

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

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.

Food Bank

As the Church is closed could you take your goods to any Waitrose

Alternatively New Life Baptist Church; Balaclava Road; Surbiton; Monday evening: 18:00 - 19:00

New Malden Baptist Church ;Thursday morning: 10:00 - 11.30

Kingsmill Business Park; Unit 9; KT1 3GZ Wednesday morning: 09:30 - 12.30

The Lamb Pub; Brighton Road; KT6 5NF Monday - Sunday: 12.00 - 21:00

Traidcraft

If you require any items I will deliver to you.
Anne Beales 07816221076
anne.beales8@gmail.com

MINISTRY TEAM CONTACTS

Fr Michael 020 8337 8830
gore_lodge@yahoo.co.uk
Rev Milly Broome 020 8337 1572
m.broome@hotmail.co.uk
Marilyn Burkett 020 8337 6017
m.c.burkett@btinternet.com
Tony Pullen 020 8949 6784
tony@pullen.me.uk
Registered charity no, 1145155
CCL Licence No. 88083

St John's website:
www.stjohnsoldmalden.org.uk



St John the Baptist, Malden

EPIPHANY II

Sunday 16th January 2022

COLLECT: Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through
past ages and made known in
Jesus 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 those who have died recently: David Fraser.

We pray for those whose Year's Mind occurs this week:

Tony Durrant, Marjorie Pullen, John Whaymand, Doris Birch, Vernon Cousins, Ardash Torossian, Kathleen Buckler.

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

ISAIAH 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When 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 and 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.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**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.

Christians are called to seek the new-born king, the king of gentleness, peace and love. But where is the star that leads the way to him? It is the mission of the Church to be the star that lights the way to Christ who is the light of the world. By word and through action the Christian people are called to light the way so that Christ might be revealed, once again, to the nations. Yet divisions dim the light of Christian witness and obscure the way, preventing others from finding their way to Christ. Conversely, Christians united in their worship of Christ, and opening their treasures in an exchange of gifts, become a sign of the unity that God desires for all of creation.

The Covid-19 global pandemic; the economic crisis that has followed and the failure of political, economic and social structures to protect the weakest and most vulnerable; and the racism that blights our communities have underlined the global need for a light to shine in the darkness. The star that shone in the East, (the Middle East), two thousand years ago still leads us to the manger, to where Christ was born. It draws us to where the Spirit of God is alive and active.

Extract from the downloadable resources for The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.