



**St John the Divine Church, Selsdon**  
**8<sup>th</sup> April 2018**  
**The Second Sunday of Easter**

**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 Dean, Edward and Helen Milton - do come and say hello!

**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!**

**The Opening Prayer:**

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

**Post Communion**

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Hymns at the 10am service:**

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|-----------------|---|
| First hymn:     | 342 Breathe on me, breath of God                      |
| Gradual:        | 339 Be thou my vision                                 |
| Offertory hymn: | 106 Come ye faithful, raise the strain                |
| Communion hymn: | 804 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord |
| Last hymn       | 112 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now                      |

**Choir anthem today:** Gaelic Blessing *Rutter*

**Prayers today are led by:** Bobby Cass

## **First Reading** *read by Tom Salter*

The group of followers all felt the same way about everything. None of them claimed that their possessions were their own, and they shared everything they had with each other. In a powerful way the apostles told everyone that the Lord Jesus was now alive. God greatly blessed his followers, and no one went in need of anything. Everyone who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money to the apostles. Then they would give the money to anyone who needed it.

*Acts 4.32-35*

## **Gospel reading**

The disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders, and on the evening of that same Sunday they locked themselves in a room. Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group. He greeted them and showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they became very happy.

After Jesus had greeted them again, he said, "I am sending you, just as the Father has sent me." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they will be forgiven. But if you don't forgive their sins, they will not be forgiven."

Although Thomas the Twin was one of the twelve disciples, he wasn't with the others when Jesus appeared to them. So they told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But Thomas said, "First, I must see the nail scars in his hands and touch them with my finger. I must put my hand where the spear went into his side. I won't believe unless I do this!"

A week later the disciples were together again. This time, Thomas was with them. Jesus came in while the doors were still locked and stood in the middle of the group. He greeted his disciples and said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands! Put your hand into my side. Stop doubting and have faith!"

Thomas replied, "You are my Lord and my God!"

Jesus said, "Thomas, do you have faith because you have seen me? The people who have faith in me without seeing me are the ones who are really blessed!"

Jesus worked many other miracles for his disciples, and not all of them are written in this book. But these are written so that you will put your faith in Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of God. If you have faith in him, you will have true life.

*John 20.19-end*

**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:**

Cindy Hunt

**We pray for those who have died recently:**

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

9<sup>th</sup> April Gertrude Polley (1982)

Nora Barnes (1973)

Edith Marie Stiffle (2010)

10<sup>th</sup> April Florence Pascoe (1994)

11<sup>th</sup> April Kathleen Bottrill (2010)

12<sup>th</sup> April Florence Hardy (1982)

13<sup>th</sup> April Ian Stagg (1970)

Dawn Brown (2009)

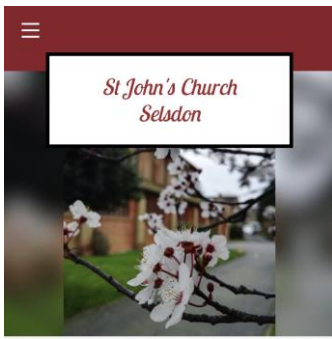
14<sup>th</sup> April Richard Herriott (1989)

**Please also remember in your prayers Elijah Tendai Chingandu and Annabel Elsie Jopling, being baptised later this morning**

**If you'd like prayer either for yourself or for another, please contact Jenny at [jennyrowley@waitrose.com](mailto: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](mailto:jennyrowley@waitrose.com)) preferably by e-mail, or in writing. It would be helpful to receive these before **\*Tuesday\*** each week.**



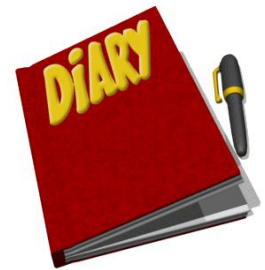
**St John's Website**  
 The website for our church can be found at  
***www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk***

**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](mailto: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](mailto:bookingsstjohns@gmail.com)**



**CHILDREN AND HOLY COMMUNION**

Children are welcome at God's table – if you are baptised, but do not receive the bread and wine, but think you might like to, you could consider asking to be admitted to Communion.

If you think you might be ready to make this next step in your Christian journey, and would like to receive the bread and wine at our services, or just want to find out more, please speak to Jenny.

If you are a grown-up and want to know more about this important development in our life together, please pick up a leaflet from the back of church.

**!!!!!!! The next Church Breakfast will be on  
 !! TODAY !! after the 8am service  
 in the Church Hall !!!!!!!!**



## **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

text **SJGR05 £10 to 70070**

(to donate £10)



### ***CHURCHWARDENS (Don't read this, Tom!)***

During the year, Zyggy, stepped down as Churchwarden, and at the Annual Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Tom, our remaining churchwarden will also "retire". Recognising all that both our churchwardens have brought to St John's over several years of faithful service, we will be making a collection, which will be divided between them. If you'd like to contribute, please give your contribution to Marguerite Sparks or to Sue Tilley before Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April. **THANK YOU!**

***And if you'd like to consider being a Churchwarden,  
please speak to Tom or to Jenny!***



Looking ahead to our **ANNUAL MEETING** on  
**22<sup>nd</sup> April at 11.30am**  
**(after the 10am service).**

I hope that all leaders/co-ordinators of church groups  
have sent their annual report in writing to Amanda.

If not, please can you do so straight away! Thank you!

[bookingsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsstjohns@gmail.com)

## Church Gardening

Time to get back to gardening after the winter, so pop these dates in your diary!

