

## St Benedict Biscop Church

### Messy Church and Sunday Club at home

Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021



**Praise – Who put the colours in the rainbow?**

<https://youtu.be/I9GsKFlaRo0>

**This week's reading is taken from – Luke 1:57-66 & 80**

**The birth of John the Baptist.**

Zechariah was a priest in the temple. He was married to Elizabeth, a cousin of Mary, mother of Jesus. Zechariah was in the temple when he entered the Lord's sanctuary, where he burnt incense, when Angel Gabriel appeared and told him that Elizabeth would give birth to a son, who would be a prophet. A prophet is someone specially chosen by God to give a message to God's people. With the appearance of Angel Gabriel, Zechariah was filled with fear. The angel told him not to be afraid and said, 'Your wife Elizabeth is to bear you a son and you must name him John.' The angel also said, 'Even from his mother's womb he will be filled with the Holy Spirit.' Zechariah queried this with the angel because he did not think it was possible. The angel said, 'I am Gabriel who stands in God's presence, and I have been sent to speak to you and bring you this good news.' Because Zechariah had not believed the angel he was told that he would not be able to speak until John was born. Eight days after the baby was born to Zechariah and Elizabeth they took him to the Temple to be named and circumcised. Everyone was expecting the baby to be named Zechariah, like his father, as it was the custom to do this in Jewish families at this time. Elizabeth spoke and said, 'No, he is to be called John.' The priests and others in the Temple were amazed so they made signs to Zechariah to ask him what the child should be called. Zechariah made signs to request a writing tablet on which he wrote, 'His name is John.' Zechariah was immediately able to speak again, as he had obeyed the instructions given to him by Angel Gabriel. The people were amazed and realized that the Lord was with him. John grew up and he lived in the wilderness, growing within his spirit, preparing to be the for-runner of Jesus. He is called John the Baptist because he baptized Jesus in the River Jordan.

**This is a link for the story on You tube if you would like to use it:**

[https://youtu.be/pczOHab\\_74M](https://youtu.be/pczOHab_74M)

**Praise – The birth of John the Baptist**

<https://youtu.be/I5nN2yErpml>

### **An activity – Angel craft**



**Please follow this link to make this craft:**

<https://youtu.be/zRKdvWn2GpA>

### **Colouring sheet**

I attach a colouring sheet and spot the difference for you to enjoy.

### **Prayer**

Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for the Birth of John the Baptist, the messenger who prepared the way for Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

May we, in our daily lives too, point to Christ. Amen

### **Praise – One way**

[https://youtu.be/ZZ2zXc\\_9Q00](https://youtu.be/ZZ2zXc_9Q00)

# His Name will be JOHN!

WILL HIS NAME BE ...





Here is the link for the spot the difference:

[https://www.google.com/url?sa=i&url=https%3A%2F%2Fsundayschoolzone.com%2Factivity%2Fthe-birth-of-john-the-baptist-spot-the-difference%2F&psig=AOvVaw3mUSx5uny-E9qDb6Y3dmmp&ust=1624453451194000&source=images&cd=vfe&ved=0CAcQjRxqFwoTCMiFy-mmq\\_ECFQAAAAAdAAAAABAD](https://www.google.com/url?sa=i&url=https%3A%2F%2Fsundayschoolzone.com%2Factivity%2Fthe-birth-of-john-the-baptist-spot-the-difference%2F&psig=AOvVaw3mUSx5uny-E9qDb6Y3dmmp&ust=1624453451194000&source=images&cd=vfe&ved=0CAcQjRxqFwoTCMiFy-mmq_ECFQAAAAAdAAAAABAD)