

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.'

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.

By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness
until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.



Today's Hymns



- 413 Eternal Father
- 502 Light's abode, celestial Salem *omit v 4 and 5*
- 524 My God I love thee
- 490 Jesus shall reign

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St Peter's Celebrations: Please help if you can by distributing the invitation cards to your friends and neighbours.

Friday 29th June: Our joint evening Communion Service with St Peter's Finsthwaite will be held at 7:00pm here in Field Broughton – it's our turn.

Saturday 30th June: An Afternoon at St Peter's from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. There will be BBQ run by Alex Morrell of Lotts Farm (contributions welcome but not obligatory). Also there will be 'Locally Produced' stalls – we hope to attract some stalls from the event in the morning at High Newton. The invitation in *Grange Now* to play our organ has attracted a response – so we will have music for at least an hour in the afternoon. The tower will be open for tours. Pray for sun shine and spread the word!

An Anglican presence on the Cartmel Peninsula

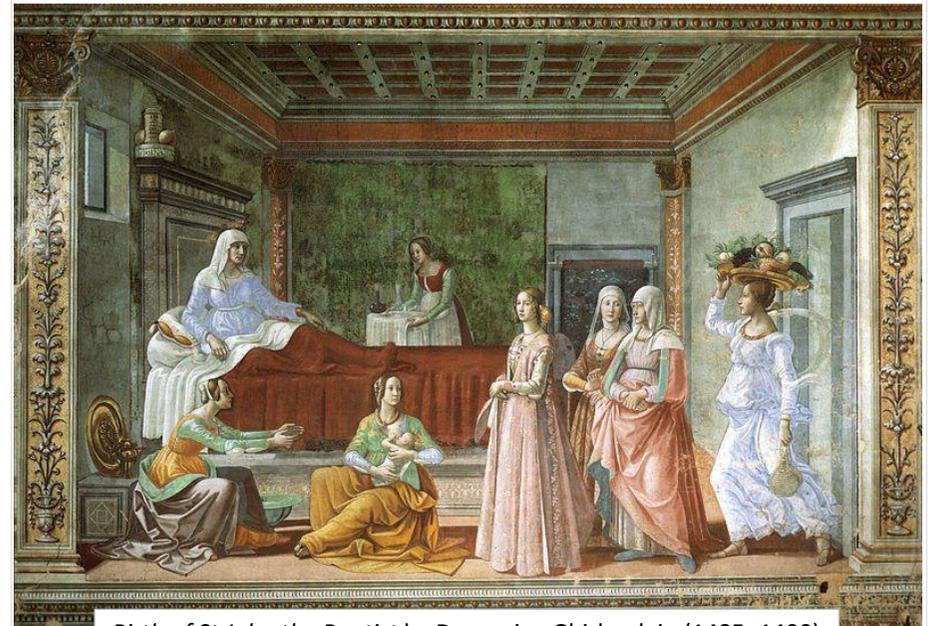


St Peter's Field Broughton

Sunday 24th June 2018
Nativity of John the Baptist – White
Common Worship – Holy Communion
Revd Nick Devenish

The Collect

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and, following his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*



Birth of St John the Baptist by Domenico Ghirlandaio (1485–1490)

Isaiah 40: 1 - 11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her

that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it
together,

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says,

'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon
it;

surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,

lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah,

'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might,

and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom,

and gently lead the mother sheep.

Acts 13: 14 - 26

On the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. After the
reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them
a message, saying, 'Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the
people, give it.'

So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: 'You Israelites, and others
who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and
made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted
arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the

wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he
gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred fifty years.
After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then
they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe
of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he
made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, 'I have found David,
son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.' Of
this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he
promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of
repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he
said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after
me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet.'

'My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear
God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.'

Luke 1: 57 - 80

The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her
neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to
her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise
the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his
mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your
relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out
what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote,
'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was
opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came
over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout
the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said,
'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was
with him.

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this
prophecy:

'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up a mighty saviour for us

in the house of his servant David,

as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

that we would be saved from our enemies

and from the hand of all who hate us.