

St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
6th January 2019
THE 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 our Churchwardens, Martyn Brown and Robert Thornton - do come and say hello!

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer:

Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendour. The radiance of your incarnate Word pierces the darkness that covers the earth and signals the dawn of peace and justice. Make radiant the lives of your people with that same brightness, and beckon all the nations to walk as one in your light. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of eternal light, God for ever and ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymns at the 10am service:

First hymn:	48 Bethlehem of noblest cities
Gradual hymn:	47 As with gladness
Offertory hymn:	36 The first Nowell
Communion hymn:	52 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
Last hymn:	277 We three kings

Choir anthem today: Lo! Star-led chiefs *Crotch*

Prayers today are led by Nicky Archer

First Reading *read by Helen Lishmund*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Isaiah 60.1-6

Gospel Reading

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Matthew 2.1-12

If you'd like prayer either for yourself or for another, please contact Jenny at 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.

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

Christobel Grant, Brian Mason

We pray for those who have died recently:

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

6 th January	Henry Crump	(1976)
	John Jeffree	(1971)
7 th January	Gertrude Morris	(1959)
	Hannah Jones	(1983)
	Marjory Hay	(1984)
8 th January	Elsie Henderson	(1991)
10 th January	Tessa Howden	(1986)
	Martha Maclean	(1986)
	Elizabeth Chester	(2001)
	Betty Turner	(2005)
	Reginald 'Reg' Grogan	(2006)
11 th January	Frederick Bishop	(1973)
	William Prew	(1990)
	Rita Rogers	(2014)
12 th January	May Pocock	(1980)
	Austin Chambers	(1983)
	Jurek Tatarkowski	(1979)
	Ian Kay	(1994)
	Thomas Skinner	(1979)
	John E Williams	(2006)

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.

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

Please give **NOTICES** for inclusion in the weekly service sheet to Jenny (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 www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk

The Parish Office is open

Mon-Thur 9am-2pm Please call Amanda on to help with:

- Parish admin or queries
 - Hall Bookings
 - Publicity for the church or hall

Please call 0208 6579466 / 07958 682103

Or email bookingsstjohns@gmail.com



Meeting God in Silence

Mondays 6pm-6.30pm

An opportunity to share a time of quiet in the Lady Chapel.

Led by Susan Oakes and friends

All Welcome !!!!



CHILDREN AND HOLY COMMUNION

Children are welcome at God's table – if you are baptised, but do not receive the bread and wine, but think you might like to, you could consider asking to be admitted to Communion.

If you think you might be ready to make this next step in your Christian journey, and would like to receive the bread and wine at our services, or just want to find out more, please speak to Jenny.

If you are a grown-up and want to know more about this important development in our life together, please pick up a leaflet from the back of church.

MID WEEK COFFEE MORNINGS

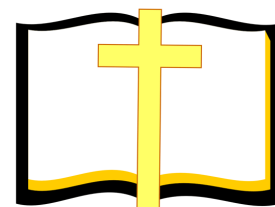
ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH 10.30am-12noon. Our next Coffee morning is on Wednesday 9th January at the Rectory. See the notice sheet for details of the venue!

ALL WELCOME!



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is another step along the journey of faith – where you have the opportunity to confirm for yourself the promises made by your parents and godparents on your behalf when you were baptised, namely to follow Christ and to take your place within the life and worship of His church. If you think you might be interested in being confirmed, please speak to Jenny as soon as possible.



Do you like singing? Come and join St John's Choir!

Even if you can only commit to one or two Sundays a month, please have a word with our Director of Music, Ian Brentnall if you might be interested.

All voice parts welcome!

Tel: 8290 6594 or email ianbrentnall1@sky.com

ST JOHN'S SELSDON GARDEN ROOM



As you know, we've all been hard at work planning, and fundraising to build St John's Garden Room - a comfortable and welcoming space for church and community groups to use and enjoy. With all your hard work, and particular thanks to Peter Crocombe and his planning team and Gill Salter and her fundraising team, we now have sufficient funds, and the necessary permissions in place from the Diocese and from Croydon planning office, to be able to begin building.

Inevitably there is quite a bit of mess and disruption, especially in these early weeks as foundations and drainage channels are dug. For the moment, access to the south side of the church is severely limited, and the path from the main door round the side of the church is currently out of action. The Garden of Remembrance itself is safely fenced off, but if you need to access it over the next few weeks, please go across the grass at the front of the church. If you find this difficult for any reason, please have a word with Jenny. If you would like a floral tribute laid at the grave of a loved one, please let Jenny know if we can help you with this.

The building work is expected to last until early summer 2019. I'm sure you will bear with us while the work goes on. If you have any particular needs or concerns at any time, please do speak to Jenny.

