

Epiphany 2 19 January 2020

Service led by members of the St John's Worship Group

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Psalm 40 v1-3,11-13

HYMN : 600 Spirit of God, unseen as the wind Tune: Skye Boat Song

PRAYERS FOR GATHERING

"It's just me"

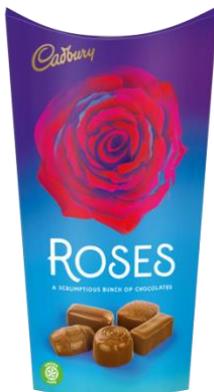
URC Prayer book 2020 p12

READING

John 1: 29-34 p85

REFLECTION

Forever with us.....



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HYMN : 590 Holy Spirit, gift bestower Tune: Yr Hun Gan

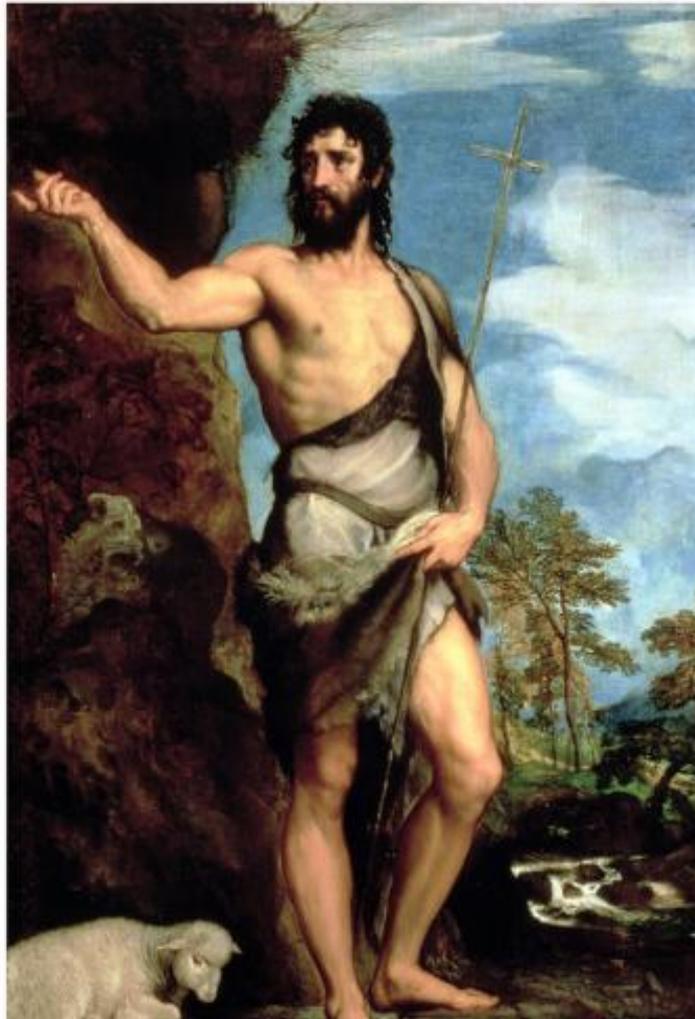
READING

John 1:35-42 p85

1 Corinthians: 1-9 p 153

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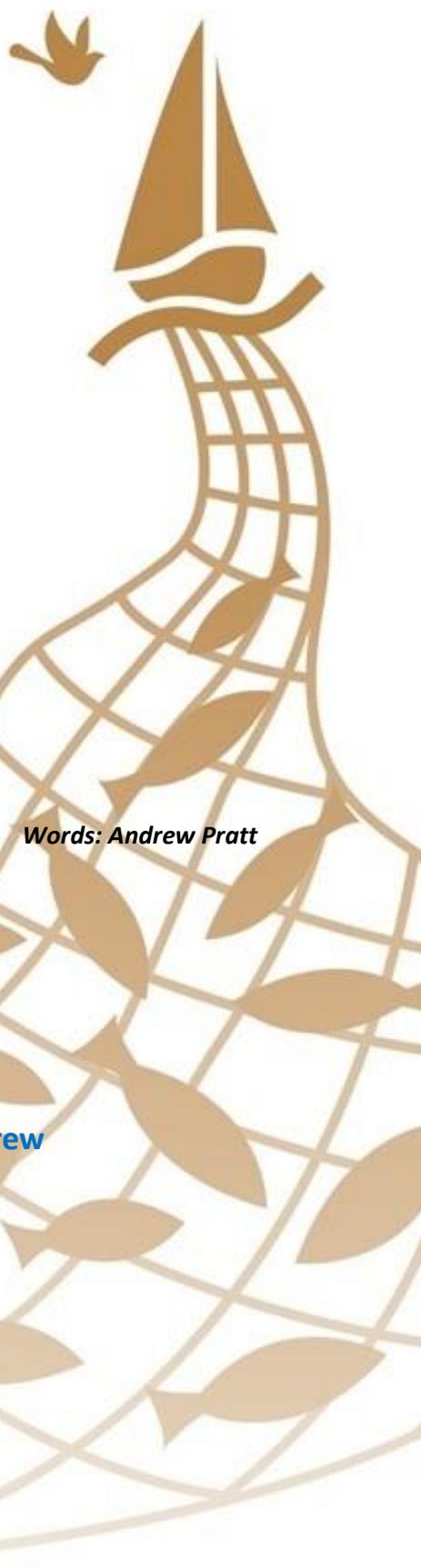
First Impressions...



OFFERTORY HYMN: A laser-like tongue Tune:132, St Denio(Joanna)

**A laser-like tongue used when speaking God's word,
an arc-light to shine through the crass or absurd.
The prophet had spoken of just such a voice,
embodied in John who would offer God's choice.**

**A preacher from Galilee joined in the crowd,
not hidden, John pointed and called him out loud.
The lamb, God's anointed Messiah had come,
The Spirit confirming that this was God's son.**



The world and God's people spun round by this man,
discovered that Grace had a limitless span;
and this while offending the pious, the priest,
brought joy to the ones regarded as least.

And so those around heard both challenge and choice,
the sense of authority rang through his voice.
The call to leave everything seemed so absurd
and yet they responded to Jesus' word.

That Word is still rippling, extending through space,
it reaches through time and tells of God's grace;
it sharpens perception, it rings in each ear,
the Spirit is moving, the Kingdom is near.

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INTERCESSIONS FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 509 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult Tune: St Andrew

THE GRACE

**Hymn 786 May the God of peace go with us
As we travel from this place;
May the love of Jesus keep us
Firm in hope and full of grace.**