

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Rev Eugene's New Year message

Dear Friends,

As we stand at the beginning of another year, I am filled with gratitude for the journey we have travelled together as a church family. Each of you brings unique gifts, warmth, and faith to our community, and for that, I thank God daily.

The turn of the year invites us to reflect on the blessings and challenges of the past twelve months and to look ahead with hope and expectation. Whatever joys and sorrows you have known this year, remember that you have never walked alone. God's love has been with us every step of the way.

In the coming year, let us continue to support one another with kindness and compassion. May we deepen our faith, serve our neighbours, and build bridges where there may be divides. Let us also be mindful of the needs beyond our walls, reaching out with open hands and open hearts to those around us.

As we celebrate the promise of new beginnings, I pray that God will grant you peace, courage, and joy. May His light guide your path and His grace sustain you in all things.

With every blessing for a peaceful and hope-filled New Year,

Revd Eugene

Social Events

Thank you to all who attended our Christmas Cheers event just before Christmas. It was wonderful to be joined by 86 of you to enjoy the festive food and games.

Next event for your diary:



Hundred Club

The winners for the December draw are

Tracey Nicholls—first

Janice Bolton—second

New Testament Reading

Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3: 13-end

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'



Coffee will be served in church between the 9.30 and 11.00 services this morning.

Foodbank needs

Thank you to everyone who regularly supports the local foodbank. At the moment the Foodbank especially needs the following items:

Cereal (not porridge)	Coffee
Tinned fruit	Jam
Fruit Juice	Tinned meat 350g (not pies)
Dried Milk	Milk UHT, Long Life (not plant milk)
Pasta sauce	Tinned potatoes
Tea bags 40s and 80s	Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Vegetables	Carrier bags/Bags for Life

Please note that we are unable to take out-of-date food.



Daily Bible Reading booklets

If you want to start the new year with a resolution of reading your bible every day then daily notes may help you. We have the free November 25 - January 26 UCB 'Word for Today' daily bible reading booklets at the back of St Georges. The Bible Reading Fellowship daily reading booklets can be ordered, at a small cost, through Martin and Christine Walker (martinwalker1951@gmail.com).