

Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints



The beloved disciple—this is how John is described in the Gospel that is based on his reminiscences and reflections.

It should not indicate that John was any more loved by Jesus than the others; it certainly does indicate that John seems to have understood certain things more profoundly than the others, the main one being that love is the basis of God's very nature, God's very life.

Life, light, and love are the images John loves to use. They are images that are at a premium in today's world, amid the challenges we face.

The life that is the light of all people is the central reality of the Church too. In that life and light, we in our daily life and worship become a sacrament of Christ's presence in today's world.

In the coming year, may we grow in love, shine a light into the darkness and confusion we find around us, and share the eternal life which the eternal Christ in love has shared with us.

John, Apostle & Evangelist (27th December 2020)

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 28th December
12.15 Mass

Tuesday 29th December
09.00 Morning Prayer
09.30 Mass

Wednesday 30th December
09.00 Morning Prayer
09.30 Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursday 31st December
09.00 Morning Prayer
13.00 Requiem Mass
for Chris Wass

Friday 1st January
09.00 Morning Prayer
12.15 Mass

Saturday 2nd January
09.00 Morning Prayer
09.30 Mass

***Mass on Wednesdays and
Sundays is live-streamed on
Facebook, and also uploaded to
the Crooked Spire YouTube
channel.***

MORNING MASS
JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

Collect Prayer

Merciful Lord,
cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:
that, being enlightened by the teaching
of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John,
we may so walk in the light of your truth
that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Exodus 33.7-11a

Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the Lord would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand, each of them, at the entrance of their tents and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the Lord would speak with Moses. When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and bow down, all of them, at the entrance of their tents. Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John

Glory to you, O Lord

John 21.19b-end

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?'

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 27th December - John, Apostle & Evangelist

- For steadfastness in faith
- ◊ Christians in other denominations
- ✦ *Kenneth Cotter; Harry Hague; Enid Short; Dennis King, Priest*

Monday 28th December - The Holy Innocents

- For all children
- ◊ Fond du Lac (TEC); Fort Worth (TEC)
- ✦ *Arthur Crofts; Martha Bullous*

Tuesday 29th December - Thomas Becket

- For all who have heard of the Saviour's love
- ◊ Fredericton (Canada); Freetown (W Africa)
- ✦ *Jenny Turner; Marian Chaplin*

Wednesday 30th December

- That there may be the opportunity for rest
- ◊ Gahini (Rwanda); Gambia (W Africa)
- ✦ *Albert Hatton; Vera Costigan; Peggy Rose*

Thursday 31st December - John Wycliff

- For trust in God
- ◊ Gasabo (Rwanda); Gboko (Nigeria)

Friday 1st January - Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

- For God's grace
- ◊ Aba (Nigeria)

Saturday 2nd January - Basil the Great; Gregory of Nazianzus

- Peak Deanery
- ◊ Aba Ngwa North (Nigeria)
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◊ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

John Robinson; Sheila Laverick; Carol Kingham;
Joan Lidgate; Teddy; June Frankland; John
Herring; Michael Catton; Patricia Mitchell; Sue
Hastings; Jean Madin; Jane Jackson; David
Staves; Laura; Robin Glasson; Kenneth Hughes;
Jane Stretton; Paul Taylor; Margaret; Ray Hearn;
Tom Pierce; Anthony & Katie; Ivor Maltby;
members of the Wolf-Kidd family

✦ *Chris Wass*

Between Christmas and New Year, the church will
be open to visitors from 10.00am to 2.00pm on
Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th
and Thursday 31st December.

Many thanks to those who have volunteered as
Stewards during this period.

The Gift Shop is expected to reopen on
Monday 4th January 2021.

COVID19 HAS DEFINITELY NOT GONE AWAY, AND
ALL THE MEASURES WE HAVE TAKEN TO REDUCE
THE RISK OF INFECTION STILL CANNOT
ELIMINATE IT. PLEASE, IF YOU ARE ILL STAY AT
HOME; IF YOU ARE VULNERABLE IN ANY WAY,
THINK CAREFULLY BEFORE
RETURNING TO CHURCH.

If you need support in prayer or any other way
please contact the team on 01246 206506 or
contact@crookedspire.org

Next Sunday - 3rd January - Christmas II

10.30 Morning Mass

Readings: Jeremiah 31.7-14
John 1.1-18

18.30 Said Evensong

Readings: Psalm 135
Isaiah 46.3-end
Romans 12.1-8



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