

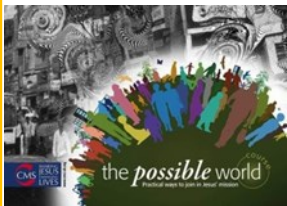


There will be a second Palm Cross making workshop on **Saturday 12th** January at 10am at Angela & Grant's home B9 Al Alawi Palms, Road 2848 Barbar 528 Please come. Thank you for the 1400 made last week.

The first **Living Room Dialogue** of the New Year is on this **Sunday 13th** January at 7.30pm following the **6.15pm service** when **Mary-Justine Todd**, the Founder and Director of Women's Crisis Care International, Bahrain, will be our speaker. This is the first and only violence crisis response centre in the Arabian Gulf. WCCI provides violence crisis response services for victims of domestic and sexual abuse. See **Tricia** for bring and share food.



The Women's Group continues at 9.30am at **House 10, Venice Gardens, Janabiyah** (opposite the Camel Farm) **Contact Stephanie on 39027918**



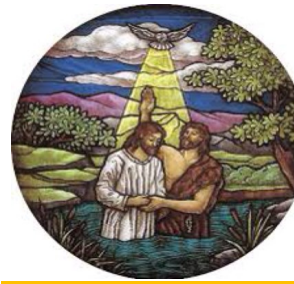
The Wednesday homegroup continues this Wednesday at **Flat 52 Bridge View Apartments 204, Avenue 22 Juffair** (behind Orange Tower **Contact Fozia 38883560**. Both groups are exploring "The Possible World". All are welcome to join

The Rev'd **Dr Andrew Mayes**, the Diocesan Spirituality Director, will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in **October 2019**.  
More details on noticeboard in the coffee room

Next **Friday 18th January at 9.30am** there is a **Confirmation Service** with 10 of our members being confirmed by Bishop Michael and when **Angel** will be licensed and admitted as a Reader. It will be followed by a lunch at 12 noon at Bapco Club— BD6.300 Adults and BD3.150 (age 5-10) Please sign the list today.



Please sign up the list in the coffee room to provide refreshments after the Friday morning service. Tea ,Coffee , Milk and Sugar are provided. Please speak to **Fozia** if you have any questions.



## St. Christopher's Cathedral & Awali Anglican Church

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### The Baptism of Christ 11th-13th January 2019

#### Collect

**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**

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself  
as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

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If you receive communion in your home church, you are invited to receive at the Lord's table here. If you are not a communicant member, you are warmly invited to receive a prayer of blessing. May we all meet the living Christ, who welcomes all of us. *Please join us for refreshments in the Coffee Room after the service .*

## BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 43: 1-7  
 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

### Next w/e

Isaiah 62: 1-5  
 John 2:1-11

# REFLECTION

Two elements of Luke's story stand out. First, baptism is about identity. "You are my Son, the beloved; with you I am well pleased." Baptism teaches us who we are – God's beloved children – and confers upon us the promise of God's unconditional regard. Baptism reminds us that we discover *who* we are in relation to *whose* we are, God's beloved children. Second, whatever your feelings about when the best time for Baptism may be, all Christian traditions emphasize that this is God's work.



Notice, interestingly, that in Luke's account John does not actually baptize Jesus. In the verses omitted by the lectionary (19-20), we learn that John is imprisoned by Herod. Who, then, baptizes Jesus? The Holy Spirit! In fact, it's the same Spirit that baptizes us! Baptism, then, is wholly God's work that we may have confidence that no matter how often we fall short or fail, nothing that we do, or fail to do, can remove the identity that God conveys as a gift.

David Lose

## INTERCESSIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Friday** We give thanks for our own baptism and the identity it gives us as children of God.
- Saturday** Pray for the Christian community in Awali.
- Sunday** *Baptism of Christ* -We pray for Mary-Justine Todd speaking at the Living Room Dialogue this evening and for the work of Women's Crisis Care International in addressing domestic abuse.
- Monday** Pray for the Women's group meeting this morning and for the new homegroup course: *the possible world*
- Tuesday** Pray for all involved in the appointment of a new Dean for wisdom and discernment.
- Wednesday** Pray for the homegroup meeting this evening in Juffair.
- Thursday** Pray for all who are being confirmed tomorrow.

**We remember those commended to us :**  
 Mercedes, Ned, Hanna, Madevelin, Josie, Mark, Jack,  
 Anne & Family, Johan, Kirsty



## Hymns

### Fri/Sat/Sun

- 628** Praise to the Lord  
**205** From heaven you came  
**34** Amazing grace  
**246** God is working his purpose

### Sun pm

- 628** Praise to the Lord  
**205** From heaven you came  
 Magnificat *With Mary let my soul*  
 Nunc dimittis  
**34** Amazing grace  
**675** Spirit of the living God  
**246** God is working his purpose

### Services for week beginning 11th January 2019

Friday	9.30 am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Tamil Service
Saturday Awali	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	10.30am 6.15 pm	Holy Communion Evensong
Mon– Thurs	8.00am	Morning Prayer
Friday	9.30 am 6.00pm	Confirmation Tamil Service
Saturday Awali	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	10.30 am 6.15 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion