenever you buy anything online-from your weekly shop to your annual holiday-you could be raising free donations for St Teresa of Avila Church Roof Fund with easy fundraising. There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation-including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S-and it won’t cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds. It is so easy - just click on the easy fundraising link on our parish website and follow the instructions. Every time you shop online go to easy fundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. After you have checked out, the retailer will make a donation to St Teresa of Avila Church Ashford Roof Fund at no extra cost to you whatsoever. If you are buying gifts/presents from Amazon please use log in to EasyFundraising.org.uk and enter Amazon in the search for a retailer box. The St Teresa of Avila Ashford Roof Fund will then receive a donation of up to 1.5% of whatever you spend. Many Thanks.

BOOKING A MASS. Mass Intentions can be celebrated for deceased members of family or friends, thanksgiving, anniversaries, vocations, for the sick and any other particular need in the world. There is no fixed offering for Masses to be said. If you would like a Mass said please let the OFFICE know and now you can DONATE ONLINE. The office now offers contactless or electronic payments for Mass intentions and other transactions. Please pop in and see Louise if this is your preferred payment method. Please note that the contactless machine in the porch is purely for roof donations not for Booking Masses.

SUNDAY MISSAL We have a supply of New Sunday Missals in the Office (cost £18.99). If you would like to purchase one please see Louise in the Parish Office.

YOUTH GATHERINGS (Friday Youth meetings on Zoom). This will be every other Friday, next meeting Friday 8th January 2021 at 7.00pm email or call the Parish Office about the on-line meetings.
**MASSES AND SERVICES**

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**UPDATE:** We are finally underway with our roof replacement and extension. GPF Lewis is the principal contractor and took over the site on the 9th November. The work is due to be completed with handover on 20th July 2021. We are compiling presentations and updates via the website and in the Church. We have contracted quiet working during the week between 10-11am to allow for private prayer and our regular masses when we return. You will see scaffolding being erected and securing that the church is watertight this will be up by Christmas. Thank you for all your support you have shown.
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** THE SICK **
PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK: Kathleen Wood, Helen Smith, Philip Croft, Rosemary Sloan, Margaret Lane, William Dias, Mary Hone, Silvia Arones, Thomas Kirby, Baby Sebastian, Marta Thompson, Kathy Collar, Bernard Claw, Ann Carter, Sue Wall, Pauline Runciman, Felicity Gliddon, Liam O’Connor, David Lavelle, Sarah Weston, Mark Haberland, Jane Rutter, David Robbins, Catherine Keane, John Lydon, Fr David Peck, Sharon Mooney, Corrine Clark, Edmund Wall, John Melsom, Paula Lamplough, Tina Isacs, Ray Deverson, Bridget Day, Michelle Moore, Angela Osborne, Lynn Wheeler, Elizabeth Benson, Chrissie, Mieczyslaw Kucharski, Roger Frame, Tommy Vanlinden, Patrick Saunders, Sheila Burt, Ken Batchelor, Gillian Clark, Teresa Davies, Pat Kelly, Joyce Dennis, Maryanne Turnock., Carol Regan, Susan Bird, Barry Innes, Ted, Jean Smith., Robyn Ainsworth., Stephen Jennings, Kathy & Ron Stedman, Alison Vincent, Wojciech Niewinski.

** ANNUVERSARIES **
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF Caroline Cochrane, John Mullan, Leslie Peach, Chas hook, Dorothy Rafferty, Nicholas Esposito, Teresa Moore, Elsie Woods, Mary Williams, Josephine Gasconque, Winifred Leaver, Iskander Michael, Isaac Widat, Ernest Denny, Annie Smith, Mary Gascoigne, Alexander Bennett, Carmel Agius, Mary Howe, Licia Johnston, Sarah Steele, Mary Wood, Angelo Tomassi, Elizabeth Campbell, Ellen Truelove, George Williams, John Walker, Bridge Chapman, Bridge Goloup, Mabel King, John Mallory, Francis Woods, James O’Connor, Peter East, Michael English, Elizabeth Caira, Francis White, Sheila Hayden, Mary Felton, Gwendolene Jolliffe, Maria Haberecht, Helen Wall, Donal Campbell, Anne Horne, Nora Pinfold, John Hillheard, Alan Daly, Marguerite Trinder, Sarah Mickelborough, Alfred Lester, Harry Flavin, Mary Keating, Margaret Keating, Thomas Kelly, Robert and Mary Campbell, Michael Scanlan, Peter Kilroe, Dorothy De Banks, Liam Curtis, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:
KATHLEEN CHARLES (Church Service and Burial at Bybrook Cemetery on Tuesday 12th January)
TONY HAGAN
NORA HOLLANDS

** LAST SUNDAY’S OFFERTORY: £1,225.02 (INCLUDING STANDING ORDERS)**
SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER: £1,091.84
CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO PRIESTS: £4,065.00
SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER: £1,340.85

We are very grateful for all your support, especially throughout the time of pandemic.

** ALL COUNTERS: ROTA SUSPENDED **
PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00am to 2.00pm

SUNDAY READINGS
10th January 2021: The Baptism of The Lord (B)
Isaiah 55: 1-11; Psalm Isaiah 12; 1 John 5: 1-9; Mark 1:7-11.

17th January 2021: Second Sunday Ord. Time (B) Peace Sunday
1 Samuel 3:3-10,19; Psalm 39(40); 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20; John 1: 35-42.

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