

St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
16th August 2020
Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to St John's!

If you are following the service on our Facebook page or our Website – WELCOME! If you're a newcomer or a visitor to St John's, we have great pleasure in welcoming you today. There are no service booklets for this service. Please just join in with anything that sounds familiar! Although you may be seeing this alone or with just one or two other people in your own home, don't forget that you are joined by countless others across Selsdon, our nation and our world as we worship God, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist, who holds us in life and in love.

There is no after-service coffee provided. But may I suggest that when the service is finished you take a moment to make a cup of tea/coffee and raise a cup in friendship to those who have shared this service with you across the network. Pictures to share would be welcome! Please send to Amanda at bookingsstjohns@gmail.com to include on our Facebook page and Website!

The Opening Prayer:

God of the nations, to your table all are invited and in your family no one is a stranger. Satisfy the hunger of those gathered in this house of prayer, and mercifully extend to all the peoples on earth the joy of salvation and faith. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer:

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

First Reading

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Isaiah 56.1,6-8

Gospel

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Matthew 15.21-28

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

Julia Barclay, David Crietzman, Margaret Rapp, Alan White

We pray for those who have died recently:

We pray for loved ones on the anniversary of their death:

16th August	Janice Last	(1988)
	Charles Cook	(2008)
	Hilda Souter	(2009)
	Daniel Caldwell	(2015)
	Andre Aderemi	(2016)
17th August	Alice Murrell	(1957)
18th August	Rosalie Grimes	(2014)
19th August	John Willmington	(1996)

If you'd like prayer either for yourself or for another, please email rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com And if you would like to include the name of a loved one among the list of the departed on the anniversary of their death, please email Amanda on the above email.

Please give NOTICES for inclusion in the weekly service sheet to Amanda bookingsstjohnschurch@gmail.com preferably by e-mail, or in writing. It would be helpful to receive this before * Tuesday * each week.

If you'd like to discuss arranging a baptism (christening), a wedding or a funeral, please call 0208 6572343 or email rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com

The Parish Office

is currently Closed!!!

**For any enquiries please call
0208 6579466**

Or email bookingsstjohns@gmail.com

St John's Website address is:

www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk

**To find our Facebook page simply (Google) search
St John's Church, Selsdon**



**The trip to Leeds castle has been rearranged to 15th May 2021
Please pop this date in your diaries Something to look forward to next year**

Dear Friends

As some of you may be know we shall shortly be leaving Selsdon after 45 years. We came in early 1975 as newly weds, and St John's has played an important part in the lives of all of our family during that time. We take with us many memories of the various aspects of church life in which we have played a part. What has



always come across is the wonderful fellowship that exists here. This was very apparent in the three splendid Parish Pilgrimages masterminded by the Rev Ian Brothwood, but also in the many other church organisations and activities. We had hoped to perhaps do an "open house" in our garden, or something in the church hall, to say a proper goodbye, and thank you all for your friendship and fellowship, but with the current Covid 19 situation, that is not to be.

If anyone is in Shropshire we would love to see you, if you contact Amanda in the church office she will pass on our details. Our email addresses have not changed. Wishing everyone well during the interregnum, and for a vibrant future at St Johns under the next Rector, and also that worship can return to normality before too long.


Love and Best Wishes David & Margaret Smith

A poster with a background image of smooth, rounded stones in shallow water. The text is as follows:

*Walking together
through grief*

A support group
for anyone who has been bereaved
during the Covid19 Lockdown

In Partnership with
Woodside Bereavement Service
The Waterside Centre,
26 Avenue Road, London SE25 4DX
Registered Charity No. 1041666

 Selsdon
Baptist Church
For dates and time
please contact:
bereavement@selsdonbaptist.org.uk
mobile: 07561 869620

As you are aware we were unable to hold our planned Annual meeting in March due the Coronavirus lockdown. We were advised by the Diocese that we could hold an APCM prior to 31st October and we have planned the date of



**Sunday 27th September at 11.30 am in church
after the 10am service; safely socially distanced, of course.**

Robert Thornton had planned to stand down as Churchwarden in March but has valiantly remained in post over this difficult time. However he has now resigned from the post and the PCC have agreed to Debbie Brown taking over as acting Churchwarden pending her election at our forthcoming APCM.

Robert has kindly agreed to carry on assisting at Sunday services for the time being and we are extremely grateful to him for his support and cheery backing through the last few months.

Please welcome Debbie as she steps into her new role.

At this meeting we hope to elect 2 Churchwardens, 4 new members to PCC. and 4 new representatives to Deanery Synod.

Nominations already received:

As Churchwarden:	Debbie Brown	proposed by Helen Lishmund seconded by Gill Salter
	Ian Harley	proposed by Wendy Moulton seconded by Sally Geddes
As PCC members:	Sarah Parsons	proposed by Rani Samuel seconded by Sally Geddes
	Ann Crocombe	proposed by Monica Turton seconded by Susan Tilley
	Ian Brentnall	proposed by Alice Hicks seconded by Joanna Sands
+1		
As Deanery synod Representatives	Gill Salter	proposed by Ann Orchard seconded by Sylvia Hughes
	Robin Orchard	proposed by Robert Thornton seconded by David Moulton

+2

It is hoped that all members of the parish will give prayerful and thoughtful consideration to nominating people who wish to promote the mission of the parish, and who, amongst them, can offer a range of experience, skills and outlook to the Council. Please would everyone in St John's church family give some prayerful thought to who could serve in this capacity in the coming year, and if you have any suggestions on who you would like to see as your Churchwarden, on PCC or Deanery Synod, please mention names to Ian and Robert – *Thank you!*

Interregnum update

We have some progress to report on finding a new Rector for St. John's. At their last meeting, the PCC appointed Ian Harley and Debbie Brown as Parish Representatives for the appointment process. We are currently putting together a Parish Profile and wording to advertise the post in conjunction with the help of our Area Dean, the Rev'd Debbie Foreman, which will be agreed with the Archdeacon of Croydon, The Rev'd Rosemarie Mallett at our next PCC meeting.

