



**St John the Divine Church  
Selsdon  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022  
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 Marguerite Sparks and her helpers.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU**

### **Opening Prayer**

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **First Reading – A reading from the first book of Isaiah 60.1-6**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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

## **Second Reading – A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians 3.1-12**

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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## **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 2.1-12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*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

**We pray for those who have died recently:**

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

2nd January	Stuart Cushnaghan	(1993)
	Dorothy Hancox	(2006)
	Christine Nockolds	(2019)
3rd January	Muriel Rann	(1995)
	Ellen 'Betty' Hartland	(1997)
	Cyril Broyd	(1999)
	Ivy Watmore	(2009)
	Laura Hay	(2019)
4th January	Mabel Chew	(1937)
5th January	Ann Miskin	(1995)
	Neil Parrott	(1973)
	Tom Wyatt	(2018)
6th January	Henry Crump	(1976)
	John Jeffree	(1971)
7th January	Gertrude Morris	(1959)
	Hannah Jones	(1983)
	Marjory Hay	(1984)
8th January	Elsie Henderson	(1991)

*If you'd like prayer either for yourself or for another, please email  
Revd Younis [revd.younis@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.**



## 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**

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 £ 2105.47 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**

31 DECEMBER 2021 A FAITH FOR ALL THE WORLD

I am writing this in the expectation that we shall anticipate the feast of Epiphany (6 January) on the previous Sunday (2 January)

Epiphany celebrates the universal nature of the Christian faith symbolised by the story of the visit of the Wise Men to the baby Jesus with their mysterious gifts gold, frankincense and myrrh. The details such as they are come in Matthew's account of the nativity of our Lord and in fact, we know very little about them: not even that there three of them nor where they came from. They were clearly important enough to gain an immediate access to King Herod, the ruler of Judea. Their enquiries resulted in the re-evaluation of an oracle of the prophet Micah which pointed to Bethlehem as the birthplace of the "King of the Jews" and sadly the massacre of infants in and around Bethlehem. We may know very little about these wise men, called magi in Greek, perhaps they were astrologers. It seems fairly certain that whatever they were they weren't Jews.

From the Christian point of view that is the important thing about them. Coupled with Luke's account of the birth of Jesus the visit of the Magi completes a picture of the universal appeal of Christ. The baby Jesus is visited and adored by the high (the Magi) and the low (the shepherds) the simple (the shepherd) and the wise (the Magi) and perhaps most important by the Jew (the shepherds) and the gentiles (the Magi).

This was brought home to me forcibly when with my Sunday School class we were taken to an exhibition in our church hall put by missionaries from China. In one of the books on display there was a picture of the crucifixion in which all the figures were clearly Chinese. Very much the same point is made in legends which tell of the boy Jesus visiting Britain with his uncle Joseph of Arimathea. Both point to the universal nature of our faith. Judaism is a religion primarily for Jews as is Hinduism for Indians. But Jesus is for everybody. Jesus is universal he belongs to no particular race or time or culture. Jesus is the Saviour of us all, whoever we are.

### **READINGS AND PRAYERS**

**2 JANUARY – EPIPHANY** – Matthew 2.1-12 – the visit of the Magi – that we may offer our talents and abilities to the Lord

**3 JANUARY – Monday** – 1 John 3.22-4.6 – love one another – for our congregation

**4 JANUARY – Tuesday** – Mark 6.34-44 - the feeding of the 5,000 – for the work of Christian Aid

**5 JANUARY – Wednesday** – 1 John 4.11-18 – perfect love casts out fear – for refugees and asylum seekers

**6 JANUARY – Thursday** – Luke 4.14-22 – the Spirit of the Lord is upon me – for vocations

**7 JANUARY – Friday** – 1 John 5.5-13 – who does not have Son does not have life – for non-Christians

**8 JANUARY – Saturday** – John 3.22.30 – no one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven - for those in training for ministry

## **Church Diary**

**(Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January)**

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8am	Eucharist Service ( BCP)
	10am	Epiphany Eucharist Service
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am-4pm	Private Prayer
	7pm	Lady Walsingham Service
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10am-4pm	Private Prayer
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	10am- 4pm	Private Prayer
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Eucharist Service followed by coffee
	10am-4pm	Private Prayer
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	8 am	Eucharist Service (BCP)
	10 am	Baptism of Christ service

## **Coming Soon....**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January Baptism of Christ Service**

Service 10am

## **Contact Us**

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