



“Joy of All Who Sorrow”

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*“Christ is born, give ye glory! Christ
cometh from heaven, meet ye Him! Christ
is on earth, be ye exalted! O all the earth,
sing ye unto the Lord, and chant with
gladness, ye people, for He hath been
glorified!”*

(Irmos I, Canon of the Nativity)

A Pastoral Word from Fr Mark

CONTACT DETAILS

Now that I have had a few weeks to settle into the priesthood, please do feel free to contact me to if you would like to arrange an opportunity to talk or discuss anything as well as to arrange molebens, houseblessings, car blessings, panikhidas and other services of the Church. I want to make myself fully available to you so please do get in touch via my personal email address: marktattumsmith@gmail.com or via mobile on 07592482732 (I am on Whatsapp and Telegram platforms as well as Facebook).

VESPERS & CONFESSIONS

As there can be quite a rush for confessions on a Sunday morning, for those who live close enough to the church, I would strongly encourage you to avail yourself of the opportunity both of coming to Vespers and of having confession on a Saturday evening. This will also give more time for a calmer and unrushed experience for both penitent and confessor. You will also have the opportunity of hearing so much more of the hymnography of the feasts of the church. Even if you can't manage to do this every week, it would be appreciated if you can try and do this as often as you can. If you live further away, but would also like the opportunity of having a longer and less rushed confession, again please get in touch and we can find a way forward. Please note that the time of our Vigil service will change from 7pm to 7.30pm.

THEOPHANY HOUSE BLESSINGS

It will soon be time for the traditional Theophany house blessings. I will be available to bless your houses from Friday 20th January onwards. Please use the contact details above and we can arrange a mutually convenient time together.

Notes & Jottings

CALENDARS

If you have not already done so, now is the time to order calendars for [2023: St Herman Calendar](#) – Lectionary, in book form, giving the scriptural readings for each day and the details for the daily commemoration of saints - £11 per copy. [Wall Calendars published by the Fund for Assistance](#) – A2 poster size - £8 per copy.

WEBSITE

Please note that there is going to be a significant upgrade to all the Mettingham websites including the church website (www.joyofallwhosorrow.org.uk) and SGOIS (www.sgois.co.uk) in January 2023. During this time, there may be some delay in the full catalogue being available online. Please bear with us as we seek to transfer to a new site design and many thanks to our friend, Justin Reynolds for his prompt support and expertise. If you wish to purchase something and cannot access the catalogue, please email Fr Dcn Andrew at: StGeorgeOIS@aol.com.

NAMEDAYS

To all who are celebrating a nameday at this time we send congratulations and wish you:

Many Years!

2 January – **Rest of St John of Kronstadt** – John Steel

9 January – **Holy Protomartyr & Archdeacon Stephen** – Stephen Ward

10 January – **Sunday after the Nativity of Christ / St Joseph the Betrothed**

– Joseph Meyer, Archpriest Joseph Skinner

15 January – **Rest of St Seraphim, Wonderworker of Sarov** –

Seraphim Collins, Serafima Hopper, Seraphima Dembri

23 January – **St Gregory of Nyssa** – Grigorie Sacaliuc

25 January – **Holy Martyr Tatiana of Rome** – Tatiana Dive

30 January – **St Anthony the Great** – Priest Antony Bardsley



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JANUARY 2023

Saturday 31st December

7.00pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 1st January

(Sunday of the Nativity / Holy Fathers)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

Monday 2nd January

(St John of Kronstadt)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

Friday 6th January

7.30pm ~ Vigil

☒ Saturday 7th January ☒

(Feast of the Nativity of Christ)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

Sunday 8th January

(Sunday after Nativity & Synaxis of the Mother of God)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

Saturday 14th January

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 15th January

(St Seraphim of Sarov)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

Wednesday 18th January

7.30pm ~ Vigil

☒ Thursday 19th January ☒

(Feast of the Theophany)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy with Blessing of Water

Saturday 21st January

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 22nd January

(Veneration of the Chains of St Peter & Sts Sigbert and Fursey)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy