

St JOHN THE EVANGELIST
13th January 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Vicky is taking our service and preaching.

Everyone is very welcome at this service.

If you have very young children there are busy bags with activities in you can pick up near the welcome table to use during the service if needed. If your child gets restless you are welcome to take them to the children's quiet area where there is a bit more space for them and books and paper and crayons for them to use.



We give a warm welcome to the family and friends of Florence and Charlotte Wickson who are to be baptised this morning.

HYMNS

Opening: 410 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Gradual: 111 Do not be afraid

Processional: Loving Spirit, loving Spirit *words on the other side of the sheet*

Offertory: 321 Love divine, all loves excelling

Final: 317 Lord, the light of your love

During this hymn a collection is taken. If you are a UK tax payer you can donate by Gift Aid and for every £1 you give, St John's gets an extra 25p. Please put your donation in one of the Gift Aid envelopes in the back of the seats, adding your name and address. If you would like to give regularly by Gift Aid please see Jo Need. Thank you very much for your support.

THE COLLECT

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.

THE READINGS: Isaiah 43.1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Thanks be to God.

Acts 8.14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL – LUKE 3.15-17,21-22

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

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; with you I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

COMMUNION: *Everyone is warmly invited to receive communion or a blessing. We gather in a circle around the altar. The sidespeople will invite you forward.*

POST COMMUNION

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.**

**PLEASE STAY FOR REFRESHMENTS
AFTER THE SERVICE**



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Please pray for those who are ill
and those in particular need of prayer**



Among them Ann Cooper, Caroline Hellicar, Phil Harvey, Florence Hicks, Helen Keates, Stanley Ball, the Hallidan family, Ruth and Lee Clift, Alan Bennett, Bill and the Higgins family, Fiona Boulton, Sergei and Aleksandra. **And for those who have died.**

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 62.1-5, John 2.1-11

Hymn: Loving Spirit, loving Spirit

**Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be--
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.**

**Like a mother, you enfold me,
hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body,
form me of your flesh and bone.**

**Like a father, you protect me,
teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder,
let me see the world from high.**

**Friend and lover, in your closeness
I am known and held and blessed;
in your promise is my comfort,
in your presence I may rest.**

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you have chosen me to be--
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.**

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SERVICES: JANUARY

Sun 20th THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

9am Holy Communion

10am Sacred Space and children's church

12 Baptisms of Millie Colyer and Mollie

Woodbridge

Sun 27th THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

10am Parish Communion and children's church

FEBRUARY

Sun 3rd PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

10am All Age Communion

12 noon Baptism of James Winstanley

Sun 10th 4th SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

10am Parish Communion & Children's Church

Sun 17th 3RD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

9am Holy Communion, 10am Sacred Space

LITTLE GROOVERS our friendly parents/carers and toddlers/babies group meets every Tuesday from 9.45-11.15am. £1.50 per family.

Spring Grove Acoustic present: SWEET BILLY PILGRIM + KITTY O'NEAL - Parish Hall Saturday 16 February 8pm SWEET BILLY PILGRIM are veterans of 4 critically acclaimed albums and a Mercury Prize nomination, who slimmed down from a six-piece to the duo of Tim Elsenburg and Jana Carpenter to release 'Wapentak' last year, a beautiful, absorbing album. Supporting is KITTY O'NEAL and her band. Kitty is an outstanding young singer-songwriter who mixes folk influences with a love of pop/alternative sounds. Event is in aid of LOVE KINGSTON. Tickets £10 via tonyhardy@fifty3.net

No right answers - January 17th at 7pm: Faith discussion group in the United Reformed Church.

Scriptural Reasoning - 22nd January 1.30-3pm: The next chance to reflect on, and learn from, our sacred texts alongside our Jewish and Muslim sisters and brothers. This time at the Kingston Liberal Synagogue, Rushett Road, Long Ditton, Surrey KT7 OUX

All Saints Kingston - Kingston University 'Finding ideas in surprising places' Book Group meets Monday 4 February 7:00 - 8:30 pm, with drinks from 6:30 pm. Martin Corner introduces **Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's One day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich.** KU Main Penrhyn Road Building, Room 0031. More information from lgpacker123@gmail.com, 020 8549 1960.

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