



**St John the Divine Church
Selsdon
Sunday 9th January 2022
Baptism of Christ**

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 The Wardens today and to welcome Jenny and Mark as they say a fond farewell.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU

Opening Prayer

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children. 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

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns	Opening:	909	God is here! As we his people
	Gradual:	905	Christ, when for us you were baptised
	Offertory:	856	This is a day of new beginnings
	Anthem:		For the beauty of earth – Rutter
	Communion:	855	I come with joy, a child of God
	Final:	848	Father, Lord of All creation

First Reading – A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 43: 1-7

But now, O Jacob, listen to the LORD who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you I have called you by name; you are mine. When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.

For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I gave Egypt as a ransom for your freedom; I gave Ethiopia and Seba in your place. Others were given in exchange for you. I traded their lives for yours because you are precious to me. You are honoured, and I love you.

“Do not be afraid, for I am with you. I will gather you and your children from east and west. I will say to the north and south, ‘Bring my sons and daughters back to Israel from the distant corners of the earth. Bring all who claim me as their God, for I have made them for my glory. It was I who created them.’”

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Second Reading – A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 8.14-17

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had accepted God’s message, they sent Peter and John there. As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new believers to receive the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 3:15- 17,21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved;[a] with you I am well pleased.'

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:

Jonathan Aitken, 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:

10th January	Tessa Howden	(1986)
	Martha Maclean	(1986)
	Elizabeth Chester	(2001)
	Betty Turner	(2005)
	Reginald 'Reg' Grogan	(2006)
11th January	Frederick Bishop	(1973)
	William Prew	(1990)
	Rita Rogers	(2014)
	Brian Deacon	(2021)
12th January	May Pocock	(1980)
	Austin Chambers	(1983)
	Jurek Tatarkowski	(1979)
	Ian Kay	(1994)
	Thomas Skinner	(1979)
	John E Williams	(2006)
13th January	Alan White	(1982)
	Peter Rutland	(2002)
14th January	Elsie Eagles	(1997)
	Margaret Harrison	(2009)
15th January	Arnold Ramdehol	(2020)

*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

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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



We will be taking a break over Christmas and
New Year.

Meetings will resume on Monday 19th 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.



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



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

Church Breakfast

Just a reminder that there is no breakfast in January and the next breakfast will be on Sunday 5th February 2022

Hope you all have a lovely Christmas break



The Breakfast Team.

LET IT SNOW CHRISTMAS MARKET

Thank you to all who helped make the Let It Snow Christmas Market a great success. We raised £ 2108.47 that will go towards the warm church fund.



Thank you to those who gave up your time to organise, man a stall, make a cake, donate a item and spread the word.

We are grateful for all your help!!

Father Michael's Diary

7 JANUARY 2022 THE MARCH OF TIME

According to my computer file this is diary number 52 – have I really been keeping it for a year? – well, sure enough I have, the first edition was dated 10 January 2021.



We are now all a year older, when I started writing we were in the throes of an interregnum, now we have a new Rector Fr Younis; Boris Johnson remains Prime Minister, we have survived a year outside the European Union and coronavirus is still with us.

Indeed, coronavirus is not only with us but with us in a new highly contagious variant which has sent the number of infections soaring putting hospitals under pressure both from rising patient numbers and staff absences. However, it seems that the Government have no plans to introduce further restrictions here in England. We must all hope their confidence is not misplaced and of course we now have vaccines, and it seems that the omicron variant although more contagious may not cause such severe illness

When I started this diary, I never thought that in a year's time we would be in very much the same situation as we were this time last year. But I shouldn't have been surprised, if it wasn't coronavirus, it would have been something else, perhaps something even nastier. That's what it means to live in a fallen, that is less than perfect world. In many ways our affluent 21st century lifestyle effectively screens us from the harsher realities of our existence. Our food supplies continue uninterrupted and climate change doesn't impact on us very much here in Selsdon. Our government has secured sufficient supplies of Coronavirus vaccine for us each to have three shots while in other parts of the world most people have scarcely had one.

Our lifestyle may screen us from the harsher realities of life here on earth but that doesn't mean that dangerous changes aren't taking place, particularly in the field of climate change and pandemics because they are. We bury our heads in the sand at our peril. That may be a bleak message, but it is a realistic one. It is also a call to action; our future is in our hands.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

9 JANUARY – THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD – Luke 3. 15-16 & 21-22 – Jesus is Baptised – that we may remain faithful to our baptismal commitment

10 JANUARY- William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1645 – Hebrews 11.32-end – God has provided something better for us - for steadfastness in faith

11 JANUARY – Mark 1.14-20 – the call of the first disciples – for our fellow Christians

12 JANUARY – Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167 – Philippians 3.7-14 – I regard everything as loss apart from knowing Christ – for friends and friendship

13 JANUARY – Mark 1.40-end – the healing of a leper – the healing ministry of the church

14 JANUARY – 1 Samuel 8.4-7, 10 – end – the perils of having a king – Elizabeth our Queen

15 JANUARY – Mark 2.13-17 – the call of Levi (Matthew) –

Church Diary

(Sunday 9th January – Sunday 16th January)

Sunday 9th	8am	Eucharist Service (BCP)
	10am	Baptism of Christ Service
		Saying Goodbye to Jenny
	6pm	Choral Evensong
Monday 10th	10am-4pm	Private Prayer
Tuesday 11 th	10am-4pm	Private Prayer
Wed 12 th	10am- 4pm	Private Prayer
Thursday 13 th	10am	Eucharist Service followed by coffee
	10am-4pm	Private Prayer
Sunday 16 th	8 am	Eucharist Service (BCP)
	10 am	Eucharist Service
	12 Noon	Lunch in the Pub

Coming Soon....

Sunday 16th January

Lunch in the Pub

Thursday 20th January

Week of Christian Unity

Sunday 5th February

Breakfast 8.45am

Candlemass Service 10am

Contact Us

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