

Living with Covid 19

Prayer requests and candles

Please phone Mark, or email or text prayer requests to pray@mailmark.co.uk or 07474 830229.

Light a virtual candle www.churchofengland.org/life-events/funerals/light-candle or www.redemptorists.net/light-a-candle-online/

Pastoral care

If you know anyone who needs pastoral care, please let me know. I'm always happy to talk, or listen.

Alston Moor Support Phone Number

For support with shopping, prescriptions and other NON medical help, phone **01434 647247**



Practical support

For support, advice, to get supplies or prescriptions delivered etc, see www.alstonmoorhealth.org
N.B. the Alston Essentials Van is no longer running (but do contact us if you still need deliveries).

Alston Moor Food Bank

For the **Alston Moor Food Bank** phone 07890 345901 or email alstonfoodbank@gmail.com

Financial help

The Alston United Charities exists to help residents of Alston, Garrigill and Nenthead. Help may also be available for those in Knarsdale and Kirkhaugh from the John Stephenson trusts. Contact Mark, or email charities@alstonmoorcofe.org.uk for details.



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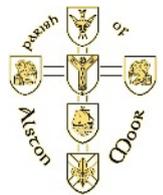
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Parish of Alston Moor

Sunday, 10th January:
Baptism of Christ (Epiphany 1)



Notices for this week

This week's readings

Genesis 1.1-5

In the Old Testament, water is commonly a symbol of disorder, chaos and danger. Out of it, God brings order and, ultimately, life. So the creation story opens our minds to the truth of baptism, when, through Christ, we start on the way of assured 'new creation'.

Acts 19.1-7

Some years into the Christian mission, Paul comes across followers of the long-dead John the Baptist. Paul enables them to complete what John had begun, as they receive baptism in Jesus' name.

Mark 1.4-11

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' baptism opens the story and strikes us with force. This act of God unites heaven and earth. Salvation is under way, and Jesus is its accredited agent. The drama has begun.

Thoughts for prayer & reflection

- ✘ Can we absorb the depth of the symbolism of water, focused here on Jesus but with meaning for all creation?
- ✘ We pray for the many for whom water is a scarce luxury. Is not baptism also a privilege to recall with gratitude?
- ✘ Give thanks to God for Jesus as the chosen one who brings God to us and us to God.

Collect for this week

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.

Next week's readings

1 Samuel 3.1–20; Revelation 5.1–10; John 1.43–51

Find this notice sheet each week at

www.alstonmoorcofe.org.uk/whatson

or see the Parish Calendar at

www.alstonmoorcofe.org.uk/calendar

www.facebook.com/alstonmoorchurches



Calendar for this week

Despite Covid-19, the Church is alive and well: finding new ways to worship, pray and serve the community.

This week we will be meeting, live or online using Zoom (<https://zoom.us>) as follows:

Password is always 111 - if it doesn't work, keep trying!

Sunday 10th January - Baptism of Christ

11.00 am Online Eucharist ID 357 123 751
3.00 pm Leadership Team ID 864 7631 4432

Wednesday 13th January

11.00 am Funeral of Doreen Whitfield
Ss Mary & Patrick, Lambley
7.30 pm PCC ID 864 7631 4432

Sunday 17th January - Epiphany 2

11.00 am Online Prayer & Praise ID 357 123 751



Sunday Services

The 9.30 service at St Augustine's must now **cease**.
The 11 a.m. Zoom service will continue.

Weekday Services (Zoom ID 357 123 751)

- ✘ Wednesday-Saturday, 9am: Morning Prayer
- ✘ Tuesday-Saturday, 5pm: Evening Prayer
- ✘ Friday, 9pm: Night Prayer (Compline)

Supporting your parish church financially

During lockdown we can't fundraise or receive collections – but we still have costs to meet. To make a donation, go to our Online Giving Page (www.alstonmoorcofe.org.uk/donate)

Or to set up a standing order, please ask Mark or your church treasurer for our bank account details.



Open for private prayer

All our parish churches are now open for private prayer and reflection:

St Augustine, Alston:

Wed & Sun, 10.30am-dusk

All the other churches:

open all day, every day

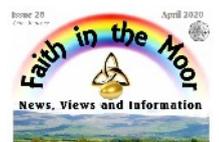


This week the Church celebrates ...

- 10th William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645
- 11th Mary Slessor, Missionary in West Africa, 1915
- 12th Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167
- 12th Benedict Biscop, Abbot of Wearmouth, Scholar, 689
- 13th Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367
- 13th Kentigern (Mungo), Missionary Bishop in Strathclyde and Cumbria, 603
- 13th George Fox, Founder of the Society of Friends (the Quakers), 1691

The January issue of **FAITH IN THE MOOR** is out!

alstonmoorcofe.org.uk/fitm



The December-January issue of the **LINK** is still online:
newcastle.anglican.org/link

On our website,

www.alstonmoorcofe.org.uk/worship you will find:

- ✘ readings and hymns for the coming Sunday
- ✘ readings for Morning and Evening Prayer
- ✘ booklets for Morning, Evening and Night Prayer
- ✘ Richard Pattison's pilgrimage now online!
- ✘ orders of service for the next few weeks

Download what you need, or ask for a printed copy



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers