



Welcome to St John's

We hope that you will find here a place where you can discover that God loves you; a place where you can allow God to draw close to you.

St John's is the Church of England Parish Church for this Parish.

Our Parish reaches roughly from the Avenue and Green Lane to the A3. Everyone who lives in that area is a Parishioner of St John's, and we are here to serve all those people in the name of Christ.

At any service at St John's you will meet local people.

Look around and you might find your neighbours, or people you have seen out and about. You will meet people of different ages and backgrounds. Some will have worshipped here for just a few weeks; some will have been here for much longer.

None of us is perfect - St John's isn't a Church for perfect people – but all of us are discovering what it means to be loved by God.

Take your time and join in to the extent that you feel comfortable.

We are glad that you are here.

Getting in touch

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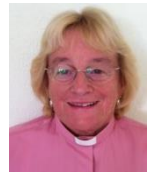


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St John's People - St John's private Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/638587582995188>

St John the Baptist, Old Malden - St John's public Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/486870358844234/>

Parish weekly mailing

subscribe via the website or here:



Acts of Worship

Our core activity is to worship God.

Much of our worship focuses on the Eucharist or Holy Communion, where we receive bread and wine to remember God's love for us and to receive God's grace.

Sunday

8.00 am Said Eucharist
A quieter service of Holy Communion

9.45 am Sung Eucharist
*Holy Communion
with music and ceremony*

Wednesday

11.00 am Said Eucharist
A quieter service of Holy Communion

Further details regarding all of our services can be found on the church noticeboards and on our website.

An inclusive and liberal Church

The Ministry Team are committed to maintaining an open and inclusive attitude to all. We do this because we believe such an attitude more closely reflects God's generous love and compassion. No one will be discriminated against or judged on the basis of their age, race, gender, marital status, sexual orientation or creedal belief.

We are also committed to a liberal approach to the Bible, tradition and theology. This does not imply an 'anything goes' policy. On the contrary, as followers of the One who is the Truth, we are committed to the pursuit of truth in all things. This means that for us the Christian faith is always about journeying towards God and with God.

Not everyone at St John's will hold these views. Part of our task as ministers is to lead the congregation so that all of us can live, grow and be of service together.

A Church which seeks to sustain creation

St John's understands the Gospel of Jesus Christ to be Good News for the whole of this planet. We are working towards the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth, as a place of justice and peace for the whole of creation.

We do this

- by preaching that stewardship of God's creation is essential to Christian discipleship;
- by teaching and practising sustainable and ethical purchasing in accordance with Biblical principles of justice for all;
- by using resources such as energy and water responsibly, and minimising waste; and
- by caring for the environment in and around our church building.

Helping with Worship

There are no spectators at an act of worship. Everyone takes part in one way or another. But there are some particular roles which you could help with. Amongst these are reading the Bible, and writing/reading the prayers:

Reading the Bible

If you are interested in joining the team of readers, Jenny McCallum will give you more information. Most people read about three times a year.

Jenny McCallum 020 8337 7313

Writing / reading prayers

The prayers which are offered at the 9.45 service are written and read by members of the congregation. The team is led by Milly Broome who would be pleased to give you more information.

The Revd Milly Broome 020 8337 1572

Welcoming

Our **Welcomers** and our **Sidespeople** are the frontline of our mission at St John's. They set the tone for what people can expect during a service. Welcomers greet people, usually before the set foot inside the building. Sidespeople take over, making sure that worshippers have everything they need for the service.

If you would like to help on either team, simply speak to a Churchwarden.

The Serving Team

Servers prepare our services and assist with the ceremony, which enriches our worship at St John's.

Junior servers aged 8 or over spend the first few months as probationers and are trained in various duties, such as assisting with the candles or carrying the containers for the incense. Adult servers assist with duties such as carrying the Cross, taking charge of the incense, and supervising the serving team on specific Sundays.

If you would like to join our serving team, or simply to have more information, please contact Richard Burkett on 020 8337 6017 or r.j.burkett@btinternet.com

The Church Choir

If you enjoy singing, are aged 7+ and would like to join the choir, then come along to the church on a Friday evening. In addition to singing, you will learn some basic music skills as well as learning to read music.

Adult Choir

We would also welcome new members to our adult choir especially if you sing Tenor, Alto or Bass.

The choir sings at the regular Sunday Eucharist at 9.45am as well as at other services on special feast days. If you would like to know more please contact Marilyn Burkett on 020 8337 6017 or m.c.burkett@btinternet.com

Practice Times

Juniors Fridays (school term time only) – Junior choir will start again soon
Adults Fridays 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Flowers in Church

Flowers in church add to the beauty of the worship we offer and gladden people's hearts. Our Flower Team are responsible for the displays you will see in Church and on the War Memorial outside.



These arrangements are replaced each week, with the exception of Lent and Advent when we do not have flowers in Church. The ladies (and, as yet, one gentlemen) on our team, usually provide their own flowers when necessary and we have a weekly rota for creating the displays.

