



**St John the Divine Church
Selsdon
Sunday 12th December 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

Welcome

Welcome to St John's, we hope that you enjoy today's service. The refreshments this week will be served by Margaret and Dudley Mead please join them in the church hall after the service.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped and obeyed to the ends of the earth, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O lord, for these heavenly gifts; Kindle in us the fire of your Spirit That when your Christ comes again, We may shine as lights before his face; Who is alive and reigns now and for ever.
Amen

First Reading – *In our reading this morning Isaiah says:*

God, the LORD, created the heavens and stretched them out.
He created the earth and everything in it.
He gives breath to everyone, life to everyone who walks the earth.

And it is he who says,
“I, the LORD, have called you to demonstrate my righteousness.
I will take you by the hand and guard you,
and I will give you to my people, Israel,
as a symbol of my covenant with them.

And you will be a light to guide the nations.
You will open the eyes of the blind.
You will free the captives from prison,
releasing those who sit in dark dungeons.

This is the word of the Lord thanks be to God

Second Reading – And St Paul says:

You see, we don't go around preaching about ourselves.
We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake.
For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness,"
has made this light shine in our hearts
so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.

We now have this light shining in our hearts,
but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure.
This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.

This is the word of the Lord thanks be to God

The Gospel according to Saint John 1:1-9,14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

Jonathan Aitken, Ian Brentnall, Linda Gordon, Chloe Lou, Michelle Lord,
, Marjorie Tarlton

We pray for those who have died recently:

Greta Carey, Jean Cynthia Jones, Margaret Rapp, Jean Treasure

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

13th December Eric Coster (2005)

Raymond Sayer (2001)

Peter Swinnerton

14th December Jim Starr (1967)

Rose Durant (1971)

Alice Park (1980)

Doug Bellows (1981)

Maureen Samme (2013)

15th December Hilda Smith (1958)

James Waddington (1967)

Baby Lilly Emily Zippo (2012)

Sandra Simpson (2017)

Peter Maynard (2019)

16th December Terry McDowall (2013)

Rose Miller (2016)

Ernest Bradnam (2020)

17th December Ermine Smith (2017)

18th December Richard Stookes (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

**Just a reminder that nothing should be left at the church door if you
need to drop anything off please do this on a Sunday morning or
office times. Monday – Thur 9am-2pm
or call Amanda on 0208 6579466 and arrange a time**

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.



Christmas Cards

Just to let you know that we will be printing some cards with the Christmas services on if you could take a few for your neighbours and drop through their doors we would be really grateful.

Also our Christmas card post box is now in church for you to pop your congregation cards in until 17th December.



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**

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.

Margaret Rapp

The Late Margaret Rapp will be laid to rest on Wednesday 15th December at St John's Church at 12.15pm this will be followed by refreshments in the church hall.

If people would like to donate flowers John would prefer them to be donated to local care homes especially Hill House care home which is where Margaret spent her final days.

Any donations can be made to Cancer Research or St Christophers Hospice.

Many Thanks

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

Coffee Rota 2022

I will be planning the coffee rota for next year in the next few weeks. I will work from the current rota so please let me know if you would like to come off the rota or if you are not currently involved if you would like to join.

You can call me on 0208 657 9466 or email bookingstjohns@gmail.com



Many Thanks
Amanda

Quiet Service



At St John's Church
Selsdon

Monday 20th
December
7.00pm

**A reflective
service for those
who have lost a
loved one.**

**St John's Church, Upper Selsdon Road,
South Croydon, CR2 8DD
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Notes from the Choirmaster

"The Great Os"

Well, what a to-do! I greet you from my inpatient bed under the fine care of the staff at Princess Royal University Hospital. I am on the mend slowly, but it will be a while before I am able to be with you in person once again. In the meantime, I thought I would share with you some background information about one of our most popular Advent hymns, O Come, O Come Emmanuel.



The **O Antiphons** (also known as the **Great Advent Antiphons** or **Great Os**) are Magnificat Antiphons (a kind of response sung before and after a Psalm or canticle) used at vespers on the last seven days of Advent in Western Christian traditions. It is likely that they date to sixth-century Italy, and they subsequently became one of the key musical features of the days leading up to Christmas.

