



**St John the Divine Church
Selsdon
Sunday 16th January 2022
Second Sunday of Epiphany**

Welcome

Welcome to St John's, we hope that you enjoy today's service. There will be refreshments in the hall after the service served by Ann and Peter Crocombe, please do join us. There are toilet facilities at the back of the church through the glass doors and our Sunday school takes place at 10am in the Garden Room through the glass doors at the back of church all welcome.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU

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 for ever.

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**

Hymns	Opening:	433	Rejoice, the Lord is King
	Gradual:	345	Christ is the King
	Offertory:	377	Immortal, invisible
	Anthem:		Listen sweet dove (Ives)
	Communion:	274	Author of life divine
	Final:	394	Let all the world

First Reading – A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 62.1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Second Reading – A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians - I Corinthians 12.1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore, I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says, 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 2.1-11

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

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For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

Ian Brentnall, Linda Gordon, Chloe Lou, Michelle Lord, Marjorie Tarlton, Alan White

We pray for those who have died recently:

Daphne Owen

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

16 th January	Paul Chantot	(2018)
17 th January	Doris Prickett	(1983)
	Winifred Skinner	(1999)
18 th January	Kenneth Butler	(1943)
	Ramona Nesbit	(1999)
19 th January	Bert Smith	(1972)
	William Barnes	(1970)
20 th January	Elisabeth Smith	(2019)
21 st January	Edna Carpenter	(2016)
22 nd January	Hendrickson Vitalis	(2003)
	Elsie Mann	(2015)

If you'd like prayer either for yourself or for another, please email

Revd Younis revd.younis@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 speak to Younis.

If you'd like to discuss arranging any of the following



***Baptism (christening) *Wedding *Funeral * Home Visit**

Please call Revd Younis on

Tel: 0208 6572343 / 07504 721 294

email revd.younis@gmail.com

COVID

The number of cases is rising significantly

- Please do not come to church if you are unwell
- Wear a mask as you come in and out of church and as you go up to take communion
- Remember all the other precautions that we have got used to taking and consider carefully whether you want to start keeping a bit more distance, wear your mask more etc

If you have any concerns, please speak to Younis or one of the wardens.



Meeting God in Silence

Meetings will resume on Monday 17th January.

The Croydon Refugee Centre is in desperate need of :

- **Men's, women's and children's shoes inc trainers and sandals**
- **Men's and children's clothing**
- **Toiletries and food.**
- **Toys for children aged four-to-twelve-year-olds**
- **Saucepans**
- **Mugs**
- **Utensils**
- **Mens Belts**
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**All items need to be clean and in reasonably good condition.
Please rummage in your cupboards and donate any unwanted items
to Debbie Brown.
You can leave your items in the office Mon -Thur 9am -2pm
or bring to the service with you and leave in the porch on
Sunday.**



**A Prayer For Christian Unity Weeks starts
Tuesday 18th January 2022**

Churches Together Selsdon and Addington
will be hosting the following events:

- ❖ Tuesday 18th 8.00pm at St Mary's to join an evening Eucharist
- ❖ Wednesday 19th evening Zoom prayer with Peter Wyatt from St Francis Church Monks Hill (please ask Amanda in the parish office for link if you would like to attend)
- ❖ Thursday 20th - 10am at St John's Selsdon to join with a special morning service
- ❖ Then on Sunday 23rd our big event is our combined service at St Mary's Addington at 3.00pm.

Stamp Appeal



For every kilo of stamps, Bone Cancer Research Trust receives £20.

The Trust is dedicated to save lives and improve outcome for people affected by primary bone cancer through research, information, awareness and support.

Please save your stamps for me, useful guide:

- Any stamps (modern more valuable, old ones are pre-2008), foreign ones accepted please keep separate
- Minimise amount of card/paper attached, good guide is finger width (1cm) all the way round
- No pre-printed labels

Thank you

Catherine Sands



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who turned out on Sunday to say Farewell. It was so lovely to see you all again and be enfolded in the warmth of St John's welcome if not the warmth of St John's heating system!

Thank you to those who organised the morning – to Younis for the liturgy, to Tim and the choir for the music, especially to Jonathan for playing the Ashokan Farewell on the way out – which he knows is one of my favourite pieces. Thank you to those who put on such lovely refreshments in the hall after the service, to Martyn for his kind words and for flowers and wine too.

