



**St John the Divine Church, Selsdon  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021  
Epiphany**

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**Welcome to St John's!**

Welcome to our service today we are happy you can join us. Welcome to any newcomers to St John's, we hope you enjoy the service.

The service today will be taken by The Reverend Dhanaraj Charles Premraj

**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU**

**The Opening Prayer:** O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son of the Gentiles: mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for now and forever. **Amen**

**Post Communion Prayer:** O Lord our God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: grant that we, who with the wise men have been drawn by the light, may discern the glory of the presence in thy Son, the word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**First Reading**

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.

## Gospel

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*

**For your prayers:**

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

Andrew Bale, Margaret Rapp

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

David Crietzman

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

3rd January	Muriel Rann	(1995)
	Ellen 'Betty' Hartland	(1997)
	Cyril Broyd	(1999)
	Ivy Watmore	(2009)
	Laura Hay	(2019)
4th January	Mabel Chew	(1937)
5th January	Ann Miskin	(1995)
	Neil Parrott	(1973)
	Tom Wyatt	(2018)
6th January	Henry Crump	(1976)
	John Jeffree	(1971)
7th January	Gertrude Morris	(1959)
	Hannah Jones	(1983)
	Marjory Hay	(1984)
8th January	Elsie Henderson	(1991)

***If you'd like prayer either for yourself or for another, please email [rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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***

**0208 6579466**

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

***St John's Website address is:***

**[www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk)**

***To find our Facebook page simply (Google) search***

***St John's Church, Selsdon***

***The office will be closed until Wed 6<sup>th</sup> January***

# Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the raffle we raised £241 for St John's funds - and the winners were –

JL voucher - Monica  
Hamper - Julia Bailey  
Chocs - Martyn Brown  
Biscuits - Brian Miller  
Beauty set - Julia Furzer (Gill's daughter)  
Crackers - the Meads  
Amarylis - the Gordons



## 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 place in St John's from

**Sunday 6 December 2020 until Sunday 3 January 2021**

and will be dedicated at our

**Quiet Christmas Service on**

**Tuesday 22nd December 2020 at 7.30pm**

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.

If you would like any further information or help please contact

Gill Salter on 0208 405 9971 or Ann Orchard on 0208 686 6163

# !! CORONAVIRUS !!

As we move into Tier 3 and the cases of coronavirus spiral upwards in London and the surrounding counties could I remind everyone of the following:

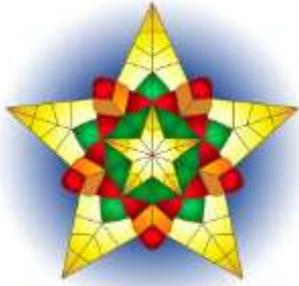
Coronavirus is highly infectious. Older people and those with underlying health problems are at increased risk of severe illness and potentially death

It is critical that we follow strict rules if we wish the church to remain open

- 1 Everyone must wear a mask properly unless they have a compelling reason not to do so and must sanitise on entry to and departure from church
- 2 Spacing is critical, please do not huddle together and please keep 2m apart unless you are in a bubble, sit on chairs which have a green square on them
- 3 Leave church in a measured way, not in a scrum and do not stand at the back of the church talking to others
- 4 Provided you remain in your seats we can deliver your cards to you, if you can take cards for other people please let us know
- 5 Windows need to be open, as does the back door

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO KEEP THE CHURCH OPEN AND PROTECTING OUR CONGREGATION**

Debbie Brown



# Diary Dates

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> January**  
Epiphany Service 10am

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> January**  
Church Closed

**Tue 5<sup>th</sup> January**  
Church Closed

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> January**  
Church Closed

**Thur 7<sup>th</sup> January**  
Church open for Private Prayer 10am -12 noon

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> January**  
Church Closed

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> January**  
Church Closed

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup> January**  
Baptism of Christ Service 10am

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