



St John the Divine Church, Selsdon Sunday 24th January 2021 The Third 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 Richard Ford. 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, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure"—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are true words of God." Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Revelation 19:6-10

Gospel

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

John 2:1-11

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

Margaret Rapp, Robin Sullivan

We pray for those who have died recently:

Ernest Bradnam

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

24th January	Mary Bussey	(1988)
	Isabel Tarlton	(1988)
	Margaret Sargent	(1988)
25th January	Sidney Murrell	(1949)
	Phyllis Farr	(1984)
	Mary Walker	(2014)
26th January	Robert Waple	(1996)
27th January	Ken Pilbeam	(2018)
28th January	Joan Child	(1987)
	Rita Hopley	(1999)
	George Jackson	(1960)
	Michael Martin	(2014)
29th January	May Cocking	(1988)

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

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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



Ash Wednesday is 17th February this year and the start of our Lenten observance. You may not have much of an appetite for giving up things this year. We have already given up so much. Perhaps you might like to 'take up' something instead.

Would you be interested in joining a Lent group by Zoom – weekly? Living His Story (by Hannah Steele) Revealing the extraordinary love of God in ordinary ways: is the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book for 2021. It is set out in six sessions to take you through Lent.

If you might be interested please let me know. Helen Lishmund – helen.lishmund@blueyonder.co.uk or 07776 375519.

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



FATHER MICHAEL'S DIARY

22nd JANUARY

In today's post I received the certificate of planting of an olive tree which had been given to me some eighteen months ago as a birthday present. This was arranged through the charity Embrace the Middle East; the tree has been planted in a small holding near Bethlehem farmed by a Palestinian olive grower. By keeping his land fully planted and productive, not only does this help to provide the farmer with an income but also protects the farm from encroachment by the nearby Jewish settlement.

This week contains a number of feast days so here some brief notes about them:

25th JANUARY

The Conversion of St Paul commemorates the incident outside Damascus when Paul arriving to hunt out Christians was confronted by a vision of the Lord Jesus which was to turn his life around and set him on the road to becoming the first and greatest preacher and teacher after our Lord. Today this feast marks the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

26th JANUARY

Timothy and Titus – companions of Paul, honoured by the Church for their devotion and faithfulness to the Gospel

28th JANUARY

Thomas Aquinas - Teacher of the Faith (1274) - the greatest thinker and teacher of the mediaeval church. His profound theological wisdom and capacity to impart this, as well in homilies as in hymns (which we still sing today) along with his gentleness in spirit in dealing with all earned him the title "angelic doctor"

30th JANUARY

Charles, King and Martyr – Charles became king at the age of 25 in 1625. He was a staunch upholder of the Church of England, in the face of the prevalent religious Puritanism of the time. Unfortunately, Charles did not handle the situation well and this led to the Civil War and ultimately to Charles' execution on this day in 1649. A faithful member of the Church of England, catholic and reformed, he suffered and died for what he believed in.

Readings and Prayers for the week

24 January – Third Sunday of Epiphany – John 2.1-11 – the wedding at Cana – that God will transform our lives with the wine of the Spirit.

25 January – the Conversion of Paul – Acts 9.1-22 – that all Christians may be united in the proclamation of the Gospel.

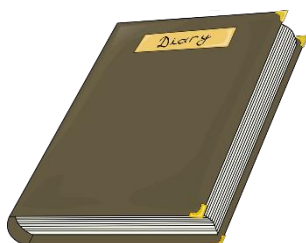
26 January – Timothy and Titus, companions of Paul – that we may be faithful in our discipleship.

27 January – Wednesday – Mark 4.1-20 – that we may be fruitful in bearing the seed of the Gospel

28 January - Thomas Aquinas, Teacher of the Faith (1274) – for all who preach and teach the Faith

29 January – Friday – Mark 4. 26-34 – that the Kingdom of God may grow in our community

30 January – Charles, King and Martyr (1649) – for the Queen and all the Royal Family



Diary Dates

Sunday 31st Jan

Presentation of Christ

Service live at 10am on facebook page

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