

St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
21st January 2018
The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome to St John's!

Welcome to everyone! If you're a newcomer or a visitor to St John's we have great pleasure in welcoming you today. All you need for this service is contained in the service booklet you have been given and below are details of the hymns, readings and prayers we'll be using – we'll sing the hymns from the hymn books you have been given. **Hymns numbered 1-799 can be found in the green hymnbook. Hymns numbered 800 and above can be found in the blue books.** We hope you enjoy worshipping here. After the 10am service, tea and coffee are served in the church hall, to which you are warmly invited. Hosts today to welcome you are Andrew and Debbie Brown - do come and say hello!

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Hymns at the 10am service:

First hymn: 855 I come with joy, a child of God
Gradual hymn: 56 Songs of thankfulness and praise (omit v 3 and 4)
Offertory hymn: 486 We have a gospel to proclaim
Communion hymn: 857 Father God
Last hymn: 848 Father, Lord of all creation

Choir anthem today: Give us the wings of faith *Bullock*

Prayers today are led by: Sue Tilley

First Reading read by Margaret Smith

I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure' – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

Revelation 19.6-10

Gospel

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

John 2.1-11

We want to look after everyone in church today! Parents and carers can help by supervising their children at all times.

Please help us to keep everyone safe in church! Small children running around can so easily trip or tip something over and hurt themselves or others. Please try to keep children out of the sanctuary area (where the altar is) during the service and out of reach of the candles!

We hope you enjoy using our Children's Area – a special part of the church where parents/carers and children can share the service together, perhaps using the toys, books and puzzle sheets provided. If you have any suggestions on how we can make it even better, or help you enjoy the service more with your child, please let Jenny know.

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

Neil Athron, Marion Hall, Margaret Rutland

We pray for those who have died recently:

Brian Hammond, Tom Wyatt

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

14th January Elsie Eagles (1997)

21st January Edna Carpenter (2016)

22nd January Hendrickson Vitalis (2003)

Elsie Mann (2015)

24th January Mary Bussey (1988)

Isabel Tarlton (1988)

Margaret Sargent (1988)

25th January Sidney Murrell (1949)

Phyllis Farr (1984)

Mary Walker (2014)

26th January Robert Waple (1996)

Please also remember in your prayers all our Christian brothers and sisters in this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

If you'd like prayer either for yourself or for another please contact Jenny at jennyrowley@waitrose.com or 0208 657 2343. 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 give details to Jenny.



If you'd like to discuss arranging a baptism (christening), a wedding or a funeral, please call Jenny on 0208 657 2343.



Please give NOTICES for inclusion in the weekly service sheet to Jenny (jennyrowley@waitrose.com) preferably by e-mail, or in writing. It would be helpful to receive these before *Tuesday*** each week.**



St John's Website

The website for our church can be found at

www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk

We have a Facebook page. To join the page search for:

St John the Divine Selsdon

The page is there to let you know of events taking place at the church.



PUBLICITY - St John's has a Publicity Group to publicize special events and services. If you would like to promote or advertise an event etc., please contact Amanda in the Parish office on 0208 657 9466 or

bookingsstjohns@gmail.com



If you'd like to book the Church Hall or Morris Chapman Room please call

**Amanda Sinclair on 07958 682 103
or e-mail bookingsstjohns@gmail.com**

There's a new way to donate to St John's Church, Selsdon.

From your phone,
simply TEXT **SJCH05** and the amount you would like to donate
to **70070**

for example:

SJCH05 £10 to 70070
(to donate £10)

You can even Gift Aid your donation by Text or e-mail to make it worth another 25% at no extra cost to you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

And if you'd like to make your donation specifically to the Garden Room Project, please

Text **SJGR05** with your amount to **70070**

for example

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(to donate £10)





ST JOHN'S SELSDON GARDEN ROOM

A COMFORTABLE AND WELCOMING SPACE FOR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY GROUPS
TO USE AND ENJOY

A BRICK WALL HAS APPEARED AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO **MAKE A DONATION** TOWARDS THE BUILDING OF
THE GARDEN ROOM, PERHAPS IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR IN
THANKSGIVING FOR AN EVENT eg. AN ANNIVERSARY OR SIGNIFICANT
BIRTHDAY, OR IN CELEBRATION OF AN ACHIEVEMENT, PLEASE TAKE A
"BRICK DONATION" PACK FROM THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

SIMPLY FILL IN THE FORM AND RETURN IT TO A CHURCHWARDEN
OR TO GILL SALTER 21 RYLANDES ROAD, SOUTH CROYDON CR2 8EB WITH
YOUR DONATION.

