

Due to the latest national lockdown, the church *building* is not open, however, the 'church' is!

Information of what is happening can be found on:

- our website <http://www.cogsbg.org.uk/>
- our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/COGSBG/>
- our 'Church Near You' page: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16920/>

We send out regular emails with church news. If you would like to receive these the please get in touch. Please pass this sheet on to someone you know who may not have received it.

If you, or someone you know, needs help during this current lockdown then please get in touch.

Remember to stay safe.

God bless

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# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD BOROUGH GREEN

1906—2021



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## Baptism of Christ— 10th January 2021

Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd

Morning Worship - 10th January at 10:00am online

**The church building is currently not open for worship so we will be gathering together on Zoom**

See our Church Near You page for details

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16920/> .

### The 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

### Prayer after communion

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

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Text COGSGIVING 5 to 70085 to donate £5

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### IN OUR PRAYERS *Please remember those who are ill or in special need at this time:*

Judi Couldrey, Pat Head, Victoria Sharp, Jackie Billitch, Shirley Bowman, Celia Smith, Alan Soames, Phyllis Hodge, Gillian Aitkenhead, Barry Corbishley, Gill Russell, Pam Jones, Gary Sullivan, Brenda Hewson, Linda Valance

**RIP:** Michael Martin, Grant Howie, Irene Cant

## FIRST READING

### Genesis 1.1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

### Psalm 29

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

## SECOND READING

### 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 baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized 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

baptized 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.

## GOSPEL READING

### Mark 1.4-11

John the baptizer 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 baptized 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 baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized 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.'

