

St. John's Church Office

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Re-opens in the New Year on Friday 2 January

St. John's Felbridge



28 December 2014

Christmas 1

NOTICES

Children's/youth groups will not meet at our 10am service in the Christmas holidays. They will recommence on Sunday 11 January.

Scripture Union notes: Pre-ordered notes are at the back. If you would like to start having daily Bible reading notes please speak to Gill Matson.

Next term our Sunday teaching series will be on the Mission Achievable in the book of Acts (10am), Bible Baddies (All Age Services) and Christ in the Old Testament (6pm). You may wish to read Acts over Christmas in preparation.

Prayer Breakfast: Join us on Saturday 3 January at 8–9am for croissants and bacon butties and to pray for ourselves, our church, our community and our world.

All Age Service with church lunch next week on Sunday 4 January. Everyone welcome.

Here for the first time today?

Welcome! We are delighted to have you here!

Children's groups (including crèche) are not running today but the family corner is available if needed and there will be activity packs provided at the back of the church for any of our children to enjoy during the service.

Please join us for drinks in the hall after the service.

8am Holy Communion (salmon)

Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7 (p.1170): Jack Baker

John 1:1-8 (p.1063): Alan Mathers

Service Leader: Alan Mathers

Prayers: Jack Baker

Speaker: Alan Mathers

10am Morning Service (details on page 2)

What's in a name?

6pm Evening Prayer (blue)

Where can we find help?

Psalm 121 (p.622): Rona Bingham

2 Corinthians 4:1-6 (p.1160): Jenny Young

Service Leader: Don Ely

Prayers: Di Giles

Speaker: Andy Brown

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sat 3 January

8-9am Prayer Breakfast in the hall

NEXT SUNDAY

10am All Age Service:

Bible Baddies – Pharaoh

6pm Holy Communion:

Christ in the Old Testament – The Lamb of God

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10am Morning Service

What's in a name?

Service leader: Phil Tadman

Welcome

Hymn – The God of Abraham praise (530)

Confession:

**Heavenly Father, we are here to worship you,
But first we ask you to forgive us all our sins.
So many wrong things we ought not to have done, we
have done:**

**So many right things that we ought to have done, that
we have not done:**

**In your mercy forgive us – and help us to do what
you want us to do, and to reject what is wrong ;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us
from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and
raise us to new life in Christ Jesus, our Lord and
Saviour. Amen.

Hymn – Light of the world (1419)

Affirmation of Faith (from Romans 1)

Let us declare our faith as we particularly remember
the birth of Jesus, the incarnation, Immanuel, God with
us, at this Christmas time.

**We believe in the Gospel, promised by God long ago
through the prophets, written in the Bible, the Holy
Scriptures.**

**We believe in God's Son, our Lord Jesus Christ:
As to his humanity, born a descendant of David;
As to his divinity, shown with great power to be the
Son of God, by his raising from death. Amen.**

Reading: Genesis 17:1-22 (p.16) – Maureen Reynolds

Hymn – Speak O Lord as we come to you (2032)

Talk – Don Ely

Hymn – From the squalor of a borrowed stable (1239)

Prayers (including the Lord's Prayer) – Barbara Cottier

Notices

Hymn (offering received) – I cannot tell (205)

Closing Prayer

**O God of hope, our guide and protector, fill us with all
joy and peace as we trust in Jesus. Help us to reject
the ways of evil, and instead find delight in obeying
and following your direction for our lives. We thank
you for Abraham's faith and as we trust in Jesus, may
we overflow with hope, through the power of the
Holy Spirit, so that our lives may bear the fruit of your
Spirit, in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER DIARY for the week ahead

*'He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise
to our God.'* *Psalms 40 v.3.*

MONDAY 29th Praise God for all our services
over Christmas, and pray that many who might
have come for the first time will have found a
warm welcome, and feel encouraged to come
back and hear more about the reason Jesus came
to earth.

TUESDAY 30th Many homeless people will have
found a refuge in one of the special shelters run
by Crisis and other agencies over Christmas. Pray
that many will have found new hope,
opportunities and purpose to keep them off the
streets in the future.

WEDNESDAY 31st Pray for peace in our cities,
towns and streets this New Year's Eve, that
revelries will not get out of hand or violence break
out. Ask for God's help and protection for Street
Pastors nationwide.

NEW YEAR'S DAY Pray that over the coming year
many will respond to the Gospel and receive the
promise of forgiveness and freedom through
Christ alone. May our New Year Resolutions focus
on keeping Jesus at the centre of our lives.

FRIDAY 2nd On this *International Day for the
Abolition of Slavery*, pray that real progress may
be made this year to tackle and eradicate this
appalling trade, and that there will be universal
political will to acknowledge the reality and to
bring perpetrators to justice.

SATURDAY 3rd Uphold those known to us who
will have found this first Christmas time very
difficult following bereavement. Pray that they
will know God's comfort and help throughout the
coming year in all the adjustments they will have
to make.

SUNDAY 4th As we move into this new year with
all its challenges and opportunities, may our
church be a loving, caring community where all
will feel welcome, both at our services and also at
the church lunches and other social events.

Any prayer requests to Anne Butler