

St John the Divine Church, Selsdon

23rd August 2020

Eleventh 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:

Living God, you send your Son among us to reveal your wisdom and make known your ways. Increase our faith, that we may confess Jesus as your Son, take up his work on earth, and trust his promise to sustain the Church. We ask 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:

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion

keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Isaiah 51.1-6

Gospel

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Matthew 16.13-20

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:

23rd August	Stella Allnutt	(1982)
24th August	Mary Bartlett	(1980)
	Betty Bentley	(1986)
25th August	Marie Jackson	(1995)
	Andre Bent	(2019)
26th August	Anne Hill	(2004)
	Emily Lyell	(2007)
27th August	Royston Killick	(2015)
	Philip Baker	(2016)
	Stephen Clayton	(2019)
29th August	Kenneth Hollis	(2017)

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**

*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**
www.selsdonbaptist.org.uk

For dates and time
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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
	Gill Sharpe	proposed by David Moulton seconded by Helen Lishmund
As Deanery synod Representatives	Gill Salter	proposed by Ann Orchard seconded by Sylvia Hughes
	Robin Orchard	proposed by Robert Thornton Seconded by David Moulton
	Helen Lishmund	proposed by Ann Woods seconded by June Mason

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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!

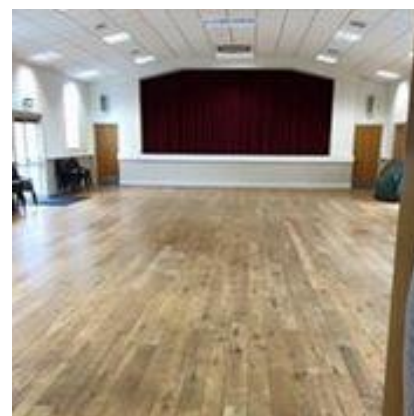
Interregnum update

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

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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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).