It was such a privilege to serve as your parish priest for 7 years. Mark, Kate and Helena and I share some very happy memories which it was so nice to revisit. I hope it won't be too long before I can see you all again. My prayer for Younis is that he will experience the same warmth and generosity at St John's that I did, and for you that you will continue to be a blessing and blessed by your own living out of the love of God in the community.

Many thanks

Jenny



Sunday School now open!!!!

Come and join us every Sunday at 10am the children will go into the garden room to do activities and then join the congregation during communion and share what they have been doing that morning



Father Michael's Diary

14 JANUARY 2022 WHAT A SWELL PARTY THIS IS



Perhaps you remember that catchy number from “High Society”? Well parties seem to be in the news now. We have just emerged from what is sometimes called the party season – the time of the year in the run up to Christmas when all sorts of firms, voluntary organisations, and, yes, Civil Servants, feel it is incumbent upon them to put on some social event when people can get together and socialise freed perhaps a little from conventional restraints of the working environment. On balance that is perhaps no bad thing, parties enable people to relate to one another as people and not as bosses and staff or employers and employees. They help to make the wheels of commerce, industry and government go round. Although I never worked in Downing Street I did spend a number of years in a similar environment and must confess to some sympathy with the staff involved

The word party has several meanings besides a social gathering. We talk of working parties, political parties, parties in a legal action to mention just a few. What unites them is that they all speak of people coming together to do things: mark a significant event, carry through a programme of work, change society, and settle a legal dispute. What they all point to is that as human beings we are not much good on our own; people need people. We need one another in countless ways to achieve anything.

And that goes for the church too: we are community, a party. The Greek philosopher Plotinus may have described life as “the flight of the alone to the alone” but nothing could be further from the truth. In our Judeo-Christian context the Old Testament is the story of a community, the Jewish community from their experience of salvation at the Red Sea and God’s judgement in the exile in Babylon and beyond. The New Testament records the foundation of a new community the Catholic Church, the community, the party of which we are members today, perhaps the most “swelegant, elegant party” of all !.

The Church is here to bring in the Kingdom of God, we are if you like, the Kingdom of God party but we cannot attain our objective unless we all work together. So its vitally important that every congregation should not only strive to achieve a sense of corporate identity it should also see itself as part of a greater community, a greater party – the Deanery, the Diocese, the Province and, ultimately, the world.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

16 JANUARY – SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY – John 2.11-11 – The Wedding at Cana – for all Christian couples

17 JANUARY – Anthony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 356 – Matthew 19.16-26 – if you wish to be perfect sell your possessions – for religious communities

18 JANUARY – The Confession of Saint Peter – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins – Matthew 16.13-19 – Churches Together in Selsdon and Addington

19 JANUARY – Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095 – Matthew 24.42-46 – Keep awake – the World Council of Churches

20 JANUARY – Richard Rolle of Hampole, Spiritual Writer, 1249 – 1 Corinthians 2.1-10 – the mystery of God – for all who profess and call themselves Christians

21 JANUARY – Agnes, Child Martyr in Rome, 304 – Revelation 7.13 –end – for all who suffer for the faith

22 JANUARY – Saturday – 2 Samuel 1.1-4, 11-12, 17-19, 23 – end – the deaths of Saul and Jonathan – our ministry to the bereaved

Church Diary

(Sunday 16th January – Sunday 23rd January)

Sunday 16th	8am	Eucharist Service (BCP)
	10am	Eucharist Service – Second Sunday of Epiphany
	12 noon	Lunch in the Pub
Monday 17th	10am-4pm	Private Prayer
	6pm	Meeting God In Silence – Garden Room
Tuesday 18 th	10am-4pm	Private Prayer
Wed 19 th	10am- 4pm	Private Prayer
Thursday 20 th	10am	Eucharist Service Week Of Christian Unity Service followed by coffee
	10am-4pm	Private Prayer
	8 am	Eucharist Service (BCP)
Sunday 23 rd	10 am	Eucharist Service Third Sunday of Epiphany

Coming Soon....

Thursday 20th January
Week of Christian Unity

Sunday 30th January
Candlemass Service 10am

Sunday 5th February
Breakfast 8.45am

Contact Us

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