

**St John the Divine Church, Selsdon**  
**7<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
**The Baptism of Christ/EPIPHANY**

**Welcome to St John's!**

Welcome to everyone! If you're a newcomer or a visitor to St John's we have great pleasure in welcoming you today. All you need for this service is contained in the service booklet you have been given and below are details of the hymns, readings and prayers we'll be using – we'll sing the hymns from the hymn books you have been given. **Hymns numbered 1-799 can be found in the green hymnbook. Hymns numbered 800 and above can be found in the blue books.** We hope you enjoy worshipping here. After the 10am service, tea and coffee are served in the church hall, to which you are warmly invited. Hosts today to welcome you are Tom Salter and Zygy Tatarkowski, our Churchwardens - do come and say hello!

**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!**

**The Opening Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

**Post Communion Prayer:**

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. **Amen**

**Hymns at the 10am service:**

First hymn:	12 On Jordan's bank
Gradual hymn:	905 Christ, when for us you were baptised
Offertory hymn:	33 Of the Father's heart begotten
Communion hymn:	817 Spirit of the living God
Last hymn	825 The Kingdom of God is justice and joy

**Choir anthem today:** Tomorrow shall be my dancing day *Gardiner*

**Prayers today are led by:** Anne Skinner

**First Reading** read by Barbara Ewing

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*Genesis 1.1-5*

**Gospel**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

*Mark 1.4-11*

***We want to look after everyone in church today!*** Parents and carers can help by supervising their children at all times.

***Please help us to keep everyone safe in church!*** Small children running around can so easily trip or tip something over and hurt themselves or others. Please try to keep children out of the sanctuary area (where the altar is) during the service and out of reach of the candles!

***We hope you enjoy using our Children's Area*** – a special part of the church where parents/carers and children can share the service together, perhaps using the toys, books and puzzle sheets provided. If you have any suggestions on how we can make it even better, or help you enjoy the service more with your child, please let Jenny know.

**For your prayers:**

**We pray for God's love to surround:**

Neil Athron, Marion Hall

**We pray for those who have died recently:**

Derek Sharman, Sandra Simpson, Ermine Smith, Lynne Whittaker

**We pray for loved ones on the anniversary of their death:**

7<sup>th</sup> January Gertrude Morris (1959)

Hannah Jones (1983)

Marjory Hay (1984)

8<sup>th</sup> January Elsie Henderson (1991)

10<sup>th</sup> January Tessa Howden (1986)

Martha Maclean (1986)

Elizabeth Chester (2001)

Betty Turner (2005)

Reginald 'Reg' Grogan (2006)

11<sup>th</sup> January Frederick Bishop (1973)

William Prew (1990)

Rita Rogers (2014)

12<sup>th</sup> January May Pocock (1980)

Austin Chambers (1983)

Jurek Tatarkowski (1979)

Ian Kay (1994)

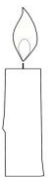
Thomas Skinner (1979)

John E Williams (2006)

13<sup>th</sup> January Alan White (1982)

Peter Rutland (2002)

***If you'd like prayer either for yourself or for another please contact Jenny at [jennyrowley@waitrose.com](mailto:jennyrowley@waitrose.com) or 0208 657 2343. And if you would like to include the name of a loved one among the list of the departed on the anniversary of their death, please give details to Jenny.***



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**If you'd like to discuss arranging a baptism (christening), a wedding or a funeral, please call Jenny on 0208 657 2343.**

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**Please give NOTICES for inclusion in the weekly service sheet to Jenny ([jennyrowley@waitrose.com](mailto:jennyrowley@waitrose.com)) preferably by e-mail, or in writing. It would be helpful to receive these before **\*Tuesday\*** each week.**



## St John's Website

The website for our church can be found at  
***[www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk)***

**We have a Facebook page. To join the page search for:  
St John the Divine Selsdon**

**The page is there to let you know of events taking place at the church.**



**PUBLICITY** - St John's has a Publicity Group to publicize special events and services. If you would like to promote or advertise an event etc., please contact Amanda in the Parish office on 0208 657 9466 or

**[bookingsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsstjohns@gmail.com)**



**If you'd like to book the Church Hall or Morris Chapman Room please call**

**Amanda Sinclair on 07958 682 103  
or e-mail [bookingsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsstjohns@gmail.com)**

# **There's a new way to donate to St John's Church, Selsdon.**

From your phone,  
simply TEXT **SJCH05** and the amount you would like to donate  
to **70070**

for example:  
**SJCH05 £10 to 70070**  
(to donate £10)

You can even Gift Aid your donation by Text or e-mail to make it worth  
another 25% at no extra cost to you.

