

PARISH OF ST.FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

THE YEAR OF THE WORD

Third Week, beginning December 15th, 2019

This week we read St. Matthew's Gospel Chapter Three

KEY PASSAGE ST.MATTHEW 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

POINTS TO CONSIDER

- * The humility of Jesus, which we see in his lying in a manger and hanging upon a cross, we see here in his submitting to John's Baptism for Repentance. Do we in -our lives show this same humility?
- * Jesus had no sin of his own to repent of. He was repenting on behalf of sinful humanity. How far do we repent? Are we determined to turn away from all that displeases God?
- * The Father is pleased with the Son, whose will is perfectly aligned with his own. Has the Father reason to be well pleased with us? What would lead him to be so?

We now take a break during Christmas. Week Four of our reading together of St.Matthew's Gospel will be the week beginning Sunday January 5th 2020.