

NEW Winter 2021-2



Arboretum - An exciting, new Christmas/Winter quiz from our quizmasters Brian & Faith. Please send answers to quiz@stjohnsoldmalden.org.uk.

The closing date for entries is the end of the day on 28th Feb 2022



Come and join us for a traditional Afternoon Tea on Sunday, 13th February and help raise funds for St. John's.

Tickets £10, available after services.

St John's Knitting & Crochet Group will be celebrating its 14th Birthday this Thursday. Come and join us for tea, cake and lots of knitting & crochet. Time to catch up with everyone once again. 2.00pm in Church Coffee Lounge on the 27th January.

From time to time we revise our list of those who need our prayers at this time. If you have a name that you wish to remain on the list, please let Marilyn know by the end of January.

Nursery School Application Forms need to be given to us by 18th February - and they will be available for pick-up on 27th February.

Food Bank

Now that St John's will be re-opening, you can bring your donations to church or otherwise you could take your goods to any Waitrose.

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If you require any items I will deliver to you.

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the
Baptist,
Malden**

EPIPHANY III

Sunday 23rd January 2022

COLLECT: God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to
the poor, release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your peoples free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY

We pray for those in particular need:

Joanna, Conor, Val, Janet, Mara, Nicola, Ines, Mei Lin, Alice, Mark, baby Aria, Nikki.

We pray for the people of Tonga and the surrounding islands.

We pray for those whose Year's Mind occurs this week: Anthony Money, Pat Samuels, Liz Sealey, Doris Forrester, Ardash Torossian, Olive Bish, Charlotte Whaymand, Fred Woolmer, Violet Griffin, Leslie Jeal.

TODAY'S HYMNS

NEH 394 Let all the world

NEH 48 Bethlehem of noblest cities

NEH 343 Bright the vision

NEH 485 Thy hand O God has guided

Today's Voluntary

Fugue No. 3 in D minor - Mendelssohn

Stewardship Campaign:

**Still not too late to return
your red envelope!**



Please put your envelope in the box in church; or send it to the Parish Office (there is a post box outside the door to the side entrance). You can also respond by email to stewardship@stjohnsoldmalden.org

FIRST READING NEHEMIAH 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

GOSPEL READING LUKE 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to
the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's
favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
18th-25th January 2022**

Prayer

Creator of light,
illumine our path by the light of Christ
who moves before us and leads us.
May he be a beacon for our pilgrimage.
Enlighten us and dwell within us.
Guide us to discover a manger in our
hearts where a great light still shines.
We thank you for the gift of that
unfading Star, Jesus Christ, our Lord and
Saviour. Heal our divisions and draw us
closer to the Light that we may find our
unity in him. Amen.