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**Baptism of Christ, 12th January 2020**

*The Eucharist is celebrated here every Sunday at 10.30 a.m. All are very welcome. If you are new to our church, please introduce yourself to a member of the Ministry Team.*

The hymns for today’s service:

Opening 57 The race that long in darkness pined

Gradual 56 Songs of thankfulness and praise (vs 1-3, 5)

Offertory 275 Blessed Jesu, Mary’s son

Post-communion 425 O Love, how deep, how

Next Sunday the readings will be

Isaiah 49.1-7, 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 and John 1.29-42

**Tuesday Prayers**, 18h30- 19h15 at the Chaplaincy flat

**Women’s Bible Study,** Saturday 18 January breakfast chez Richardson, 16 rue Saint-Louis. Topic: “I am the good shepherd.” Contact Catherine Emezie 06 47 98 18 93

**AlbanJAM**, Saturday 18 January 15h30 at Hanneke Palm’s flat, 30 rue de l’Université. Music-makers of all talents are welcome!

**Ministry Team**, Sunday 19 January after church at the Chaplaincy flat

**Chaplaincy Council**, 22 January 19h30 at the Chaplaincy flat

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, Saturday 25 January 18h30 ecumenical service and meal with other neighbourhood churches at Christ Ressuscité, 4 rue de Palerme.

Frankly Speaking – 26 January after church. Open forum on “Challenges to Christian Unity.”

**NOTE** : the **Annual General Meeting** of St Alban’s Church will take place on Sunday 1st of March 2020.

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is observed annually, beginning on 18 January (Confession of St Peter) and concluding on 25 January (Conversion of St Paul). The dates for the observance were first proposed by Father Paul Wattson, cofounder of the Graymoor Franciscan Friars, an Anglican religious order at the time.

This year the different churches in Malta have prepared resources on the theme: “They Showed Us Unusual Kindness,” inspired by Acts 27.18-28.10. It was through the “unusual kindness” shown by the people to St Paul, after he had been washed ashore in Malta, that a divided people were drawn closer together.

On Saturday 25 January we will join in an ecumenical service at 18h30 with other neighbourhood churches at Christ Ressuscité, 4 rue de Palerme, followed by a meal. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share around.

The next day there will be a session of **Frankly Speaking** after church on the topic: “Challenges to Christian Unity.”

*La* ***Semaine de prière de l’unité des chrétiens*** *est commémorée chaque année du 18 janvier (Confession de Saint-Pierre) au 25 janvier (Conversion de Saint-Paul). Cette année, les différentes Églises de Malta ont préparé des ressources sur le thème : « Ils nous traitèrent avec une très grande bienveillance », inspirée d’ Actes 27.18- 28.10. Le samedi 25 janvier nous participerons à un culte œcuménique à 18h30 avec d’autres églises de quartier qui aura lieu à Christ Ressuscité, 4 rue de Palerme, suivi d’un repas. Chacun est invité d’apporter un plat à partager avec les autres.*

*Le lendemain y aura-t-il à St Alban un forum de* **Frankly Speaking** *après la messe au sujet de « Défis de l’Unité chrétienne ». Venez nombreux !*

*Aussi dans le cadre de la Semaine de prière…*

**Matinée Oecuménique pour enfants** **6-12 ans**, mercredi 22 janvier 10h15 - 12h00, église St Maurice, Place Arnold. Voir p Mark pour s'inscrire

**AlbanJAM** Come help prepare musical offerings for Sunday worship **next Saturday 18th January 15h30** at Hanneke Palm’s apartment, just around the corner from the church at 30 rue de l’Université. All musical styles, instruments and levels of proficiency are welcome.

# ****Children's Class****

for ages 8-12 to introduce the stories and teachings of the Bible, basic instruction on the Christian faith and how to live that faith in today's world. Classes will begin soon, held twice monthly after church on Sundays.

Diocesan Safeguarding practices will be in effect at all time.

Speak with Fr Mark for more details 07 71 13 38 83.

**Guidelines** from the Bible Reading Fellowship are available for January through April 2020. Guidelines is a unique resource that offers stimulating Bible while drawing from contemporary biblical scholarship. Copies can be found at the back of the church. Contributions toward costs are welcome.

“Why don’t we just all get together?”

… because it’s not that simple!

**Frankly Speaking** 26 January after church :

Challenges to Christian Unity