

'A vibrant worshipping church, learning and growing together, welcoming all, sharing God's love whilst serving our community'

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**Sunday 12 January 2020**  
**First Sunday of Epiphany**

"Serve wholeheartedly as if you were serving the Lord" Ephesians 6:7

## PARISH PRAYERS

**We pray for the sick and distressed** mentioned in our prayer book, especially Neil Britten and Helen Stringfellow. We pray for all whose year's mind anniversary occurs around this time.

## NOTICES



**Pickled Goose**  
 807 Garstang Road  
 Barton, Preston  
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You are all welcome to join the **Parish Lunch** at the Pickled Goose on 26 January at 12.45pm. Interested? Please contact Eilwen on 07840 855497 or Marion on 07764 208298 to reserve your seat!

Coming soon to Blackburn Cathedral **'The Mark Drama'** – see over for more details!



### The Baptism of Christ Today's Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17

And behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

**Next Week: John 1.29-42**

### THIS WEEK (12 January 2020)

Reader: A Mooney  
           Isaiah 42.1-9  
           Acts 10.34-43  
 Intercessor: C Hull  
 Sidespersons: C Taggart, C Wilkinson  
 PCC Duty: A Mooney, C Wilkinson  
 Flowers: P Eccles, B Trigg  
 Coffee: M Binless  
 Sacristan: E Smith

## WHAT'S ON

The indoor **Bowling Group** meets on Thursday afternoons 2.00pm til 4.00pm in the Parish Centre main hall.

**Share IT** would like donations of long-life milk, instant custard, cooking oil, men's disposable razors, small cartons of juice and sachets of drinking chocolate/ coffee. Our next food parcels are for Easter and we are collecting bottles of squash for this.

### Services this week:

Sunday 10.00am: Family Eucharist  
 Tuesday 8.30am Morning Prayer  
 Wednesday 10.30am: Eucharist (Traditional)  
 Thursday 8.30am Morning Prayer  
 Friday 10.00am: Holy Communion (common worship)

### NEXT WEEK (19 January 2020)

Reader: A Lonsdale  
           Isaiah 49.1-7  
           1 Corinthians 1.1-9  
 Intercessor: A M Robinson  
 Sidespersons: D Harris, A Gibb  
 PCC Duty: J Patten, A Gibb  
 Flowers: P Eccles, B Trigg  
 Coffee: C Wilkinson, B Trigg  
 Sacristan: E Smith

# Bishops take to the stage for 'The Mark Drama'!

Advance notice that the Diocese will be bringing two performances of 'The Mark Drama' to life in February / March 2020.

Staged at Blackburn Cathedral on **Saturday February 29 and Sunday March 1**, all three of our Bishops will be in the cast along with some other members of the Bishop's Leadership Team – collectively creating an amazing and impactful dramatisation of Mark's Gospel. Tickets are available to purchase on Eventbrite via these links : [Saturday performance](#) and [Sunday performance](#).

Please note the performance is not suitable for children aged 8 and under. Cost is £7.50 per head, please speak to Rie if you fancy going, we can arrange lifts to the cathedral.

## What is The Mark Drama?

In 90 minutes, it's an innovative way of experiencing the Gospel of Mark and communicating it to others, performed as theatre-in-the-round.

It is an amazing experience for Christians, reminding them of the work of Jesus, and it's also great for anyone investigating the Christian faith.

