



St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
Sunday 17th January 2021
2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome to St John's!

As we now join together virtually, we hope that you are able to join us in the safe comfort of your own home.

The service today will be taken by The Reverend Andy Dovey. We thank all that are able to help keep services going and hope you enjoy today's service.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU

The Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer:

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Samuel served the Lord by helping Eli the priest, who was by that time almost blind. In those days, the Lord hardly ever spoke directly to people, and he did not appear to them in dreams very often. But one night, Eli was asleep in his room, and Samuel was sleeping on a mat near the sacred chest in the Lord's house. They had not been asleep very long when the Lord called out Samuel's name.

“Here I am!” Samuel answered. Then he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am. What do you want?”

“I didn’t call you,” Eli answered. “Go back to bed.”

Samuel went back.

Again the Lord called out Samuel’s name. Samuel got up and went to Eli. “Here I am,” he said. “What do you want?”

Eli told him, “Son, I didn’t call you. Go back to sleep.”

The Lord had not spoken to Samuel before, and Samuel did not recognize the voice. When the Lord called out his name for the third time, Samuel went to Eli again and said, “Here I am. What do you want?”

Eli finally realized that it was the Lord who was speaking to Samuel. So he said, “Go back and lie down! If someone speaks to you again, answer, ‘I’m listening, Lord. What do you want me to do?’”

Once again Samuel went back and lay down.

The Lord then stood beside Samuel and called out as he had done before, “Samuel! Samuel!”

“I’m listening,” Samuel answered. “What do you want me to do?”

1 Samuel 3.1-10

Gospel

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. There he met Philip, who was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter. Jesus said to Philip, “Come with me.”

Philip then found Nathanael and said, “We have found the one that Moses and the Prophets wrote about. He is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.”

Nathanael asked, “Can anything good come from Nazareth?”

Philip answered, “Come and see.”

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said, “Here is a true descendant of our ancestor Israel. And he isn’t deceitful.”

“How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree.”

Nathanael said, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God and the King of Israel!”

Jesus answered, “Did you believe me just because I said that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see something even greater. I tell you for certain that you will see heaven open and God’s angels going up and coming down on the Son of Man.”

John 1.43-end

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

Margaret Rapp

We pray for those who have died recently:

Ernest Bradnam

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

17th January	Doris Prickett	(1983)
	Winifred Skinner	(1999)
18th January	Kenneth Butler	(1943)
	Ramona Nesbit	(1999)
19th January	Bert Smith	(1972)
	William Barnes	(1970)
20th January	Elisabeth Smith	(2019)
21st January	Edna Carpenter	(2016)
22nd January	Hendrickson Vitalis	(2003)
	Elsie Mann	(2015)

If you'd like prayer either for yourself or for another, please email rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com 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 email Amanda on the above email.

Please give NOTICES for inclusion in the weekly service sheet to Amanda bookingsstjohnschurch@gmail.com preferably by e-mail, or in writing. It would be helpful to receive this before * Tuesday * each week.

If you'd like to discuss arranging a baptism (christening), a wedding or a funeral, please call 0208 6572343 or email rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com

The Parish Office

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!!!!The office is now closed will further Notice Amanda is working from home you can contact her on the mobile number 07958 682103!!!!!!!

!! CORONAVIRUS !!

As we move into National Lockdown and the cases of coronavirus spiral upwards in London and the surrounding counties, we have taken the decision to close the church for normal Sunday Services and Private Prayer.

This decision was not taken lightly but we feel it is the best one to keep everyone safe.

We will continue to stream a live service on Sundays at 10am on the St John the Divine facebook page which can be watched at a later time on the facebook page or website.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO PROTECT OUR CONGREGATION

Read all about it



We would love to hear some of your news stories to keep our spirits up during this lockdown. If you have any good news whether it's just a small story to share please email Amanda

bookingsstjohns@gmail.com and we will add to the notice sheets on the website

Many Thanks

THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who donated so generously in memory of loved ones remembered on the Christmas Remembrance Tree

£755 was raised towards St John's funds

Ann Orchard and Gill Salter
7th January 2021

Down the Drain

Thank you to all who donated to the boiler fund by dropping your donations down the drain at the back of church during the Christmas period.

We raised £ 43.60 bringing our boiler fund total to £7602.

Many Thanks for your donations



Father Michael's Diary

17 January 2021



This week sees the start (18 January) of the week of prayer for Christian Unity. Founded in 1908 the week spans the minor feast days of the two greatest Apostles: St Peter and St Paul, thus locating the search for unity within the apostolic nature of the Church. Not surprisingly the drive for church unity began in 1910 at a conference of missionary societies. At that time in the mission field the societies of the different denominations saw themselves as rivals, in competition with one another which detracted from the overall missionary endeavour.

Today however we live in a different world and organic unity between the different Christian bodies is seen as an unattainable and not even desirable goal. The different Christian bodies we have today may have come into being as a result of human frailty and we may even regret them, but we can also see that they have allowed a far greater range of spiritual experience, witness and action than would have been possible in a single body. What is more important today is mutual recognition and acceptance. We need to recognise that none of us has a monopoly of the truth and that all expressions of love and loyalty to our Lord are equally valid. We need to acknowledge that we are all “singing from the same hymn sheet” and not just metaphorically, and therefore should be able to pool our energies in serving the world and witnessing to God’s love in creation.

Our goal may no longer be organic unity, now seen as unattainable, but full intercommunion, the mutual recognition one another’s sacraments and orders as universally valid. This is in itself a major challenge in the face of both the intransigence of some Christian bodies in the mutual recognition of others and the schismatic tendencies within our own Anglican communion. An important corollary of the commitment to unity is the effort to prevent further disunity. This will be important for us this year as we work through the Living in Love and Faith exercise in human sexuality, sadly this looks as though it will test us to breaking point. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would guide us into all truth we must pray that we search for that greater truth we do not lose our desire for unity.

Earlier today I had my first coronavirus vaccination – yippee!!

This week's suggestions for bible readings and prayers are drawn mainly from the week of prayer literature for this year issued by Churches Together in Great Britain and Northern Ireland

17 January Second Sunday of Epiphany – John 1.43-51 - The call of Philip – for all Christian vocations

18 January – The confession of St Peter – Matthew 16.13-19 – for the gift of faith

19 January – Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester (1095) - Ephesians 3.14-21 – may Christ dwell in our hearts

20 January – Richard Rolle of Hampole (1349)- John 13.1-15, 34,35 – that all Christians may love one another

21 January – Agnes, child martyr at Rome (304) – Luke 11.1-4 – Lord, teach us to pray

22 January – Friday – Deuteronomy 30.11-20 – that all Christians may love and follow the Word of God

23 January – Saturday – Mark 6.30-44 – for the gift of compassion

Love and prayers

Michael



Diary Dates

Friday 22nd Jan

**1pm Funeral of the late Ernest
Bradnam**

Sunday 24th Jan

**3rd Sunday of Epiphany Eucharist Service live at
10am on facebook page**

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