

# St John the Baptist, Old Malden Welcome Pack



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## Welcome to St John's

We are a warm, welcoming, inclusive church family where everyone can be themselves.

The ancient church of St. John the Baptist has been a Christian presence in Old Malden for over a thousand years. We are a dynamic collection of people from a wide variety of backgrounds, including many different church traditions both within the Church of England and beyond. Our worship is relaxed and traditional. Our theology is open and inclusive, viewing the wealth of scripture through the lens of the love of Jesus Christ. We seek to be a spiritual home for all ages and to nurture everyone's own unique journey of faith.

Everyone is welcome here!

Find out more about St John's:



Website: [stjohnsoldmalden.org.uk](http://stjohnsoldmalden.org.uk)

Contact Parish Office: 020 8330 2817

Facebook:



QR code for St John's website

# Services at St John's



## 8:00am Sunday Said Eucharist - 40 minutes

Common Worship Holy Communion service held in our historic Jacobean Lady Chapel (c.1611)



## 9:45am Sunday Sung Eucharist - 1 hour

Traditional Parish Communion service celebrated with hymns, choir anthems, and a sung Mass setting.



## 9:45am Worship for All - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month - 45 minutes

All-age communion service offering the opportunity for the whole family to worship together.



## 11:00am Wednesday Holy Communion Service - 40 minutes

Weekday service without music.



**Join us from home!**

We live-stream our 9:45 services.



## 20:00pm - 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month

Silent prayer in the Lady Chapel

# Visiting St John's



## Parking

Church Lane and the parking area adjacent to the church do not belong to St. John's; they are privately owned. However, on Sundays we are allowed limited use of the parking area which is designated for disabled use only. Parking is usually available in nearby streets. The lane must be left free and clear of cars for emergency access to the cottages at the far end of the lane and the Manor House. We appreciate your co-operation. Thank you.

## Accessibility

### Wheelchair access

- space for wheelchairs and pushchairs is available in church by the internal door to the coffee lounge;
- there is a moveable ramp to aid access through the main door and to the Sanctuary;
- the external door to the coffee lounge provides wheelchair access through to the church Nave.

### Stairlift

- there is a stairlift to the meeting room on the first floor.

There is a hearing loop system.

Large print versions of service booklets and ~~pew sheets~~ are available.



## An Inclusive Church



At St. John's everyone is welcome and belongs here. That means you and your household or family! No matter their race, marital status, gender identity, sexual orientation, background or physical or mental ability. St John's is not an 'issue based' church, simply a parish church trying to celebrate the love of a God who breaks down barriers and welcomes all who respond. You are welcome at St John's whatever.

We believe that human sexuality, sexual orientation and gender identity in all their richness are gifts of God gladly to be accepted, enjoyed and honoured as a way of both expressing and growing in love, in accordance with the life and teaching of Jesus Christ.



St John's is a Visible Congregation with OneBodyOneFaith. LGBT+ Christians tell us of their need to look for churches such as ours with an explicit commitment to welcome to avoid pain and hurt. We try to ensure such a welcome. St John's is also a 'Registered Inclusive Church', a church which seeks not to discriminate on any level, including economic power, gender, gender identity, mental health, mental ability, physical ability, race or sexuality.

# Children & Families



## Children's Ministry

First, second, fourth and fifth Sundays at 9:45am for 45 mins.



## Little Fishes Children's Group

Monthly, every first Sunday at 9:45am for 30 mins.



## St John's Parent & Toddler Group

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30am to 12.00pm in the coffee lounge. Contact Jo Hill via the Parish Office.



## Messy Church

We have Messy Church at special times of the year. Look out for details.



## Malden Parochial School

We have links with Malden Parochial School and take part in their admissions scheme. If you would like to find out more, please contact the school.



## Scout Group - 1<sup>st</sup> Old Malden (St John the Baptist)



# Community Outreach

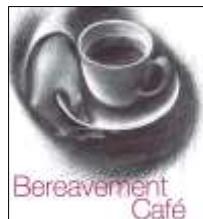
## Tea & Chat



Drop in for Tea and Chat  
Every Thursday 2.00pm – 4.00pm  
at  
St John's Church Hall, 411 Malden Rd

## Bereavement Café

The Bereavement Café is held in the Coffee Lounge at St John's every third Tuesday of the month at 2.00pm – 3.30pm



## Sunday Lunch Club



The Sunday Lunch Club meets in the Church Hall on the first Sunday of the month to enjoy a home-cooked lunch, and to enjoy catching up with friends.

## Christmas Day Lunch

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 event starts at 12.30pm and ends at 5.30pm with full Christmas lunch and tea.



## Join a Group

### Mothers' Union



St John's branch of the Mothers' Union meets in the Coffee Lounge on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2.00pm and on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10.00am, before attending Holy Communion in church at 11.00am.

### Men's Thing

The Men's Thing meets in the Coffee Lounge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month to listen to an organised talk. Tea, coffee and biscuits are available from 10.00am.



### Reading Group



The Reading Group meets in the Coffee Lounge on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 8.00pm. The group, led by Marilyn Burkett, discusses the book of the month. Recent choices have included books by Tan Twan Eng, Zadie Smith and Elizabeth Gaskell.

### Knitting & Crochet Group

St John's Knitting & Crochet Group meets on the last Thursday of the month in Coffee Lounge from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Come as a beginner, or crochet 'granny squares' or bring along your latest project.



