

Lord of hope, you see all this and you weep. Yet, you also whisper a new way of living: the bruised and broken are tended to, justice is proclaimed, the sick are healed and the captives freed. Lord, you came to set us free. Help us to walk in that way of freedom, following your lead and bringing your justice and love to everyone we meet.

Lord of hope, we focus now on signs of hope within our community. We thank you for places of nurture and education, for our health services and places of recreation. We think of a particular part of our community that needs new life and hope and we wonder: Are you calling us to be the answer to our prayers? Take us out from here to be your servants, sowing seeds of hope into every place we go this week

Lord of hope, we pray for our nation. We pray for those in government, that they may be people of integrity, honesty and peace. We thank you that you came in humility to be our King. May our earthly leaders follow your way of justice and love. We bring to mind a particular area of need in our country right now: give our leaders the courage and diligence to make change happen to the benefit of those who have little chance of making changes for themselves.

Lord of hope, at your baptism your Father declared his love and delight in you. We pray for our families now. We thank you for those who bring us joy and name them out loud or in our hearts. We pray for those family members who are causing us concern at the moment, through illness or trouble of some sort. Lord, enable us to be bringers of hope to them. Lord, we remember those who have died, Brian Conley, Clive Stokes, Yolande Feldmann– Brookes.

We pray for those from whom we might be estranged. Lord, bring hope into our distance and bring us closer. We pray for those who have no family and long to be close to others. Give us eyes to see where there is need and to bring hope and friendship into their loneliness. And we remember those for whom family life is painful and scary. Lord, speak hope into their situations and bring them to places of safety.

Lord of hope, send us out into a new week refreshed by having spent time worshipping you, renewed in our zeal to bring your kingdom into every situation, startled by the joy that we glimpse unexpectedly and ready to serve you in the good times and the hard. Fill us with the hope that does not disappoint as we welcome you daily into our hearts.

Amen.

## Weekly Notices

*Rector: Rev. Canon Jonathan Gordon 01442 871547*

*Priest: Rev. Michael Eggleton 01442 823273*

*Readers: Peggy Sear and David White*

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Services for January 11th  
**Baptism of Christ**  
**8am** Holy Communion BCP

**10am** Parish Eucharist  
Hymns 394, 53, 296, 71

### Readings

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Acts 10: 34-43

Matthew 3; 13—end

**4pm** Evening Prayer

Psalms 46 and 47

Joshua 3: 1-8, 14-end

Hebrews 1; 1-12

Services for January 18th  
**2nd Sunday of Epiphany**  
**8am** Holy Communion BCP

**10 00am** Parish Eucharist  
242, 174, 405, 408

### Readings:

Isaiah 49: 1-7

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

John 1: 29-42

**4pm** Evening Prayer

Psalms 96

Ezekiel 2: 1-3.4

Galatians 1: 11-end

### Prayer for today

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.

### Prayer for Peace

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

### **St. Barts Book Swap and Library**

IS OPEN for swapping books. Please feel free to borrow books from the library or bring books in for others to share.

### **Weekly Updates to the Notices**

The Notices are printed out every Friday. If there is anything that you would like added to these notices, please get in touch either by email; revmike1@outlook.com or phone 07585600408

### **Church Room bookings**

If you would like to book the church room, please get in touch 07585600408

### **Need a plumber?**

Give Mel Price a ring 07789324922

### **Need a Window Cleaner?**

Give Scott a ring on 07875534780

### **Zoom course on Martin Luther King Jnr**

Rev Jonathan is taking a five week course on Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Civil Rights Movement on Zoom on behalf of Adult Learning at St Albans Cathedral. It starts on Wednesday February 25th at 7.30pm.

If you are interested the link to book is [www.stalbanscathedral.org/Event/redeeming-the-soul-of-america](http://www.stalbanscathedral.org/Event/redeeming-the-soul-of-america)

And that if anyone wants to sign up for the course there is a discount code for congregations.

### **Pictures or news clippings of Wigginton in the past**

If you have any pictures or cuttings you would like to send in to the Parish Newsletter that goes out to around 200 people, so that all our readers can see and perhaps reminisce too, please send them by email to

**QUIZ**

**Wigginton Parish Quiz**  
at the Village Hall

**QUIZ** Saturday 31st January 2026

7pm start. Teams max 6 people

£10 / head. Includes nibbles. Cash Bar

*Raising funds for*

The Hospice of St. Francis &  
St. Bartholomew's new porch

**QUIZ**

Tickets 07905 282341

### **Prayers**

Lord of hope, we come with our joys and sorrows, our testing moments and touching moments. As we reflect on the week that's just passed, fix our thoughts on where we saw glimpses of hope. As we focus on those images, help us to see where you were at work. We thank you for good news this week, particularly remembering...

Lord of hope, sometimes our world feels hope-less. We hear of wars and rumours of wars, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East. Our world seems a place of confusion and unrest, especially in Venezuela and other parts of the western hemisphere. Leaders seem to grasp their power tightly and neglect justice; their words seem to be either black or white, love or hate; there seems to be no desire to compromise or understand each other.