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

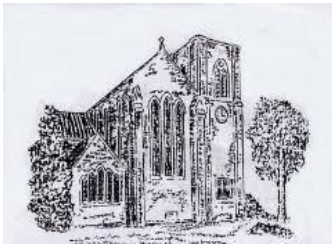
And if you'd like to make your donation  
specifically to the Garden Room Project,  
please

Text **SJGR05** with your  
amount to **70070**  
for example  
text **SJGR05 £10 to 70070**  
(to donate £10)



**St John's Church Calendar is now available at the back of  
church, and over coffee in the hall!!!**

**Just £5 with lovely seasonal photos in and around St  
John's. Every home should have one (at least!) All  
proceeds to the Garden Room Project. See Jenny or Gill Salter or Helen  
Lishmund for details.**



## ST JOHN'S SELSDON GARDEN ROOM

A COMFORTABLE AND WELCOMING SPACE FOR CHURCH AND  
COMMUNITY GROUPS TO USE AND ENJOY

### **A BRICK WALL HAS APPEARED AT THE BACK**

#### **OF THE CHURCH**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO **MAKE A DONATION** TOWARDS THE BUILDING OF  
THE GARDEN ROOM, PERHAPS IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR IN  
THANKSGIVING FOR AN EVENT eg. AN ANNIVERSARY OR SIGNIFICANT  
BIRTHDAY, OR IN CELEBRATION OF AN ACHIEVEMENT, PLEASE TAKE A  
"BRICK DONATION" PACK FROM THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

SIMPLY FILL IN THE FORM AND RETURN IT TO A CHURCHWARDEN  
OR TO GILL SALTER 21 RYLANDES ROAD, SOUTH CROYDON CR2 8EB WITH  
YOUR DONATION.

*When you've made your donation, please choose a brick on the wall at the back of  
church*

*and write on it a name or a message so we can share remembrances and  
celebrations as the project progresses*

ALL COMPLETED FORMS WILL BE KEPT SO WE HAVE A RECORD OF  
CONTRIBUTORS AND REMEMBRANCES TO DISPLAY  
ONCE THE GARDEN ROOM IS BUILT

IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

GILL SALTER ON 0208 4059971 OR [SALTERG@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:salterg@outlook.com)

### Garden Room Planned Giving



We have received requests for a planned giving form to enable members of St John's and the wider community to make direct donations to the Garden Room project. A standing order mandate form has been produced and will provide the means to make planned donations as a one-off payment or several payments over a period of time to be determined by the donor, making this a convenient way to be part of the Garden Room Project as it grows. Forms are available at the back of church. Please contact Gill Salter on 0208 405 9971 or [salterg@outlook.com](mailto:salterg@outlook.com) if you need any further information or help

## **GARDEN ROOM PROJECT UPDATE – December 2017**

Since our last Update, there have been quite a few significant developments.

As planned, we sent out a package of information to three Contractors for Tender pricing – this pack included the Planning Drawings, Scope of Works, Specification of Materials, Approximate Bill of Quantities and a selection of Construction Sketches. The aim of sending out this comprehensive package was to achieve an as realistic and high a degree of cost certainty as possible. At the time of writing we have received two Tender Sums back, we await the third, and once that is received we will undertake our Tender evaluation.

In the last update we advised that our Project Architect had submitted his drawings and Design and Access Statement to the Local Authority. We are really happy to confirm that we now have Planning Permission for the scheme. This Permission comes with a series of planning conditions – nothing that we were not expecting; mainly addressing materials and specific minor details.

So, much progress has been made. In the next few weeks we will be:-

- Undertaking the Tender Review.
- Modifying the Design Development Statements to reflect the recommendations of our selected preferred Contractor
- Making our formal submission to the Diocesan Advisory Committee
- Preparing details and submitting for Building Regulations approval

On-going with all the above is, of course, fund-raising – this now needs to be the focus of all our attention. Without the funds we cannot even start to think about building this exciting facility. If you have any queries at all on what we are doing, please have a chat with one of us.

*Peter and the Project Team*

## ST JOHN'S CHURCH

### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE TREE



Christmas can be a difficult time if you have lost a loved one

This year St John's is again offering the opportunity to remember your loved one  
by dedicating  
a label on our Christmas Remembrance Tree

**The tree is on display at the back of church  
until after this evening's Epiphany service**

If you would like to take part by writing your loved one's name on a dedication  
label to be attached to the Christmas Remembrance Tree, full details with labels  
are available from the back of the church, please take an envelope.

