



**St John the Divine Church
Selsdon
Sunday 30th January 2022
CANDLEMASS**

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 Gill and Tom Salter, 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 and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Hymns	Opening:	234	Christ, whose glory fills the skies
	Gradual:	157	Hail, to the Lord who comes
	Offertory:	393	Lead us, Heavenly Father
	Anthem:		Nunc Dimittis (as per CE on 9.1.2022)
	Communion:	44	Faithful vigil ended (T:282)
	Final:	439	Praise to the holiest (T:i)

First Reading – A reading from the book of Malachi 3.1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Second Reading – A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 2.14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the Word of the Lord.
ALL THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentile and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon 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.

We pray for those who have died recently:

Alan White (no relation to Janice)

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

1st February Edward Gane Inge (1947)

2nd February John Wollen (1951)

Douglas Harrison (1983)

Kevin Shaw (1983)

John Wannell (2007)

3rd February Dorrie Yorke (1989)

Sadie Austin (2014)

4th February Winifred Phillips (1987)

Sophie Budgen (1996)

Carol Selby (2018)

5th February John Chew (1982)

Vera Huggett (1983)

Brian Marshall (1993)

John Sparks (2001)

*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

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



COVID

Government advice has changed

**It is no longer compulsory to wear a mask in church but please do if it makes
you feel more comfortable**

**Masks and sanitiser are available as you enter church, and we shall keep
windows and doors open**

**A number of people will feel quite anxious that the guidance is less
strict. Please be aware that some people may prefer to keep a distance from
others, perhaps check before you sit next to someone that they are happy for
you to be there**

Communion will continue in one kind for now

Please speak to Younis or one of the Wardens if you have any concerns

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.

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





Father Michael's Diary

28 JANUARY 2022

WHAT IS MISSION?

As we move through Epiphany tide our thoughts are directed to a number of themes connected with showing Jesus to the world. We began with the visit of the Magi with their mysterious gifts and then moved through the Baptism of Jesus, when he was revealed as the Son of God, to the wedding feast at Cana where poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy and we were reminded of the transforming effects of the Gospel. Now as we come to end of the Epiphany season our thoughts are directed to two more contemporary themes, the unity of the Church, last week was Church Unity Week, and now finally to mission.

So, what is the church for? The church is the body of Christ; founded on the apostles and prophets, the church is the extension of the incarnation into human history and through that history into the life of the world today. The Church is Christ's presence in the world today. Its purpose is to continue Christ's work.

We have to build the kingdom of God, a kingdom of righteousness and justice and peace and love right here in Selsdon. So, we have to ask ourselves what are we doing to increase the amount of justice and peace and love in our community? There may not be many homeless people in Selsdon, but there are plenty in Croydon and refugees and asylum seekers too. We may not have a food bank, but there is one in New Addington and another in Sanderstead. Some years ago, this church was instrumental in setting up the Selsdon centre to address the needs of elderly people, but what have we done lately? We can't rest on our laurels for ever.

If it is to fulfil God's will, the church must be more than a comfort blanket, more than a refuge from the harshness of life, more indeed than the means of giving God the honour due to God's name. Worship is not just worship in Spirit it must also be worship in truth, worship which finds expression in building the Kingdom of God. And that is what we are called by our Christian faith to do. If we do that we shall be living out our faith, we shall be fulfilling our mission.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

30 JANUARY – PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMASS) –
Lk 2. 22-40 – Christ in the Temple – that Christ may dwell in us

31 JANUARY – Monday – Mark 5.1-20 – the Gerasene demoniac – all who work in mental health services

1 FEBRUARY - Brigid (Bride), Abbess of Kilara c.525 – Hosea 6.1-4 – on the third day he will raise us up – for religious communities

2 FEBRUARY – Wednesday – 2 Samuel 24.2, 9-17 – three days pestilence – all working to combat Covid

3 FEBRUARY – Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865 – Romans 10.11-15 – how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? –the churches of the Porvoo agreement

4 FEBRUARY – Friday – Mark 6.14-29 – the beheading of John the Baptist – all who suffer for the faith today

5 FEBRUARY – Saturday – 1 Kings 3.4-13 - Solomon asks for the gift of wisdom – for the leaders of our nation



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



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

**Day trip to Chichester and Chichester Cathedral,
Saturday 18th June 2022 8.15am start**



If you would like to join us on the day trip, please add your name to the list at the back of the church. Full payment to be made by end of March. Payment can be made by cash, cheques made payable to St. John's PCC or by debit card.

St John's Dramatic Society..the future



For over eighty years, St John's has had an affiliated drama society, but lockdown has brought us to a crossroads... how do we continue in the future?

To discuss possible ways ahead, we are holding a meeting in the Morris Chapman Room at 8pm on Wednesday 16th February.

All are welcome with their ideas, and wine and nibbles provided as a temptation!

There is also a sheet at the back of the church to sign if you may be interested to help with costumes, lighting/ staging, front of house or maybe even acting in the future!

Please consider helping us keep SJDS alive!

Hilary Richardson
Hon Treasurer SJDS
On behalf of the Committee



LENT REFLECTIONS @ST JOHN'S CHURCH

SATURDAY 5TH MARCH
10 AM - 12 NOON



St John's Church, Upper selsdon Road, South
Croydon, CR2 8DD
Tel: 0208 6579466
email: bookingsstjohns@gmail.com



Mothering Sunday

Sunday 27th March
10 am Eucharist Service
Including blessing and flowers



St John's Church Selsdon, Upper Selsdon Road,
South Croydon, CR2 8DD
Tel No: 0208 6579466 Email: bookingsstjohns@gmail.com

**Are you are looking for a venue
to hold your community group
or business meetings?**

Look no further than

St John's Garden Room

*The new all year round
Community Hub
in the heart of Selsdon*



*A bright and welcoming purpose built
room designed to meet local needs
within the whole community*

If you think that the Garden Room would be suitable for your needs please contact Amanda on 0208 6579466 or [email bookingsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsstjohns@gmail.com)

Church Diary

(Sunday 30th January – Sunday 6th February)

Sunday 30 th	8am	Eucharist Service (BCP)
	10am	Eucharist Service – Second Sunday of Epiphany
Monday 31 st	10am-4pm	Private Prayer
	6pm	Meeting God In Silence – Garden Room
Tuesday 1 st	10am-4pm	Private Prayer
Wed 2 nd	10am- 4pm	Private Prayer
Thursday 3 rd	10am	Eucharist Service followed by coffee
	10am-4pm	Private Prayer
Sunday 6 th	8 am	Eucharist Service (BCP)
	10 am	Eucharist Service 4 th Sunday before Lent

Coming Soon....

Sunday 5th February

Breakfast 8.45am

Friday 25th February

Quiz and Curry Night

Wednesday 2nd March

Ash Wednesday 10am and 7.30pm Eucharist Services

Saturday 5th March

Lent Reflections 10am -12noon in the church

Contact Us

You can contact the Revd Younis by Calling
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