

Parish Centre Cleaning week commencing 13th January

Margaret Farthing

Church Cleaning this week

Tony Archer

Last Sundays Collection

Envelopes: £447.71 Loose: £278.82 Standing Orders: £446

Money Counting Team No 2 this week

Eucharistic Ministers for 20th January 2019

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	Tom Stapleton	David Timson
		Gill Langan	Joanne Griffin
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8.30 am</i>	Diana Alderman	Tina Cipolla
		James Rutherford	Ron King
	<i>10.30 am</i>	Carmel Chapman	Jan Woodford
		Geraldine Cullen	Maria O'Brien

Readers Rota for 20th January 2019

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	Shauna Corcoran-Snowden
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8.30 am</i>	Mateus Oberland
	<i>10.30 am</i>	Michael Woodford
		Alan Chapman

Newsletter Items

Items for inclusion in our parish *Newsletter* need to be at the Parish Office in writing or e-mail by 9.00 am Wednesday with your name and Phone No. Thank you.

Registration forms for all parishioners Please obtain a form, from the porch, parish website: www.sacredheartware.com or call at the presbytery & ask for one. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. If you live & worship in our parish it is essential to be registered if you wish us to be able to support you in your pastoral needs.

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Making Time and Space

The Spirit descends on Jesus after he was baptised. It is the Spirit that anoints Jesus to “open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness, and to bring to the poor the good news of salvation.” This news is also “the good news of peace”: The Spirit comes in the form of a dove.

There is a gentleness about the dove that has earned for this bird a universal association with peace. But the dove also has a wail that reminds one of the wail of someone suffering, as in poverty or childbirth. The dove, therefore, joins together the themes of justice and peace, of compassion for the poor as well as harmony among people.

Luke makes clear that the descent of the Spirit in the form of a dove takes place as Jesus was at prayer. In other words, Jesus was open to the action of the Spirit. There is certainly a message in that for us.

Peace and justice will enter our lives only if we are open to the action of the Spirit, if we make time and space for the voice from heaven to be heard within our hearts. If we make that time and space, then “the Lord will bless his people with peace.”

In order that the demands of justice may be met and attempts to achieve this goal may succeed, what is needed is the gift of grace, a gift which comes from God. Grace, in cooperation with human freedom, constitutes that mysterious presence of God in history which is providence.

Pope John Paul II, Centesimus Annus, 1991: 59
Gerald Darring

13th January 2019 - Baptism of the Lord - Year C

Readings for today - Mass Book page 118

- First Reading:** Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7
- Psalms Response:** **The Lord will bless his people with peace.**
- Second Reading:** Acts 10:34-38
- Gospel Acclamation:** **Alleluia, alleluia!**
The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
Alleluia!
- Gospel:** Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Times of Services this week

Monday	14th	10.00 am	Mass here in Church
Tuesday	15th	10.00 am	Mass here in Church
Wednesday	16th	10.00 am	Mass here in Church
Thursday	17th	NO MASS	today
Friday	18th	No Mass today (Church closed on Fridays)	8.00 am Mass at Ware Carmelite Monastery
Saturday	19th	6.30 pm	First Mass of Sunday
Sunday	20th	8.30 am	Mass
		10.30 am	Mass

Other Events

First Communion our children who are preparing for their First Communion this year will receive their new books at our 10.30 am Mass today Sunday 13th January. Please keep these children in your prayer.

Parent and Toddler Group Tuesday 15th from 10.00am-11.30am in the Parish Hall.

Just Friends Group to meet for lunch on Tuesday 15th at the Beefeater, Ware for 12.30pm

No mass Thursday this week as Fr. Charles will be attending a child Safeguarding course all day at Westminster.

Tea & Cake If you are retired you are warmly invited to come along on Thursday 17th at 2.30 pm to the parish hall. There will be tea/coffee & cakes to be enjoyed as well as optional activities. Please do come along and join us. If anyone who would like to attend who needs a lift please call the parish office with a name & contact telephone number by next Wednesday morning latest.

RCIA Group meets on Thursday 17th at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place every year from the 18th—25th January when we are asked to pray for that intention. This year, on **Thursday 24th January** we will be hosting a Joint Ecumenical service of prayer to which all the other Churches in Ware have been invited. It's at 7.30pm here in our church. Do please put this in your diary and do come and welcome our visitors for this joint prayer.

Inter Church Quiz on Saturday 19th January, 7.00 pm at Leaside Church. Teams of 6-8 people. Tickets £10 per

person to include supper. Please contact Christ Church office to book your tickets. (01920 487267 or office@christchurchware.co.uk). Please book before 16th January for catering purposes.

Crib Appeal: the amount collected over the Christmas season was £40.92 and will be donated to the *Catholic Children's Society* to support their vital work with disadvantaged children and families.

The Giving Machine We recently received a credit for £18.37p from 'The Giving Machine' in respect of commission because parishioners bought goods 'on line'. Thank you to all who do this & put our parish as your nominated charity. If you are shopping online, did you know you can raise money for our Church at no extra cost to yourself by accessing your favourite retailer's websites via The Giving Machine website <http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk> Please be reassured, you do not need to put any credit card details into the Giving Machine website, these are only entered in the normal way on the retailer's site for the purpose of making your actual purchase

New Church Cleaners we are urgently looking for more Church cleaners to help keep our Church spic & span. Could anyone spare 1 hour of their time once a month, always at your convenience? If so please speak to Fr. Charles or call the parish office.

Volunteer for CAFOD Do you have good public speaking skills and want to help tackle poverty and injustice? CAFOD needs volunteers to speak on their behalf in parishes / schools in the diocese of Westminster about their work. To find out more, or book a place on their next Volunteer information day on 19th January call 020 8449 6970 or email Westminster@cafod.org.uk