

**We pray for the church around the world:**

Especially those who are persecuted for their faith. We pray for compassion and kindness, inclusion and love for all. We pray for all who have not yet let Jesus into their lives.

**We pray for our world:** All the casualties of war and conflict; victims of natural or manmade disasters; those who are living in poverty or under oppressive regimes; for all who have no safe place to live in. For the earth and all the damage done to it by humankind. For more empathy and compassion.

**We pray for our local community.** [12: Market Pl, Royal Terrace][13: Clifton Mews, Clifftown Parade][14: Forum, Southend Central Station][15: The Cliffs Pub, LGBT community][16: Scratton Rd, Clifftown Rd][17: Weston Rd, Clarence St][18: Clarence Rd, Alexandra St]

**We pray For those who are sick or in need** Margaret Jones, Terry, Maff, Ken, Valerie, Brogan, Tony, Kat, Violette, Judith, Mark, Diana, Audrey, Chris Binks, Louis, Natasha & family, Rosetta, Doreen, Janet, Nick, Jean Wren, Mark  
**And all on our long term list. Prayers for all sick in hospitals, hospices, care homes and at home. For those who are caring for them.**

**Recently departed: Nick, Doreen**

All who have died with no-one to pray for them.

In Memoriam: January

Graham Rogers 3/1; Joel Kirk 5/1, Betty Crabtree 7/1, Pat Boosey 10/1, Mike Tunkey 11/1, Andrew Chapman 19/1, Elsa Cook 22/1, Michael Evans 25/1, Gill Hinton 27/1, Alastair Ross Ker 29/1

**NOTE: Words for final prayer for the departed and for Hail Mary is in Mass Book**

**Date for the Diary: 19/1: Healing & Subcommittee**

Parish of St Alban. Westcliff &  
**ST MARK, SOUTHEND**

**12 January 2025**

Baptism of the Lord



Andrea del Verrocchio **The Baptism of Christ** [c1470-5]

Verrocchio was a Florentine goldsmith, painter and sculptor, but he is best remembered for his sculpted works such as his **Christ and St Thomas** for the Orsanmichele, and his small bronze of **David** completed for Piero d'Medici. He was also known for the number of well known artists who were apprenticed to his workshop. In this **Baptism of Christ** he was assisted by the young Leonardo da Vinci, his pupil. The 16<sup>th</sup> century art historian Giorgio Vasari wrote that "da Vinci did an angel so far excelling the rest that Andrea resolved never to touch the brush again, because Leonardo, though so young, had so far surpassed him." That angel is the earliest known work by da Vinci. It is the one on the left hand side. **Blessings, Mother Cherry**

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