**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.**

**Acts 8.14-17**

14 Now when 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.

**Luke 3.15-17, 21-22**

15 As 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.’

21 Now 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.’

**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord of all time and eternity,

you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father

in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:

by the power of your Spirit

complete the heavenly work of our rebirth

through the waters of the new creation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**NOTICES:**

At the end of the service please take this sheet home with you. If you could put your hymnbook on the shelf by the door please and the service book in the box.

For events, contact details and notices please see the January newsletter or magazine.

To enable us to make pastoral visits in as safe a manner as possible please contact the Vicar if you would like a visit.

**Present Aid at St Mary’s**

Thank you to those who supported this as we raised £174. A list of items we have been able to send will be available once we can make the necessary arrangements.

**Confirmation Service**

We are pleased that Bishop Mark will be with us on 30th January for our Confirmation Service. If you would like to know about Confirmation please speak to the Vicar in good time beforehand.

**Forthcoming Services (subject to any changes in Covid rules that may be announced)**

9 January Baptism of Christ

9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary’s

11.00am Holy Communion at St Peter’s

16 January Plough Sunday / Epiphany 2

9.30am Plough Sunday at St Mary’s

11.00am Plough Sunday at St Peter’s

23 January Epiphany 3

9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary’s

11.00am Morning Prayer & Baptism at St Peter’s

30 January Epiphany 4

10.30am Benefice Confirmation at St Mary’s with Bishop Mark, the Bishop of

 Chester

**PCC Meetings**

St Mary’s PCC meets in the Mews on Tuesday 11th January at 7.30pm

St Peter’s PCC meets in the Red Lion on Monday 17th January at 7.30pm.

NB This sheet was prepared before the Vicar’s Christmas break so if Covid rules change some things listed may need to be revised.

**This week**

Wednesday 9.00am Men’s breakfast at Tarporley Garden Centre

Wednesday 4.00pm St Mary’s Fabric & Churchyard Committee meeting

Saturday 10.00am Baptism Preparation in the Mews