We are grateful to Selsdon and District Funeral Service for kindly donating the  
tree this year

If you would like any further information or help please contact  
Gill Salter on 0208 405 9971



Don't forget to take a look at the board in the porch to  
see where God has been "with us" during Advent. He's  
found himself in some surprising places this year!!





**Jenny and Mark will be “At Home” on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Do come and share a drink and a “nibble” to celebrate the festive season of Epiphany and chase away those January blues!**

**All Welcome!**



***THANK YOU to everyone for their love and support over the festive season! Mark and I have been overwhelmed with good wishes, for which we are very grateful. This is an opportunity to also say how encouraging it is to see so many people enthusiastically engaging with what it means to be “the Body of Christ” here in Selsdon. 2018 will be another exciting year as we continue to progress with our Garden Room Project, and explore in new and exciting ways how best to fulfil all we believe God is calling us to be and to do here. Looking forward to it already...!***

**Jenny**

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St John's Church, Selsdon



Sunday 21st January

2.30pm - 4.30pm

St John's Hall, Upper Selsdon Road

We give the kids a snack and we tidy up after !!!

*All welcome!*

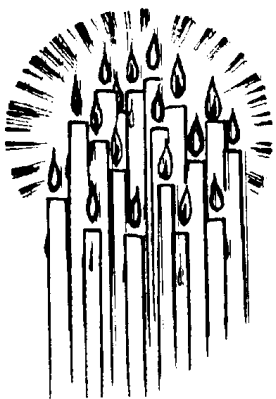


**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who has contributed to making our Christmas celebrations so special this year – to Helen and Gill and the flower team, and Ian Brentnall, and all those who made our Christmas Wreath Festival and the Christmas Concert such a success; those who have shared the Christmas story with children in the parish – in our children’s area, at our Baby and Toddler groups, through school carol concerts and the Crib service; those who took the good news out onto the streets of Selsdon, delivering Christmas cards, sharing in the fun of seeing where “God is with us”, taking the crib to all kinds of places; to Amanda for capturing these moments on our noticeboard for all to enjoy; thank you to Ian our Director of Music, to Jonathan our Organist, our Choirs, Servers, Readers and Intercessors who have enriched our worship; to Amanda our Parish Administrator who has done so much behind the scenes, including printing our service sheets; our Flower Arrangers and all those who have helped to make our church look so beautiful and welcoming; our Sidespeople and Welcomers who welcomed into church so many friends at each of our services; those who have done things behind the scenes so often unseen and unthanked - and to all God's people who joined with the angels to sing his glory at this very special time.



## CANDLEMAS - SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

### *The Presentation of Christ in the Temple*



Christ is acclaimed as the Light of the World in this special Eucharist of Light – this is the time when we turn from celebrating Christmas / Epiphany and look ahead to Holy Week and Easter, and begin to think about how we will use our special preparation time of Lent during February/March.

**Do come and celebrate on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm!**

# SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## Sunday

6.00pm Sung Eucharist for EPIPHANY  
This is a “gift” service, remembering the gifts which the Wise Men brought to Jesus. You are invited to bring along a gift suitable to donate to the Foodbank at New Addington. Non-perishable foodstuffs and basic toiletries are always welcome! **ALL WELCOME!**

## Monday

10.00am Baby and Toddler group  
11.45am Messy Church planning meeting at 66 Farley Road  
12.30pm Burial of Derek Sharman at Clandon Wood Burial Ground, Guildford  
7.30pm Eucharist in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham

## Tuesday

11.00am Funeral of Derek Sharman  
12noon Deanery chapter meeting at St George’s Church, Shirley

## Wednesday

10.00am Meditation prayer group

## Thursday

10.00am Baby and Toddler group  
10.15am Said Eucharist  
1.30pm Funeral of Sandra Simpson at Croydon Crematorium  
7.30pm PCC meeting in the hall

## Saturday

11.00am Baptism rehearsal

## Next Sunday The Second Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language  
10.00am Parish Eucharist for All Ages  
11.45am Holy Baptism  
3.30pm – 5.30pm “At Home” at the Rectory – ALL WELCOME!

### **Readings next Sunday:**

1 Samuel 3.1-10 or Revelation 5.1-10; John 1.43-end

**Morning Prayer is usually said** in Church each weekday (except Friday) between 9.00am and 9.30am. You are welcome to join any of these services.

If there’s something on your mind and you’d like to talk it over with someone, or if you’d like to make your confession, Jenny will be happy to see anyone at any time by appointment. She can be contacted on: 0208 657 2343 or

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