

## 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