For details about these activities, contact our administrator: 020 8330 2817

# Join a Team

## Serving Team



Servers prepare our services and assist with the ceremony, which enriches our worship at St John's. Servers also assist with duties such as carrying the Cross, taking charge of the incense, and supervising the serving team on specific Sundays. If you are interested, contact Richard Burkett via the Parish Office.

There are no spectators at an act of worship. Everyone takes part in one way or another. Reading the bible is one of the roles you could help with. If you are interested, contact Revd Milly Broome via the Parish Office.

## Reading Team



## Welcoming Team

Our Welcomers and Sidespeople are the frontline of our mission at St John's. Welcomers greet people, usually before they set foot inside the building. If you would like to help on either team, simply speak to a Churchwarden.

Flowers in church add to the beauty of our worship. Our Flower Team are responsible for the displays you will see in Church and on the War Memorial outside. Would you like to help? You do not need to be an expert! Contact Lynn Sanger, one of the Churchwardens.

## Flower Team



If you feel you have specific gifts to offer, contact a member of the Ministry Team or one of the Churchwardens.

# Heritage

## Over a thousand years of history

### Early Iron Age

Over the years archaeological excavations have uncovered evidence that the hill at Malden has been in continuous domestic occupation since the Early Iron Age.

1086

First reference to the Saxon church at Maeldune (The Cross on the Hill) is in the Domesday Book. The remains of this early church are visible in the lower part of the old flint and stone east chancel wall.



1611

By the late 16th century St John's was in a state of disrepair. Work to rebuild the church, which included a new nave, tower and roof, was completed in 1611.

1866-67

The interior of the church was restored. Box pews were replaced by the pews that are still in the church today. The north wall was also pulled down and a new north aisle added.



1875

The new aisle was demolished and the present nave and chancel built. The altar from the old church was moved to the new chancel and a stone panel let into the wall where it used to stand is inscribed: *Here stood the Lord's table on Maeldune, 'The Hill of the Cross', for wellnigh a thousand years until the consecration of the new chancel. Dec 7 1875.*

# Old Malden Nature Hub



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### Why St John's?

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### Engagement with local schools

The 'Hub' plans to support local schools with the delivery of education projects about the environment. A churchyard nature trail is already being developed in partnership with our local church school, Malden Parochial.

### Wildlife walks



St John's is already being used as a starting point for educational wildlife walks, leading residents into the adjacent green spaces and nature reserves. These guided excursions will offer firsthand experiences of the rich biodiversity in the area, inspiring a deeper connection with and stewardship of our local environment.

Elliot Newton, RBK's Biodiversity Officer leading a bat walk in May

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Chris Beales showing children from Malden Parochial School a slow worm.

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# Giving

Financially St John's is a self-supporting parish. The parish receives no government money apart from tax refunds under the Gift Aid scheme. It currently costs us approximately £2,400 a week to run the parish. This cost includes holding services, paying for clergy and our part-time administrator, looking after our historic church building, and making our contribution to the wider diocese.

Here are some financial options for supporting the work of St John's:

## One-off donations

- Online using this QR code



- In church:

- you can make a cash donation during the service or
- make a contactless or chip and pin donation using one of our card readers (all major credit cards accepted)

- By cheque:

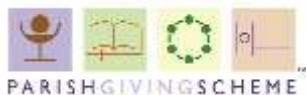
- made payable to: **'The PCC of St John's Old Malden'** and sent to: The Treasurer, C/o The Parish Office, St John's Church, Church Rd, Worcester Park KT4 7R.

- Through the



## Regular Giving

Please consider setting up regular donations, which help St John's to plan financially and cover costs. We encourage all new givers to join the Parish Giving Scheme. Use the QR code below to find out more:



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*If you are a UK taxpayer, the value of your gift will be increased if you make a Gift Aid declaration. Please speak to the Stewardship Secretary, the Gift Aid Secretary or the Treasurer via the Parish Office.*

# Legacies

Many people give regularly to the mission and ministry of the parish and gifts in wills are a natural part of that giving. They are a valuable and lasting way to invigorate the life of St John's and transform its future. A gift in your will can be an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God, and can help keep your local church alive, transforming its future.

## Legacy Policy

The policy of the PCC is to use legacies to help fund significant development projects in the parish, whether buildings, equipment or staff. Circumstances change over the years, and so it may not be possible to fulfil specific, out of date, donor requests. You are encouraged to leave legacies for the general purpose of the parish. The PCC will discuss with executors the most appropriate use of the legacy in the light of current projects, and the donor's known areas of interest in the church e.g. children & youth, music and buildings.

### We encourage every church member to:

- 1) Make a will and review it regularly.
- 2) Consider leaving a gift to our parish.
- 3) Request a free information pack.

The Church of England has partnered with *Farewill* to offer a **free** online will writing service which you can do from the comfort of your home in less than 30 minutes. This is one way of making the process of writing a will easier and keeping it updated.

Here is the QR code



For more information you can speak to our Legacy Officer or our Treasurer in confidence about gifts in wills.

Please contact them via the Parish Office on 0208 330 2817 or [administrator@stjohnsoldmalden.org.uk](mailto:administrator@stjohnsoldmalden.org.uk).

# HALL FOR HIRE

## St John's Church Hall 411 Malden Road KT4 7NY

- Hall available to hire for regular or single evening bookings
- Ideal for clubs, societies and leisure classes
- Competitive rates

For more information and bookings please contact:

Mrs P. Sutton

020 8942 8321





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