

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
8.00am Said Eucharist  
9.45am Sung Eucharist  
Mon 20.00 Julian Meeting  
Tues 9.30 Toddler Group  
14.00 MU at Old Malden Library  
Wed 11.00 Said Eucharist  
Thurs 9.30 Toddler Group  
14.00 Tea & Chat (Church Hall)  
Fri 19.30 Choir Practice



## St John the Baptist, Old Malden Baptism of Christ

January 11<sup>th</sup> 2026

WELCOME to this act of worship.  
St John's is a Parish Church.  
We are here to welcome everyone in the name of Christ.

*LARGE PRINT versions of the hymn book, service book and pewsheets are available.*



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### COLLECT

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed  
Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognise him as our  
Lord and know ourselves to be  
your beloved children; through  
Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

### IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY

We pray for those in particular need: Chris, Janet, Denis, Josie, June Rose, Phil, Eleanor, Alice, Natasha, Shaun, Daniel, Jenny, Charles, Joanna, Tim, Charley, Andrew.

We pray for those who have died recently: Mildred Schultz.

We pray for those whose Year's Mind occurs this week: Josephine Rainer, Kenneth Brown, Enid Clarke, Sidney Hunt, Ivy Broome, Tony Durrant, Marjorie Pullen.

### Today's hymns:

NEH 52 O worship the Lord  
NEH 57 The race that long  
(words overleaf) Arise, shine out  
Post Comm: (words overleaf) In our  
darkness  
NEH 56 Songs of thankfulness

Organ Voluntary:  
Sonata No. 8 in E minor (1<sup>st</sup> mvt.)  
Rheinberger

## FIRST READING

ISAIAH 42:1-9

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

## SECOND READING

ACTS 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

GOSPEL READI

MATTHEW 3:13-end

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved,<sup>\*</sup> with whom I am well pleased.'

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Arise, shine out, your light has come,  
Unfolding City of our dreams.  
On distant hills a glory gleams:  
The new creation has begun.

Above earth's valleys, thick with night,  
High on your walls the dawn appears,  
And history shall dry its tears,  
As nations stream towards your light.

From walls surpassing time and space,  
Unnumbered gates, like open hands,  
Shall gather gifts from all the lands,  
And welcome all the human race.

The sound of violence shall cease  
As dwellings of salvation rise  
To sparkle in eternal skies  
From avenues of praise and peace.

The dancing air shall glow with light  
And sun and moon give up their lace  
When Love shines out of every face:  
Our Good, our Glory, our Delight.

Words: Brian Wren (based on Isaiah 60)

## POST COMMUNION: In our darkness

In our darkness light has shone, Alleluia,  
still today the light shines on, Alleluia;  
Word made flesh in human birth, Alleluia,  
Light and Life of all the earth, Alleluia!

Christ the Son incarnate see, Alleluia,  
by whom all things came to be, Alleluia;  
through the world his splendours shine,  
Alleluia,  
full of grace and truth divine, Alleluia!

All who now in him believe, Alleluia,  
everlasting life receive, Alleluia;  
born of God and in his care, Alleluia,  
we his Name and nature share, Alleluia!

Christ a child on earth appears, Alleluia,  
crown of all creation's years, Alleluia;  
God's eternal Word has come, Alleluia,

he shall lead his people home, Alleluia!

*Words: Timothy Dudley Smith*