Although we've done really well with fundraising, and securing funds from external sources, we do still need to raise a bit more to cover all our costs. So our fundraising continues – please continue to support events which will raise much-needed funds for the project

*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.*

If you would like any further information please contact Gill Salter at

21 Rylandes Road, South Croydon CR2 8EB 0208 4059971 OR salterg@outlook.com

Supported By...



Garden Room Planned Giving



We have received requests for a planned giving form to enable direct donations to be made 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 if you need any further information or help

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 those we never forget by placing a label decoration on the Christmas Remembrance Tree

**The tree will be in St John's
until next Sunday - Epiphany, Sunday 6 January 2019**

If you would like to take part by writing your loved one's name on a label to be attached to the Christmas Remembrance Tree, full details with dedication 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 or Ann Orchard on 0208 6866163



Are you free at the weekends and live locally to the church???

We are looking for someone to join our hall team and look after the hirers by showing them in and locking up after use on a weekend.

The times of hire range between 12-7pm on a Saturday and 12.30-4.30pm on a Sunday.

If you would be interested please speak to Martyn Brown, Andrew Brown or Amanda Sinclair.

Many Thanks
The Hall Team



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



THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Evolve Housing Christmas Presents Appeal.

We have taken the gifts down to their office in Croydon. A great response and the co-ordinator in Croydon was over the moon with St John's very generous contributions.

Well done and rest assured there

will be some smiley faces this Christmas for the Evolve Housing residents.

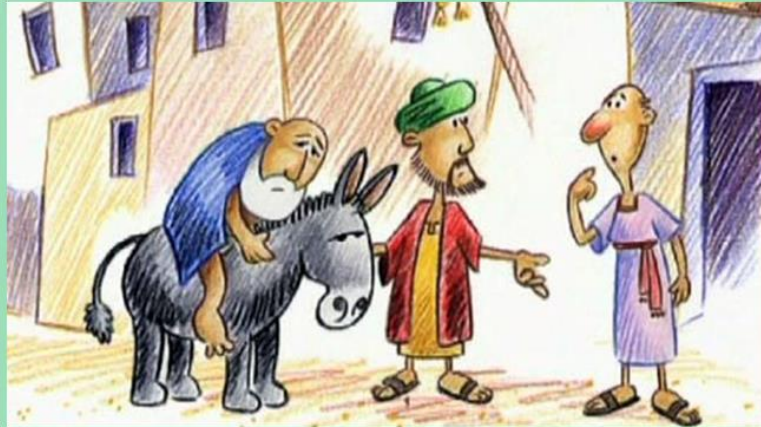
They've promised us feedback of where it all went.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas with your families and friends

Andrew & Debbie Brown

Our next Messy Church Session is on

**Sunday 20th January 2019
from 2.30pm -4.30pm**



**The theme this time
will be**

**‘The Good
Samaritan’**

THANK YOU to everyone for their love and support over the festive season – for cards, nice things, kindnesses shared, and warm wishes given! Mark and I have been overwhelmed with kindness and good wishes, for which we are very grateful. This

is a challenging time for St John’s while the build is in full swing. I am so grateful to you for your patience and understanding. We have so much to look forward to in 2019 as we continue to 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



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 White Christmas Weekend 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.



BREAKFAST CLUB



The breakfast team would like to wish you a Happy New Year and to remind you that there is no breakfast this week and the first breakfast of

**2019 will be on
Sunday 3rd February 2019 after the 8am
Service**

We wish all the congregation a Happy New Year

Hope 2019 brings you good health and happiness!!



SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

6th January 2019

Monday

- 10.00am Baby and Toddler group
- 10.00am Prayer circle
- 10.30am Pastoral visitors meeting at the Rectory
- 11.30am Messy Church planning meeting at the Rectory
- 7.30pm Eucharist in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham

Tuesday

- 10.00am Rector's Coffee Hour in Costa on Selsdon High Street. If you'd like to pop in for a chat or even just to say hello, please do!

Wednesday

- 10.30am – 12noon Coffee morning
- 7.30pm PCC meeting in the hall

Thursday

- 10.00am Baby and Toddler group
- 10.15am Said Eucharist. Members of the Pastoral Visiting team are particularly encouraged to come and hold our work before God
- 12noon Deanery Chapter meeting at the Rectory

Saturday

- 11.00am Baptism rehearsal

Next Sunday The Baptism of Christ

- 8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism
- 6.00pm Choral evensong

Readings next Sunday at 10am:

Isaiah 43.1-7 or Acts 8.14-17: Luke 3.15-17,221-22

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 jennyrowley@waitrose.com