



St John the Divine Church, Selsdon Sunday 10th January 2021 Baptism of Christ

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 Stephen Wright. 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:

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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:

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**

First Reading

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.

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."

Mark 1:4-11

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:

10th January	Tessa Howden	(1986)
	Martha Maclean	(1986)
	Elizabeth Chester	(2001)
	Betty Turner	(2005)
	Reginald 'Reg' Grogan	(2006)
11th January	Frederick Bishop	(1973)
	William Prew	(1990)
	Rita Rogers	(2014)
12th January	May Pocock	(1980)
	Austin Chambers	(1983)
	Jurek Tatarkowski	(1979)
	Ian Kay	(1994)
	Thomas Skinner	(1979)
	John E Williams	(2006)
13th January	Alan White	(1982)
	Peter Rutland	(2002)
14th January	Elsie Eagles	(1997)
	Margaret Harrison	(2009)
15th January	Arnold Ramdehol	(2020)
16th January	Paul Chanot	(2018)

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

We need to keep social distance to a minimum of 1m, swift movement out of the church after services and that, sadly, we cannot serve coffee currently due to revised government guidance

The Parish Office

Open Mon- Thur 9am-2pm from
For any enquiries please call

Or email bookingsstjohns@gmail.com

St John's Website address is:
www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk

To find our Facebook page simply (Google) search
St John's Church, Selsdon

!!!!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



Diary Dates

Sun 17th Jan

10am Service streamed live on facebook

Friday 22nd Jan

1pm Funeral of the late Ernest Bradnam

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