*When you've made your donation, please choose a brick on the wall at the back of
church*

*and write on it a name or a message so we can share remembrances and
celebrations as the project progresses*

ALL COMPLETED FORMS WILL BE KEPT SO WE HAVE A RECORD OF
CONTRIBUTORS AND REMEMBRANCES TO DISPLAY
ONCE THE GARDEN ROOM IS BUILT

IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

GILL SALTER ON 0208 4059971 OR [SALTERG@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:salterg@outlook.com)

Garden Room Planned Giving



We have received requests for a planned giving form to enable members of St John's and the wider community to make direct donations to the Garden Room project. A standing order mandate form has been produced and will provide the means to make planned donations as a one-off payment or several payments over a period of time to be determined by the donor, making this a convenient way to be part of the Garden Room Project as it grows. Forms are available at the back of church. Please contact Gill Salter on 0208 405 9971 or salterg@outlook.com if you need any further information or help

GARDEN ROOM PROJECT UPDATE – January 2018

As reported in our last update, in October last year we issued a package of information to three Contractors for Tender pricing, and we have now received their Tender Returns. The lowest return price was just over £114k, but this price included a couple of Provisional Sums which we think are bit low; the return also included some suggestions for alternative details that should make the extension more economic to run; so we think this price should be assessed as being more in the region of £120k. The other two Return Sums were £155k and £170k. We are happy with the lowest Tenderer's ability to undertake the work and to work collaboratively with us throughout the project.

The Tender sums do not include VAT, or items that I think we can undertake ourselves (such as internal decorating), furniture or further fees.

In the next few weeks we will update our Design Development Statements to accord with our lowest Tenderer's suggestions and recommendations, and submit our drawings and documentation for DAC Approval. We will also develop further Construction Details and submit for Building Regulations Approval.

It is essential to remember that the prices listed above are current – they will increase with building cost inflation. So, the longer it takes us to raise the full funding for this project, the higher the final cost will be!

The focus now needs to be wholly concentrated on fund raising. The hard work of lots of people is bearing fruit and we hope to be able to publish more details soon – this year will be about building on that success and reaching our total to enable building to begin!

As always, if you have any queries on what we are doing, please talk to one of us.

Peter and the Project Team

Pastoral Visitors.

Just a reminder that St John's has a team of Pastoral Visitors, co-ordinated by Sally Geddes. The Pastoral Visitors keep an eye on friends at St John's, especially those who may not find it quite so easy to get to church as regularly as they would wish, and visit those from our church family who can't be with us quite so often, to make sure they stay connected to and continue to feel part of this church family. This ministry is underpinned with prayer flowing out of the Thursday morning Eucharist service where, once a month we will remember the visitors and those they visit before God. You can help with this ministry simply by holding the pastoral visitors and those they visit before God in your prayers, perhaps undertaking to be at the Thursday Eucharist once a month as we remember their work. And if you know if someone you think might appreciate a visit, please let Sally or Jenny know.

Jenny

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SELSDON & ADDINGTON – LENT GROUPS 2018

The Churches Together in Selsdon & Addington Lent Groups start on the week beginning Monday, **19th February 2018** for five weeks.

We are going to use a course entitled A Beautiful Friendship a Lent Course based on the film Casablanca. We aim to mix denominations within the groups, as this is the great benefit of joining together for Lent discussions. There will be 5 or 6 groups spread over the week, both daytimes and evenings.

We are looking for some new hosts and leaders. Hosts would be able to specify how many people they could accommodate and leaders would be supported. Please contact Linda if you feel able to serve in this way.

We will be showing Casablanca, on which the Lent Course is based, at Addington Methodist Church Huntingfield, CR0 2BA on **Thursday 8th February at 14:00-16:00 and then at 19:30-21:30.**

Please come, see the film, and then decide if you wish to join one of the groups.

Feel free to give me a call to discuss hosting/leading or any other queries you have.

Linda White Tel. No. 020 8657 1882 e mail: anbarlyn@yahoo.co.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Churches Together Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018 will be at St Mary's Church, Addington at 3.00pm **THIS AFTERNOON**



Thank you to everyone who came along to the Rectory last Sunday afternoon to share tea and cake – and lots of chat! It was lovely to see you all!

Jenny and Mark



St John's Church, Selsdon



THIS AFTERNOON !!

Sunday 21st January 2.30pm - 4.30pm

St John's Hall, Upper Selsdon Road

We give the kids a snack and we tidy up after !!!

All welcome!

St John's supports The Selsdon Centre for the Retired

We are delighted to tell you that last week we presented a cheque for £2500 to The Selsdon Centre for the Retired – our selected charity for this year's market.

The market made a record profit of £2398 which was topped up from Church funds to £2500.

Our local Scouts and Brownies were also highly active on the day and were able to raise record monies for their own organisations.

The Selsdon Centre was originally set up by St John's Church in the 1970s and today, with the involvement of the other churches in Selsdon, continues to help care for older folk in the community.

It is located within the Sainsbury's store complex and welcomes the retired and elderly living locally to bright, comfortable and friendly surroundings.

The Centre receives nearly 10,000 visitors each year and provides over 4000 meals and 3500 journeys in their mini bus.

Our donation will enable them to buy a new oven, hob and other necessities to replace the existing worn out equipment.

We would like to thank everyone who came and supported St John's Christmas Market and helped contribute to making this donation possible.