For Festivals such as Easter and Christmas and for Wedding flowers, our Flower Team work together. We also have a stand for Memorial flowers which are arranged on request. The Memorial flowers can be for any loved one, not necessarily in our Parish.

We ask for a small donation for this to cover the cost of the flowers. If you would like to make a special donation towards the flowers – particularly for Christmas and Easter, there is a small safe in the back wall of the Church (on the right hand side as you leave). All donations are greatly appreciated.

Would you like to help? You do not need to be an expert; some of our best arrangers had little experience before they joined our team. If you would like more information on Wedding or Memorial flowers, or would like to offer your help on the rota, please contact:

Jenny McCallum
or Lynn Sanger

020 8337 7313
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Children at St John's

Sunday Mornings

Children are welcome at every service held at St John's.

Naturally, some services are more suitable for children, and there will be quiet times – such as the sermon – when it would be good manners to take restless children into the Coffee Lounge.

Children's Ministry at St John's

During school term time, children aged five and over can leave their parents in church at the 9.45am Eucharist and take part in Children's Ministry – activities which will help them grow in their Christian faith.

Little Fishes

Once a month during the 9.45am Eucharist, we run a Crèche in the Coffee Lounge for children under five years



11 Up

is our monthly group for young people. 11 Up meets in the Upper Room after the 9.45am services.

Anything else?

If there are other ways your child would like to be involved in Sunday morning worship, let us know!

Children at St John's During the Week

St John's Parent and Toddler Group

Meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.00am to 11.00am in the Coffee Lounge.

Any child up to the age of 3 is welcome to this informal meeting of parents and little ones.





Our Scout Group



1st Old Malden (St John the Baptist) Scout Group

1st Old Malden (St John the Baptist) Scout Group has served the young people in the ancient parish of Old Malden since 1950 and is an active, friendly, family Scout Group.

We aim at giving 'Better Scouting for More Young People in Old Malden' and have a membership of over 100 Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts. In 2005 we were awarded the 'County Commissioner's Standard'; a local Scouting kitemark which recognises good quality, organised Scouting.

We run an exciting weekly programme with the focus on adventure, whilst providing the opportunity to develop friendships and understanding of others in a fun, exciting and safe way. We take part in District events like fun days, camps and competitions. Our young people are involved in national contests – e.g. airgun shooting and several are members of our local Scout and Guide Band, one of the best in the country.

Our own headquarters, the Old Malden Scout Centre is situated behind St John's Church Hall on Malden Road and was built with the help of National Lottery funding in 2002. It has been the catalyst to being able to improve facilities, equipment and activities ever since.

The Group is 'sponsored' by St John's, so it is very much an integral part of the life and outreach of the parish. We regularly recruit new Beavers, Cubs and Scouts – boys and girls aged 6 to 14. We are always on the lookout for new leaders and helpers too.

Contact Details

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Louise Dibble 020 8330 4976

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Making friends and reaching out

The Crochet and Knitting Group

This group was formed to teach the fine art of crochet and to enjoy a good friendly chat over tea and biscuits. All levels of skill are welcome, you may be a total novice, or perhaps you did learn to crochet once and have forgotten. Over the past year, many of our beginners have made beautiful blankets, scarves, hats, 'string' bags or just squares.

New members are always welcome – just come along with a ball of D.K wool and a 4mm (8) crochet hook and you will be amazed at what you can achieve. We meet on the last Thursday afternoon of the month from 2.00pm until 3.15pm in the Coffee Lounge in the Church Extension.

Holiday sessions are also run to teach children how to knit.

For further details contact Marilyn Burkett on 020 8337 6017 or m.c.burkett@btinternet.com



Tea and Chat



Drop in for Tea and Chat every Thursday from 2.00pm – 4.00pm at St John's Church Hall in Malden Road.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

The St John's branch of the Mothers' Union meets monthly in the coffee lounge of the Church extension on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2.00pm.

We enjoy talks by a variety of speakers, some from Mothers' Union, others from external organisations and from within our church. In January we invite members of other local church women's groups to join us. We have an annual outing in June, a garden party in July and a 'Wave of Prayer' in August.

We try and take part in the 'Lady Day' celebrations in Southwark Cathedral and attend Diocesan and Deanery meetings.

On the 1st Wednesday of the month we also meet for coffee at 10.00am in the coffee lounge before attending Holy Communion in the church at 11.00am.

The purpose of the Mothers' Union is to be specifically concerned with all that strengthens and preserves Marriage and Christian family life.

New members are warmly welcomed.

For a programme of future events or for more information please contact:
Pauline on 07950 978062



The Reading Group

If you enjoy reading and talking about books, then why not join St John's Reading Group? We select a 'book of the month' then discuss it at our next meeting. We meet on the 1st Thursday of each month (except during August and the major feast days) at 8.00pm in the Coffee Lounge in the Church Extension. New members are always welcome!