Each text, in the original Latin, begins with "O". Each antiphon is a name of Christ, one of his attributes mentioned in Scripture. They are:

- 17 December: O Sapientia (O [Wisdom](#))
- 18 December: O [Adonai](#) (O [Lord](#))
- 19 December: O Radix Jesse (O [Root of Jesse](#))
- 20 December: O Clavis David (O [Key of David](#))
- 21 December: O Oriens (O [Dayspring](#))
- 22 December: O Rex Gentium (O [King of the Nations](#))
- 23 December: O Emmanuel (O [With Us is God](#))

In the [Roman](#) tradition the O Antiphons are sung or recited at vespers from 17 December to 23 December inclusive. Some Anglican churches also used them at [evensong](#); often according to medieval English usage, beginning on 16 December. However, since the severe decline in weekly parish Evensong services in the Anglican Church (due in no small part to the huge success of the Forsyth Saga TV series in 1967!) this tradition has now largely died out.

The hymn we now know as O come, O come, Emmanuel" (Latin: "*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*") was originally written as a metrical paraphrase of the Latin [O Antiphons](#). The 1861 translation by [John Mason Neale](#) for [Hymns Ancient and Modern](#) is the most prominent by far in the English-speaking world, but other English translations also exist. Translations into other modern languages (particularly German) are also in widespread use. While the text may be used with many metrical hymn tunes, it was first combined with [its most famous tune](#), often itself called *Veni Emmanuel*, in the English Hymnal in 1851.

So, next time you sing this hymn, remember that you are part of a tradition stretching back fifteen centuries during which countless Christians have proclaimed the names our saviour and entreated to come to us.

Warmest greeting Ian Brentnall

Church Breakfast

Thank you to all who made it to the Christmas breakfast was lovely to see so many.

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.

The late Greta Carey

Greta's family would like to let you know that Greta died on Sunday. She has been living in a care home not far from them in Somerset; You may know that she was suffering from dementia. During her last few days Greta faded gently away and on Sunday evening she died very peacefully. We would be grateful if you could inform anyone at St John's who knew her.

Greta's funeral is at Mendip Crematorium on Wednesday 22nd December at 12.30pm. We appreciate that it is probably too far for anyone to want to travel to Shepton Mallet for the funeral, but the service is being live-streamed (and a recording of the funeral will be available for a week afterwards). If anyone would like to see the live-streaming on-line please could they get in touch with Anne (sear.a@btinternet.com) so that she can forward the necessary password etc.

Best Wishes Peter Sear

LET IT SNOW CHRISTMAS MARKET

Thank you to all who helped make the Let It Snow Christmas Market a great success. We will let you know how much was raised as soon as possible.



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!!



ST JOHN'S CHURCH

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE TREE

Christmas can be a difficult time if you have lost a loved one. This year St John's is again offering the opportunity to remember those we never forget by placing a label decoration on the Christmas Remembrance Tree

The tree will be in place at St John's from **Saturday 4 December 2021 until Sunday 2 January 2022** and will be dedicated at our **Quiet Christmas Service on Monday 20 December 2021 at 7pm**

If you would like to take part by writing your loved one's name on a label to be attached to the Christmas Remembrance Tree, full details with dedication labels are available from the back of the church.

If you would like any further information or help, please contact Gill Salter on 0208 405 9971 salterg@outlook.com or Ann Orchard on 0208 686 6163

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.





ST JOHNS PRESENTS

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER

6PM

FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

St John's Church. Upper Selsdon Road, South

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Church Diary

(Sunday 12th December – Sunday 19th December)

Sunday 12 th	8am	Eucharist Service
	8.45am	Breakfast served in the hall
	10am	Eucharist Service – Christingle
Monday 13 th	10am-4pm	Private Prayer
	6pm	Meeting God In Silence – Garden Room
Tuesday 14 th	10am-4pm	Private Prayer
Wed 15 th	10am- 4pm	Private Prayer
	12.15pm	Funeral of the late Margaret Rapp
Thursday 16 th	10am	Eucharist Service followed by coffee
Sunday 19 th	8 am	Eucharist Service
	10 am	Eucharist Service
	6pm	Nine Lessons And Carols

Coming Soon....

Sunday 19th December

9 Lessons and Carols @ 6pm

Monday 20th December

Quiet Christmas Service @ 7pm

Friday 24th December Christmas Eve

Crib Service 4pm

Midnight Mass 11.30pm

Saturday 25th December Christmas Day

Christmas Eucharist Service – 10am

Contact Us

You can contact the Revd Younis by Calling

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