John Williams

Exhibition and Sale of Pictures by Local Artists

Saturday 17 March 10.00am – 4.30pm

United Reformed Church Hall, Sanderstead Hill
(on the 403 bus route)

A date for your diary. This lively exhibition, featuring the work of many talented local artists, offers an opportunity to buy original framed or unframed paintings and drawings – from romantic landscapes to attractive animal studies – at affordable prices.

Around 50 artists' work will be on display and 20% of all profits go towards the Society's work with disadvantaged children.

There will also be a homemade cakes and preserves stall, plus tea and coffee, and a chance to win a raffle prize.

Charity Registration No 221124

In support of

The
Children's
Society

ASH WEDNESDAY – 14TH FEBRUARY

Mindful that some of our friends prefer not to go out in the evening, this year we will be holding an Ash Wednesday service in the afternoon as well as our usual Ash Wednesday service in the evening:

So on Ash Wednesday 14th February, there will be:

2pm a said Eucharist

7.30pm a Sung Eucharist

At each of these services there will be an opportunity to receive the traditional Imposition of Ashes. The ashes are usually made from last year's palm crosses, so if you would like your palm cross from last year "recycled", please bring it to church before Sunday 11th February. *Thank you*



LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT... Lent begins **ON WEDNESDAY 14th February**

Set aside **Wednesdays (and one Thursday!)** during Lent for our Lent Course, "Christ and the Chocolaterie" inspired by the film, "Chocolat" from 7.30pm to 9pm in the hall.

This Lent course explores issues about God, the world, and what it means to be human. Each session covers something different so if you can't make all 5 sessions, don't worry, please feel welcome to come to those you can.

Sunday 18th February We'll watch the film "Chocolat" all through. *Please try and come to this session if you can!*

Wednesday 21st February 7.30pm **Week One** Giving up – the prelude to change

Wednesday 28th February 7.30pm **Week Two** Giving out – the power of a gift

Wednesday 7th March 7.30pm **Week Three** Getting wise – the possibility of change

Thursday 15th March 7.30pm Week Four Getting real – the power of acceptance

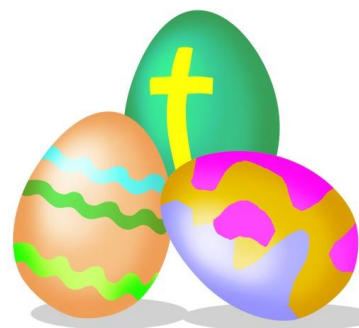
Wednesday 21st March 7.30pm **Week Five** Growing up – the process of change

Helen is getting copies of the book "Christ and the Chocolaterie" for everyone. If you felt able to make a contribution in the region of £5 per copy to the cost, that would be much appreciated.

THE REAL EASTER EGG

The Real Easter Egg is the only Fairtrade chocolate egg with a copy of the Easter story in each box. The 'original' egg will be sold in some supermarkets, but in limited numbers. There are other options; see the poster at the back of church.

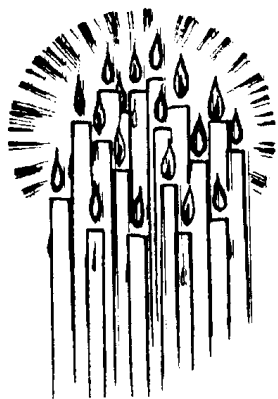
St. John's will be ordering small eggs to give to children at services from The Real Easter Egg Co. again this year. If you would like to order any eggs, please speak to Helen Lishmund (8651 2760) before the 18th February and she will add them to the church order.



Coming Up.....



***The St John's Quiz is back !!!!
Saturday 17th March
Further details and sign up sheets to
follow !!!!***



CANDLEMAS - SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Christ is acclaimed as the Light of the World in this special Eucharist of Light – this is the time when we turn from celebrating Christmas / Epiphany and look ahead to Holy Week and Easter, and begin to think about how we will use our special preparation time of Lent during February/March. **Do come and celebrate on Sunday 4th February at 6pm!**



Sunday 4th February

***Bangers and Books - A great day to come
to St John's***

***We have breakfast after the 8am service in the hall and then after the
10am service we have a book sale !!***

And then finish off the day with our Candlemas service at 6pm



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SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

21st January 2018

Sunday

- 2.30pm – 4.30pm MESSY CHURCH – in the hall
3.00pm Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
at St Mary's Church, Addington
6.00pm Healing service

Monday

- 10.00am Baby and Toddler group

Wednesday

- 10.00am Meditation Prayer group

Thursday

- 10.00am Baby and Toddler group
10.15am Said Eucharist

Next Sunday The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

- 8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language
10.00am Parish Eucharist

Readings next Sunday:

Deuteronomy 18.15-20 or Revelation 12.1-5a; Mark 1.21-28

Morning Prayer is usually said in Church each weekday (except Friday) between 9.00am and 9.30am. You are welcome to join any of these services.

If there's something on your mind and you'd like to talk it over with someone, or if you'd like to make your confession, Jenny will be happy to see anyone at any time by appointment. She can be contacted on: 0208 657 2343 or

jennyrowley@waitrose.com