For further details contact Marilyn Burkett on 020 8337 6017 or m.c.burkett@btinternet.com

The Sunday Lunch Club

The Sunday Lunch club meets on the first Sunday of the month to enjoy a home cooked lunch, and to enjoy catching up with friends.

Are you on your own this Christmas?

If so come and join good company at St. John's Hall. This event is for anyone who would otherwise be on their own. The day starts at 12.30pm and ends at 5.30pm with full Christmas lunch and tea.

Offers of HELP would be much appreciated - by looking after the guests; washing up, serving tea, or providing some entertainment.



The Men's Thing

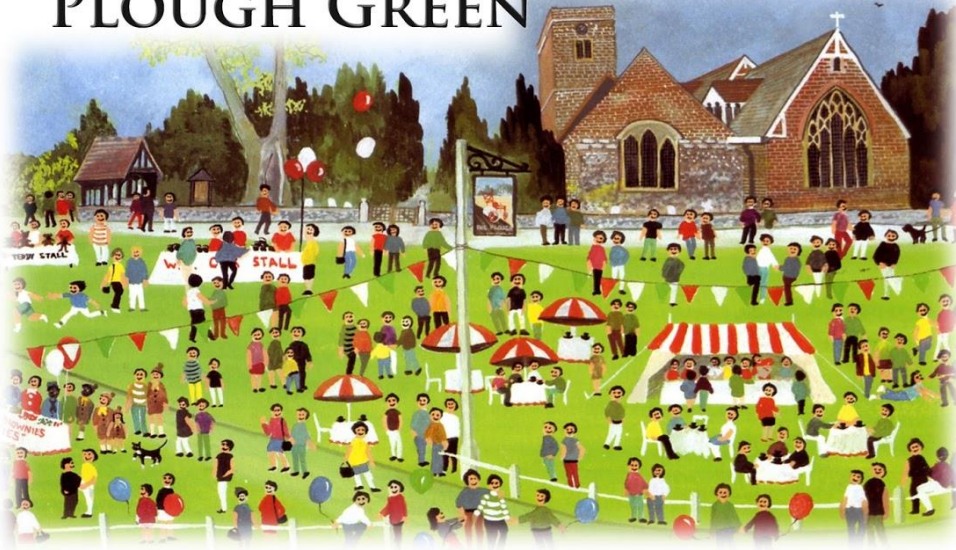
This is a monthly meeting for men of all ages to meet and socialise. The meetings are held monthly in the Coffee lounge, and began almost ten years ago. Each meeting starts with tea or coffee, and usually there is an invited speaker to talk about a particular topic which is hopefully of interest to men. Past speakers have covered a very diverse range of subjects covering interests, hobbies, careers and local topics, with speakers coming from both within and outside the group.

As examples of recent talks, these have included railways, art, bee keeping, vintage motor car racing, the history of lighting, wood turning, trekking up Kilimanjaro, the oil and chemical industries, fleet street photo-journalism, and also from our local beat bobby. In addition to our monthly meetings, during the summer the group has arranged trips to various places of interest which have include Bletchley Park, Kew Steam Museum, a Buddhist Temple and the GWR at Didcot, just to name a few.

Every man is welcome, whether a member of St John's or not, if you would like to come along please speak to John Eggitt or a member of the Ministry Team.

MAELDUNE FAIR

PLOUGH GREEN



Every June, we celebrate the Patronal Festival of St John the Baptist by holding the Maeldune Fair on Plough Green. Named after the ancient name of the parish, the Maeldune Fair brings together the whole parish community.

St John's Church Hall

411 Malden Road, Worcester Park KT4 7NY

The Church Hall is an important part of our mission. It is located on Malden Road between Forestside and The Manor Drive.

The Hall is run as an independent charity and provides accommodation for a wide range of community use. Various groups use the hall during the afternoons and evenings, including art groups, Rainbows, Guides and an Aikido group. The Hall is available for hire at weekends for private functions, including Wedding Receptions, Parties and Jumble Sales to name a few.

Occasionally the hall is available for regular afternoon or evening bookings, availability on request. For all events, full kitchen facilities are available.

For further details about the Church Hall activities, availability and hire rates, please contact Pat Sutton on 020 8942 8321

Maintaining St John's

Having a beautiful building and churchyard is a great joy.
But it doesn't happen by accident!

Regular cleaning and maintenance needs to be carried out carefully and with commitment. Almost all of our maintenance work at St John's is carried out by volunteers; only occasionally do we employ contractors for specialist work.

We need cleaners, gardeners and maintenance people.

You can make a direct contribution to the mission and ministry of the Parish by joining our team of volunteers. If you have time, or specialist skills, which you are able to offer please speak to our Churchwarden Lynn Sanger.

Old Malden News

Old Malden News is our monthly parish magazine.

It contains information about St John's services and activities, as well as interesting articles

Copies of the magazine are available in the church porch or, for those who are unable to attend church regularly, by home delivery by volunteers. It can also be downloaded free from the parish website or blog.

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