The post will be advertised in September/October and shortlisted applicants invited to visit the parish in early November and for interview by our parish representatives together with the Bishop of Croydon.

Church Hall

The Church Hall Management Committee have undertaken a review and risk assessment in regarding to reopening the hall. Their report is available on the church website. The Standing Committee of the PCC have agreed that the hall can be open for hire under the guidelines agreed.





Contact

People Who Care

MANAGER

CONTACT is a thriving charity based in Selsdon Community Centre, providing practical help, advice, support and information to people of all ages in the Selsdon area.

We are seeking a Manager to

- take responsibility for client care, activity and quality,
- recruit, supervise and co-ordinate the team of volunteers,
- ensure the smooth running of the office,
- develop strategy and fundraising,
- maintain and develop all necessary external links.

The initial contract will be for a period of six months with the possibility of extending to a permanent position.

The hours are 20 spread over four days per week. The salary will be in the region of £15.00 per hour depending on previous relevant experience.

An application pack is available from the Contact office on the lower ground floor at Sainsbury's, Selsdon or by e-mail at info@selsdoncontact.org.uk

The closing date for applications is Friday 4th September 2020

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Notice

Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 Draft Pastoral Scheme

21 July 2020

The Church Commissioners have prepared a draft Scheme in respect of proposals sent to them by the Bishop of Southwark providing for: (i) the dissolution of the benefice and parish of All Saints, Spring Park and the division of the area of its parish between the parishes of St George, Shirley; and Shirley (also known locally as St John, Shirley); (ii) the parish church of All Saints, Spring Park to become a chapel of ease in the parish of Shirley; (iii) the transfer of the parsonage house of the benefice of All Saints, Spring Park to the Southwark Diocesan Board of Finance as diocesan glebe - all in the diocese of Southwark.

The draft Scheme is on our website www.churchofengland.org/consultation or you may obtain a copy from me. **Large print and/or audio copies are available on request.** Anyone may make representations **for** or **against** all or any part of the draft Scheme (please include the reasons for your views) preferably by email or by post to reach me no later than midnight on **Monday 7 September 2020**. If I have not acknowledged its receipt, please ring or e-mail me. For administrative purposes, a petition will be classed as a single representation and we will only correspond with the sender of the petition, if known, or otherwise the first signatory for whom we can identify an address – “the primary petitioner”.

- When making a representation, please indicate the nature of your interest in the proposals (e.g. parishioner, member of parochial church council, etc) and whether you would like an opportunity to speak to the Commissioners regarding your representation if they decide a hearing should be held regarding the case.
- If we receive representations against the draft Scheme, we will send them, and any representations supporting the draft Scheme, to the Bishop whose views will be sought. Individual representors and the primary petitioner will then receive copies of the correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and will be told whether a hearing is to be held. They and individual petitioners may comment further to the Commissioners. Copies of all of the representations received and associated correspondence will be published on the Commissioners' website if the matter needs to be considered by the Commissioners.
- If a hearing is held, anyone may attend the meeting of the Commissioners' Committee that considers the case and representors may have an opportunity to speak to it. Otherwise, if a hearing is not to be held, the case will be considered in private and you will be informed accordingly.
- When we acknowledge representations we will let individual representors (and the primary petitioner) know the next few dates of our Committee's meetings. We will confirm the actual date if a hearing is to be held nearer the time.
- The Committee will decide if the draft Scheme should proceed when it considers all the representations on the basis of a paper prepared by the Commissioners' staff and any points raised at the meeting. The Commissioners will notify all representors of their decision and give a statement of the reasons for it.
- Please see www.churchofengland.org/consultation for further information about the

procedure. Rex Andrew

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Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3AZ

Please see below a resource from the Archbishop of Canterbury

DailyHOPE, the Church's freephone line, of the 'Holiday at Home'.



Since its launch at the beginning of May the DailyHOPE line has received more than 215,000 calls. That accounts for over 2.5 million minutes of listening to prayers, hymns and reflections. We have been so so glad it has had such a reach and impact. Our hope and aim was to offer something for the elder generation who don't access things online. The freephone line seems to have been a wonderful help and encouragement to tens of thousands.

In addition to the normal offering of hymns, the daily office, reflections and prayers over this summer month there is a new offering of Holiday at Home. This offers an opportunity for those who rarely leave their houses a chance to be 'transported' on a holiday – with prayers of thanks for times past, a poem recollecting holidays and even a soundscape to evoke those memories of past holidays. Here is a link to a taster of Holiday at Home- [Holiday at Home Taster](#)

We would love to get the word out near and far to all who might benefit from it. So this is simply to encourage you if possible to pass this onto your Deanery Chapter and Synod and also if you know of any parishes or communities that would benefit from the encouragements of a freephone line to provide company, prayers, hymns and memories of gladness then please would you pass on the details of DailyHOPE (0800 804 8044).