



**BROMLEY AND  
SHEPPARD'S COLLEGES  
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**BAPTISM OF CHRIST**



**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

In the dark times  
Will there also be singing?  
Yes, there will also be singing.  
About the dark times.

*Bertolt Brecht*

## Weekly diary

When	Service	President /Leader	Reader	Intercessor
<b>Sun 10 Jan</b>	10am	Valerie Pearce	Roy Nicholson	Brandy Pearson

*We receive Communion in ONE KIND distributed by the President.  
Masks should be worn in the public areas. There are new protocols for Presidents which will be with the Sacraments.  
We hold each other in our prayers: worshipping online, in person or quietly alone.*



## CANDLEMAS **Tues 2 Feb – 10am**

Officially the end of Christmas: the lights will stay up in the Quads to brighten the winter nights, but the tree will come down!

## Chaplain's notes

### Trustee changes

Richard Collins has taken over the chair of the Board of Trustees.



John Thorogood has stepped down as chairman but is still on the Board.

Bob Jones has resigned as Collegian Trustee which leaves a vacancy for a clerical appointment. We thank him for his services on the Board. A Skills Audit will be undertaken for all Board members to ascertain any gaps we have and focus on filling them.

### Maintenance plan

The inspections due to start on 18 January will concentrate on outdoor areas and those not used by collegians. Once everyone is vaccinated, we will carry on with the flats.

### Poetry Machine

There will be a workshop on Tuesday 19 January at 11.30am on ZOOM. There are 6 of us in the group: Roy, Rob and Brandy, John, Valerie and me, and room for 1 more.



We will be involved in a creative conversation hosted by poet Beth Calverley inviting us to share thoughts, feelings and memories of Bromley and hopes for its future. The conversations will be transformed into poetry which will be incorporated into the public sculptures that are coming to Bromley High Street as part of the Regeneration project.



## **Worship**

I feel deeply in my spirit that we should carry on with our worship for as long as we can. With the churches closed, I believe we carry a burden for our community. Yes, there are services online and other provision, but the incarnate sharing of the body and blood is a direct command for Christians. We need to be super careful and behave as if we have the virus, but let's keep going. If you cannot be involved that is fine, but I know that you are indirectly blessed by this act of worship. Forgive me if the language is not yours, but I hope the sentiment resonates.

*Be blessed, be kind, be safe! Chaplain*

## 64 Million Artists' January Challenge

On New Year's Eve, Rob and I were not looking forward to January. What could we do that might be fun? A few days later, we had been returned to lockdown. However, by then we had found 64 Million Artists' January Challenge,

Everyday we receive an email with a creative challenge – nothing that might take too long, and using things that could be found in the home and every day has provided some fun.

This morning's challenge was to create a rainbow with everyday things. I made one out of scarves (I have many scarves!).



Rob's was made of coloured paperclips and one orange drawing pin! Many of us photograph them and share them on Facebook and Instagram, so we can see other people's challenges. One primary school teacher, who was alone in her classroom because of the lockdown, made her rainbow of things around her classroom.



Someone made a rainbow of food – her lunchtime salad. So far, our best response has been to Rob's picture for "Wear your happy" – Rob in his Moroccan djellaba and wearing his Christmas woolly hat. So far his picture has 65 "likes" on Facebook.

For any of you online, we would both thoroughly recommend looking up “64 Million Artists” and signing up for the January Challenge.

<https://64millionartists.com/our-work/the-january-challenge>

If you are not, ten minutes of creativity every day is not only enjoyable, but a way to exercise brains and ingenuity. Have a go at something a little different! It is not about being arty or crafty, and certainly not about being skilled in any way – but it is fun, and we certainly recommend it as a positive way to spend time during a cold lockdown month.

*Brandy & Rob Pearson*



## Epiphany

Some call them the wise men from the east,  
Travelling on camels if you please  
They could be Kings from afar,  
On the journey, following a star

They learnt about a special child  
That would grow from a baby mild  
Into a spirit strong God Man  
Bridging the divide of King David's Clan

Thus they are led to stable door  
With cattle, and a crib lies the baby in straw  
They bring lovely presents  
at first it does not make sense

To give a baby gold  
Perhaps as savings when he grows old  
To give a baby Frankincense,  
Perhaps a lovely smell presents

To give a baby Myrrh,  
Now that may cause a stir  
Along the way the bad King Herod  
Pretends that he is not at odds

With the baby they seek out  
Promising them he will provide much clout  
When they inform him of the stars position  
Wise men indeed do not believe Herod's disposition

Thus they present their gifts to the child  
Lying in the manger meek and mild  
Promising not to inform the bad king  
While Angels protect them on wings

As they depart the manger place  
Thankful, filled with God's grace  
Their main aim, Immersed in this tale  
Was to follow the star from very, very far  
Of a baby born meanwhile  
Whose life to be was complete without guile

*Robbie Dennis*

## Covid lockdown

The main advice is “stay at home” except for essential shopping and exercise.

Please also be careful with home deliveries – if possible, quarantine parcels for 48 hours or sanitise – there have been cases of people catching the virus from parcels. **WASH YOUR HANDS!**

Jane and Paul say that if you are exercising on the Woodland Walk you have right of way over them – please continue and they will get out of your way!

HANDS	Wash hands regularly and for 20 seconds.
FACE	Face covering inside with people you do not know
SPACE	Generally 2m or 1 m with face-covering and ventilation

## Vehicular access BR1 1PG

Vehicular access postcode for guests and delivery people.



So that was what was  
hiding under the ivy!  
Not Paul the Path!!



# Baptism of Christ

## 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**

## Scripture

### Genesis 1:1-5

### Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptised?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptised with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

## Psalm 29

### Mark 1:4-11

John the baptiser appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 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**

## Prayer list

<b>Anglican Cycle</b>	The Baptism of Christ The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
<b>Rochester cycle</b>	Tonbridge Archdeaconry The Venerable Julie Conalty, Archdeacon
<b>College</b>	Valerie Pearce and Aidan Harker
<b>Community</b>	The Bible Society and Mission to Seafarers
<b>Collegians who have moved away</b>	David and Diane Cossar, Frank and Yvonne Gough, Charles Potter, Mary Roberts, Pam Dawson, John and Joyce Ilson, Mary Watts, Ken Hewitt and Sarah Grove
<b>Those who are sick or have asked us to pray</b>	Jenny Balmer, Joyce Brooks, Maureen Cooper, June Dakin, Rachel Easley, Ron Emmett, Charlotte Gould, Richard Hanforth, John Harris, Cecil Heatley, Geoffrey Howard, Stuart Leck, Margaret Mankey, Nigel McDougall, Eron and David and Leah Murphy, Aaron Roddan, Vic Shaw, Anne Townsend, Jo Walton, Liz Whiting, Julian White
<b>Years Mind Anniversary</b>	Muriel Bull, James George Brooks Ashworth, Alice Elizabeth Miles, Irene Kenshole, Alice Trewick Turnbull
<b>Those who have died</b>	Betty Berwick

*Please ask for copy of complete prayer booklet. Please let Jo or the Chaplain know when to take someone off the prayer list.*