



**St John the Divine Church
Selsdon
Sunday 23rd January 2022
Third 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 Margaret and Dudley Mead 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, 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**

Hymns	Opening:	6	Hark, the glad sound
	Gradual:	410	My God, how wonderful thou art
	Offertory:	388	Jesus shall reign (T:i)
	Anthem:		Come and sing choir
	Communion:	405	Lord of the boundless (T:365)
	Final:	415	O for a thousand tongues (T:346)

First Reading – A reading from the book of Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

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 12.12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, whereas our more respectable members do not need this.

But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

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, Alan White (no relation to Janice)

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

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

Mondays at 6pm in the Garden Room

Join us for a gentle way to start the week with some silent prayer



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.



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.

Stamp Appeal



Between St John's and 1st Purley Scout Troop 1 1/2 kilos of stamps collected between September and January including a number of collector stamps have been sent off this week to the Bone Marrow Research Trust. This equates to a minimum of £30 and 1 1/2hrs of life saving research. Brilliant given stamps would have probably just been thrown away with the envelope.

Huge thanks to everyone supporting the charity

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**

Please place in the plastic tub at the back of the church

Thank you

Catherine Sands



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



The late Daphne Owen

Daphne was a member of the congregation previously before she became too frail to attend and many would probably remember her. Daphne will be laid to rest on Tuesday 25th January at 1pm at St John's. All who knew her are welcome to attend. You are also welcome to share happy memories of Daphne at the Horseshoe in Warlingham after the service.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE TREE



Thank you to everyone who donated so generously in memory of loved ones

£639 was raised and shared equally between The Children's Society and St John's Project Warm Church

Father Michael's Diary

21 JANUARY 2022

THAT THEY MAY ALL BE ONE



We are now in the week of prayer for Christian Unity which runs from 18 to 25 January from the feast of the Confession of St Peter to the feast of the conversion of St Paul. Each year the World Council of Churches invites people from a specific area in the world to compile material for use during the week. This year's resources come from the Middle East Council of Churches who have taken as their theme the Epiphany story itself and in particular the Star of Bethlehem.

The story of the visit of the Magi reveal to us the unity of all nations desired by God. They travel from far-off countries, and represent diverse cultures, yet they are driven by the same hunger to see and know the new-born king and are gathered into the little house in Bethlehem in the simple act of giving homage and offering gifts. Christians are called to be a sign to the world of God bringing about this unity that he desires. Drawn from different cultures, races and languages, Christians share in a common search for Christ and a common desire to worship him. The mission of the Christian people, therefore, is to be a sign like the star, to guide humanity in its hunger for God, to lead all to Christ, and to be the means by which God is bringing about the unity of all peoples.

Today, more than ever, the Middle East needs a heavenly light to accompany its people. The star of Bethlehem is a sign that God walks with his people, feels their pain, hears their cries, and shows them compassion. It reassures us that though circumstances change, and terrible disasters may happen, God's faithfulness is unfailing. The Lord neither slumbers nor sleeps. He walks beside his people and brings them back when they are lost or in danger. The journey of faith is this walking with God who always watches over his people and who guides us in the complex paths of history and who guides us in the complex paths of history and life.

The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity conscious that the world shares many of the travails and difficulties that they experience and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who can overcome darkness. The COVID-19 global pandemic, the ensuing economic crisis, and the failure of political, economic and social structures to protect the weakest and most vulnerable, have underlined the global need for a light to shine in the darkness. The star that shone in the east, the Middle East, two thousand years ago still calls us to the manger, to where Christ is born. It draws us to where the Spirit of God is alive and active, to the reality of our baptism, and to the transformation of our hearts.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

23 JANUARY – THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY – Luke 4.14-21 – The Spirit of the Lord is upon me – our Christian vocation

24 JANUARY – St Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1623 – 1 Corinthians 2.1-10 - the Spirit searches everything – for self-knowledge

25 JANUARY – THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL - Acts 9.1-22 – Jesus is the Son of God – that we may fearlessly proclaim the faith

26 JANUARY – Timothy and Titus, Companions of St Paul – Titus 1.1-5 – our clergy

27 JANUARY – Holocaust Memorial Day – Mark 4. 21-25 – there is nothing hidden except to be disclosed – those who suffer as a result of man's inhumanity to man

28 JANUARY – St Thomas Aquinas –Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274 – Wisdom 7.7-10.15,16 - all theologians

29 JANUARY – Saturday – Mark 4.35-end – Peace! Be still! – that we may know God's peace in our hearts

We are currently streaming the Sunday morning service live through facebook live. If you would be interested in seeing the service through a zoom connection please speak to Revd Younis and we will see if we have enough people to offer this service to.

Thank you



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday

2nd March

**Holy Eucharist with
Ashing**

10 am and 7.30 pm

**St John's Church, Upper Selsdon Road,
Selsdon, CR2 8DD**

**Tel 0208 657 9466 email
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**QUIZ AND CURRY
NIGHT
@ST JOHN'S CHURCH
FRIDAY 25TH FEBRUARY
@ 7.30PM
IN THE CHURCH HALL**

**£10 PP SIGN UP SHEET AT BACK OF THE CHURCH
NON CURRY AND VEGETARIAN OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

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or email: **bookingsstjohns@gmail.com**

Please see the sign up sheet at the back of the hall

Church Diary

(Sunday 23rd January – Sunday 30th January)

Sunday 23rd	8am	Eucharist Service (BCP)
	10am	Eucharist Service – Second Sunday of Epiphany
Monday 24th	10am-4pm	Private Prayer
	6pm	Meeting God In Silence – Garden Room
Tuesday 25 th	1pm	Funeral of Daphne Owen
	10am-4pm	Private Prayer
Wed 26 th	10am- 4pm	Private Prayer
Thursday 27 th	10am	Eucharist Service Week Of Christian Unity
		Service followed by coffee
	10am-4pm	Private Prayer
Sunday 30th	8 am	Eucharist Service (BCP)
	10 am	Eucharist Service Third Sunday of Epiphany

Coming Soon....

Sunday 30th January

Candlemass Service 10am

Sunday 5th February

Breakfast 8.45am

Friday 25th February

Quiz and Curry Night

Wednesday 2nd March

Ash Wednesday 10am and 7.30pm Eucharist Services

Contact Us

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