

St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
5 January 2020
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 The Churchwardens and members of the PCC who will be serving wine and nibbles 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 splendor 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: 880 We three kings

Offertory hymn: 47 As with gladness

Communion hymn: 52 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Last hymn: 36 The first nowell

Choir Anthem today *No small wonder* – Edwards

Prayers today are led by Anne Skinner

First Reading read by Helen Lishmund

Either

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

or

I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Ephesians 3.1-12

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:

David Crietzman, Ruth Joy

We pray for those who have died recently:

Peter Maynard, John Waddington

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

5 th January	Ann Miskin	(1995)
	Neil Parrott	(1973)
	Tom Wyatt	(2018)
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)

If you'd like prayer either for yourself or for another, please contact Jenny on 0208 657 2343 or email rectorstjohns@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 give details to Jenny.

Please give NOTICES for inclusion in the weekly service sheet to Amanda bookingsstjohns@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 Jenny on 0208 6572343 or email rectorstjohns@gmail.com



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.

The Parish Office is usually open

Mon-Thur 9am-2pm

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

Please call 0208 6579466 Or email bookingsstjohns@gmail.com



St John's Website

The website for our church can be found

www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk



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.



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!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Foodbank Christmas appeal - such a generous response meant we were able to take a whole car load of goodies to the Foodbank. THANK YOU!



A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone involved in the Angelfest Christmas Fayre and Christmas Concert. Another remarkable weekend in the life of St John's with lots of visitors, the church

looking fantastic and lots of warm welcome and festive fun. We estimate that @£2,200 was raised, to be shared between MacMillan Cancer Care and St John's funds. Thank you to everyone!



MID WEEK COFFEE MORNINGS

ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH 10.30am-12noon.

Our next Coffee morning is on

Wednesday 8th January

in the Garden Room

ALL WELCOME!

ST JOHN'S SELSDON GARDEN ROOM

We hope you like it! If you do, tell your friends, if not tell me!

The church and Church Hall are now fully accessible for everyone and will soon be available for use for the benefit of St John's and the wider community of Selsdon. If you'd like to enquire about using the hall or the Garden Room, please contact Amanda on 07958 682 103 or email bookingsstjohns@gmail.com

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 **donate** 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

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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.

Thank You

THANK YOU to everyone for their love and support over the festive season! Mark and I have once again been overwhelmed with love and good wishes, for which we are very grateful. It's been wonderful to see all our hard work come to fruition in the opening of the Garden Room this year - and to see it come into its own as we have welcomed friends into the church over Christmastime.

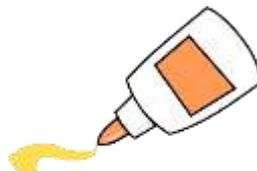
2020 will be another exciting year as we continue to explore together what it means to be Christ's body here in Selsdon and how best to fulfil all we believe God is calling us to be and to do here. Jenny

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 Hilary Richardson, and Jonathan Musgrave and all those who made our Angelfest 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 Yarn-bombing Selsdon with hand-knitted angels - all our knitters and intrepid angel-fixers!; 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.



**Our next Messy Church session will
be on**

**Sunday 19th January 2019
from 2.30pm -4.30pm
In the Church Hall**



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St John the Divine, Selston

Please join us for our next

CHORAL

EVENSONG

Sunday 12th January 2020

6pm

Sung by the choir of
St. John's

Director - Ian Brentnall

Organist - Jonathan Musgrave

Including

Introit: Come down, O love divine *Harris*

Anthem: If ye love me - Wilby

*A wonderful end to the weekend, a great way to start the
week.*



The Garden Room is now up and running and taking bookings for meetings and small gatherings.

We can hold groups of Max 20 people so if you can think of someone who would like to hire the room or a community service that could use the room for meetings etc please get in contact with Amanda Sinclair in the Parish office on 0208 657 9466 or email bookingsstjohns@gmail.com



Just a reminder that there is no Church Breakfast in January the first one of 2020 will be on

Sunday 2nd Feb 2020 at 8.45am in the Church Hall

Start it off with a banger



SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

5 January 2020

Monday

- 10.00am Toddler Group returns
6.00pm Meeting God in silence in the Lady Chapel
7.30pm Eucharist in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham

Tuesday

- 10.00am Rectors Coffee hour in Costa on Selsdon High Street. If you'd like to pop in for a chat or even just to say hello

Wednesday

- 10.30am Eucharist at Croham Place
10.30am Monthly Coffee Morning in the Garden Room
7.30pm PCC Meeting in the hall

Thursday

- 10.00am Toddler Group returns
10.15am Said Eucharist

Next Sunday

- 8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language
10.00am Parish Eucharist

Readings Next Sunday

Isaiah 42.1-9 or Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-17

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 rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com