



16th January 2022: Second Sunday of Epiphany

Season: Epiphany, a season in the church year running until Candlemas (2nd February, but kept on 30th January this year) where we remember the many manifestations, or appearances, of Christ to all people.

Liturgical Colour: White **Why?** White symbolizes purity, light, glory, and joy.

8am Holy Communion (no hymns) in the Lady Chapel
President and preacher: Revd Tim

9.30 am Parish Eucharist
President: Revd Tim Vickers
Preacher: Anne Edwards
Deacon: Lauryn Awbrey
Reading: I Corinthians 12.1-11
Reader: Mary Jean Pritchard
Intercessions: Carol Cooke
Music Setting: Mass of St Thomas (Thorne)
Hymns: 104, 383, 238i, 449i, 476.

10.30am Parish Coffee in the Church Hall

GIVING AT ST JOHN'S

At St John's we rely on the enormous generosity of our congregation to support our ministry, so that we might live God's love to our Parish. If you are in a position to support us, there are a number of ways you can give, either as a one-off or on a regular basis:

- Collection plate – both cash and contactless either before or after the service
- Set up a direct debit
- Join our Parish Giving Scheme

Envelopes to donate for the collection where gift aid can be claimed are available. For more information contact Andrew Poppleton on Andrew.poppleton@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk

SUNDAY READINGS AND PRAYERS

The Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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.

New Testament Reading: I Corinthians 12.1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Gospel Reading: John 2.1-11

²On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Post-Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

IMPORTANT PARISH CONTACTS

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IN OUR P R A Y E R S

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

www.stalbans.anglican.org/faith/daily-prayers

Deanery of Ampthill and Shefford

Sunday: Parish of Harlington
Monday: Parish of Haynes
Tuesday: Parish of Henlow
Wednesday: Parish of Hexton
Thursday: Parish of Higham Gobian
Friday: Parish of Husborne Crawley
Saturday: Parish of Langford

For those preparing for First Communion:

Clemency Venner, Phyllis Venner, Harry Evans, Luella Buckle

In our Parish for the sick:

Claire, Sue, Christine, Hermione, Karen, Chris, Paul, Pat, Tamsin, Mike, Miriam, Daniel, Pat, Barbara, Chris and all whose names are entered on our St Luke's Cell Prayer List.

For the dearly departed:

Richard James Franklin (known as Jim)

In their year's mind:

Alastair Simpson, Patricia Tollworthy (16th); Elsie Woods (17th);
George Seagrave, Alan Turner, Susan Eastwood (18th);
James Holdaway (19th); Angel Rogerson, Jessica Hignell (20th);
Barbara Astley (21st); Gladys Girling (22nd).

For the homes and families in

Sunday The Deerings, Dellcroft Way
Monday Dickinsons Field, East Common
Tuesday Eastcote Drive, Eastmoor Park
Wednesday Ennis Close, Fairmead Avenue
Thursday Fairway Close, Field Close
Friday Fovant Close, Gordon's Walk
Saturday Gorselands, Grange Court Road

Please let Tim know if we can pray for you.

NOTICES

Thank you for the donations of flowers this Christmas.

Elizabeth Curran

Christmas Appeal. Thank you to everyone's generosity we raised £557.05 for our Christmas appeal for the ongoing crisis in Afghanistan.

COMING UP

Tell us what you think? Today is the last day to tell us what you thought about Advent and Christmas at St John's last year? What did we do right? How could we improve? Either look in the newsletter or copies at the back of church. See link for the survey below.

Epiphany Christingle. We will be holding an Epiphany Christingle on Sunday 23rd January at 4pm. All are welcome to join us, with craft and activities from 3pm.

Volunter Fair. We are planning to hold a Volunteer Fair on Sunday 6th February, after our All Age Parish Eucharist. If you are looking for new ways to be part of our church or want to try something new – this is the perfect opportunity to see everything that happens at St John's.

Spiritual Well Being Survey. We know that the last 2 years have had a variety of effects on our lives and particularly our relationship with God. To help us as we move forward, it would be really useful if you could complete a short survey so that we can find out what the last few years have meant for you and your spiritual well being. It's completely anonymous, unless you want to talk directly to the Ministry Team or wardens.

Link for both surveys: <https://stjohnsharpenden.org.uk/surveys>

First Communion: We currently have 5 young people preparing to be admitted to First communion. If there is someone in your household who you think is ready, and would like to join them, and is at least 7 years old, please get in touch with Revd Tim. We will be admitting people to First Communion during our 9.30am service on Sunday 30th January, and will need to arrange two preparation sessions in advance.

NEXT SUNDAY

8am Holy Communion and 9.30am Parish Eucharist, Third Sunday of Epiphany Readings: NT: 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Gospel: Luke 4.14-21

Weekday Morning and Evening Prayer (in the Lady Chapel)

Morning Prayer: 9.30 am, Monday to Thursday and

Evening Prayer: 5 pm, Monday to Thursday

Eucharist, 10.30am every Wednesday in the Lady Chapel.

Sign up to our Newsletter:

We also send out a weekly newsletter. If you would like to receive it, please get in touch: stjohnsharpenden.org.uk/about-us/newsletter/

For arrangement of baptisms, weddings & funerals contact the Parish Office or talk to the vicar after the service



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We report these in our newsletters.

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Register your details:



[stjohnsharpenden.
org.uk/trace](https://stjohnsharpenden.org.uk/trace)

(or speak to a Church
Warden at the back of
Church)

We won't use the data you provide for any other purposes and will delete it soon after the exposure risk has passed.