### Gardening Dates for your diary

**5<sup>th</sup> May, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 23<sup>rd</sup> June and 21<sup>st</sup> July**

You don't need to be Monty Don- just an ability to pull a few weeds,  
prune a shrub or even litterpick. We meet at 10am for approx. two  
hours each session- please bring your own tools. The Rector supplies  
the coffee!!



**Michael Lishmund -86512760**



### Sponsored Walk - Save the Date

We have an opportunity to raise money for the Garden  
Room project through a local sponsored walk organised by the  
Rotary Club of Sanderstead and Selsdon. Further information to follow  
but, for now, save the date.....**SUNDAY, 3RD JUNE.**

### Meeting God in the Silence

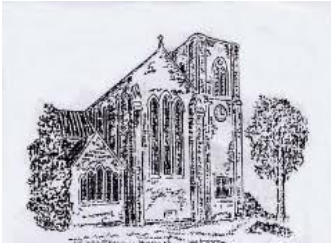
**Mondays 6pm-6.30pm**

*An opportunity to share a time of quiet in the Lady Chapel.*

*Led by Susan Oakes and friends.*

**ALL WELCOME!**





## 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](mailto:salterg@outlook.com) if you need any further information or help

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# ST JOHNS' CHURCH



## MESSY GARDEN

Calling children of all ages (and their parents/grandparents/carers)

At the service on Easter Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April and at Messy Easter 10am-12 noon on 31<sup>st</sup> March, Flower Growing kits for the Children's Garden were given out to take home for planting in the pot provided- an information was included.

If you would like to take part please look after your growing seed at home and return them to St Johns' at the

All age service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 10am

Planting will be in the Children's Garden immediately after the service.

Please come along and plant your flowers !

Refreshments will be provided

If you've not got yours yet and would like to take part, please pick up a flower growing kit from the back of church or speak to Lesley Taylor on 0208 657 7869 or Gill Salter on 0208 405 9971

### *Do you come to St John's "regularly"?*

*("Regularly" is defined by the CofE as attending at least once a month.)*

*Do you think of St John's as your church?*

*If so, please check that you are on the Electoral Roll, and if you're not, fill in the form at the back of the church and hand it to Jenny or one of the Churchwardens.*

*Joining the Electoral Roll is good for you and good for your church !*

- It helps us to keep in touch with you
- It gives you voting rights at the annual meeting
- It means that you and your family are prayed for at least one day each month -the Rector prays for everyone on the electoral roll through the month
  - It helps to present a more realistic picture of the church family at St John's
  - It keeps Bishops and Archdeacons happy – which makes for a happy Rector too.

**Sign up today and make someone happy !!!!!**







**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who has contributed to making our observance of Holy Week and our Easter celebrations so special this year

- Michael and Stephen our associate clergy, Peter our SPA, Tom, Marguerite and Kathleen our churchwarden and deputy churchwardens who helped us get ready to be an Easter people
- Jonathan our organist,
- Ian and our choirs – both our “regular” choir and members of our “Come and Sing” Choir.
- Peter and our team of servers,
- our readers and intercessors,
- Andy and those who led us in dramatic readings of the story of Jesus
- Sally and all those involved in Messy Easter
- Amanda, our parish administrator who helped publicise our services and print our notice and service sheets;
- Our team of cleaners who help keep our church a pleasant space to encounter God
- Our team of gardeners
- Helen and our flower arrangers and all those who have helped to make our church look so beautiful and welcoming;
- Michael and Anne and all who helped us to celebrate the joy of being God's Easter people in style;
- our sidespeople and coffee hosts who have welcomed friends from across Selsdon and beyond to join us for worship;
- Katie and her team of Easter Egg Hunters!



and all those many others who have done things behind the scenes so often unseen and unthanked - and to all God's people who joined together to celebrate the joy of his resurrection life! **HAPPY EASTER!**



**Easter Lilies** – *THANK YOU* for all your contributions towards our Easter flowers. The box is still on the table at the back of church for last-minute donations. A small donation to cover the cost of an Easter lily is a wonderful way to remember someone special at this special time of year.

# A National Garden Token



*A token gesture of National songs  
and ditties*

*associated with the garden*

*Played by the Sylvan  
Handbell Ringers*

*on*

*Wednesday 2nd May 2018*

*at 2.00 pm*

*in*

*St. John the Divine Church Hall*

*(Upper Selsdon Road)*

*Free admission*

*(including Afternoon Tea)*



*Donations in aid of the Garden Room Project*

# SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

8<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## Monday

- 10.00am Baby and Toddler group
- 10.00am Prayer circle
- 6.00pm Meeting God in silence
- 7.30pm Eucharist in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham

## Tuesday

- 10.00am Rector's Coffee Hour in Costa on Selsdon High Street. If you'd like to pop in for a chat or even just to say hello, please do!

## Wednesday

- 10.30am –
- 12noon Coffee morning at 12 Ambleside Gardens ALL WELCOME !
- 7.30pm Area Mission and Pastoral Committee at St Matthew's House

## Thursday

- 10.00am Baby and Toddler group
- 10.15am Said Eucharist

## Saturday

- 11.00am Baptism rehearsal

## Next Sunday The Third Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist
- 11.45am Holy Baptism
- 6.00pm Healing service

### *Readings next Sunday at 10am:*

Acts 3.12-19; Luke 24.36b-48

**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](mailto:jennyrowley@waitrose.com)