

**St John the Divine Church, Selsdon**  
**17<sup>th</sup> June 2018**  
**The Third Sunday after Trinity**

**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 Doris and Joy Sey - do come and say hello!

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

**The Opening Prayer:**

O God, at whose bidding the seed will sprout and the shoot grow towards full stature, hear the prayer of your assembled people. Make us trust in your hidden ways, that we may pray with confidence and wait for your kingdom now growing in our midst. 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:**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

**Hymns at the 10am service:**

First hymn:	823 Praise and thanksgiving
Gradual hymn:	908 Like a tiny seed of mustard
Offertory hymn:	877 For the fruits of all creation
Communion hymn:	115 Now the green blade riseth
Last hymn:	262 We plough the fields and scatter

**Choir anthem today:** Thou visitest the earth *Greene*

**Prayers today are led by:** Peter Crocombe

## **First Reading** *read by Judith Coleman*

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

*Ezekiel 17:22-24*

## **Gospel Reading**

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*Mark 4:26-34*

***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:**

Pat Hall, Arnold Ramdeholl

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

Cliare Wilson, Rosemary Wright

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

17<sup>th</sup> June Peter Young (1981)

18<sup>th</sup> June Cyril Bertram Smith (1955)

Dorothy Frances Smith (2001)

19<sup>th</sup> June Lewis Martin (1999)

21<sup>st</sup> June Margaret Dobson (1983)

Thomas Easman (1985)

22<sup>nd</sup> June Ernest Bolingbroke (1994)

Nigel Leaves (2015)

***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](http://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.

### **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**

### **CONFIRMATION**

*Confirmation is another step along the journey of faith – where you have the opportunity to confirm for yourself the promises made by your parents and godparents on your behalf when you were baptised, namely to follow Christ and to take your place within the life and worship of His church. If you think you might be interested in being confirmed, please speak to Jenny as soon as possible. Thanks*

## Church Gardening

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.

**OUR NEXT SESSION IS THIS SATURDAY - 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

**See you there!**

**(After that it'll be 21<sup>st</sup> July!)**

The Rector supplies the coffee (if she's in!!)

**Michael Lishmund -86512760**



**Looking ahead .....**

**In December we will be holding a White Weekend which will include a church display, concert etc**

**If you think you would be interested in joining a group of the congregation in helping to set up and run this event, please speak to either Gill Salter or Helen Lishmund**

## **There's a new way to donate to St John's Church,**

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

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)



**MID WEEK COFFEE MORNINGS  
ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH  
MONTH**

**10.30AM - 12 NOON**

**ALL WELCOME!**

## ROTARY CLUB SPONSORED WALK

It was a hot and sticky day, but the countryside around Farleigh and Selsdon was looking at its best. Paul and Susan Oakes and I completed the 7 mile course (17,883 steps) organised by the Rotary Club of Sanderstead and Selsdon. No-one got lost - well, the Rector did go astray trying to meet us at the finish! The brilliant news is, thanks to your generosity, we've raised £700. The funds are split - 40% to the Rotary charities and 60% to the Garden Room project. This means £420 to the Garden Room - with gift aid this rises to £487.50.

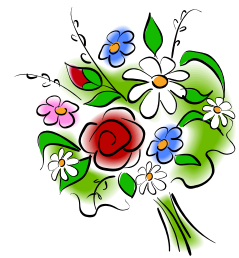


Many thanks to you all and special thanks to Paul and Susan who were such great walking companions. Helen Lishmund  
(PS - I have a copy of the walk and map if anyone would like to try it sometime. We are fortunate to live close to some lovely countryside.)

*Helen Lishmund - 0208 651 2760*

## ***For those we love...***

***a special service for those who have lost a child at whatever age, in whatever circumstances, however long ago...  
at St John's Church, Selsdon***



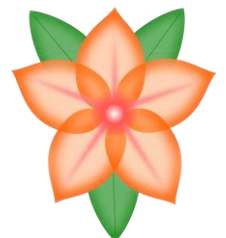
### ***TONIGHT at 6pm***

A special service of music, word and prayer for those who have experienced the pain of losing a child - whether as a baby, in childhood, or as an adult - there will be an opportunity to light a candle and remember

Contact: Revd Jenny Rowley – 0208 657 2343 for more information, or just come along

You are warmly invited to

## ***A Summer Lunch***



hosted by Ian Brentnall, including a raffle, all in aid of the St. John's Selsdon Garden Room Project and St. John's Church Choir

**St. John's Church Hall, Sunday 15th July 2018 at 12.30 pm**

Please bring your own choice of liquid refreshment.

Tickets on sale after Sunday morning services at £12 each on a "first come, first served" basis.

The maximum number of guests is only 60.

Please see Ian Brentnall to purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment !!!!



# 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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# SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

## 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### Sunday

6.00pm "For those we love..." a special service of hope and reassurance for those who have lost a child in the family

### Monday

10.00am Baby and Toddler group

10.00am Prayer circle

6.00pm Meeting God in silence

### 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 Joint meeting for the Garden Room Project at 5 Waterworks Cottages

### Thursday

10.00am Baby and Toddler group

10.15am Said Eucharist. Members of the Pastoral Visiting Team are particularly encouraged to come and hold our work before God in prayer.

### Saturday

11.00am Baptism rehearsal

### Next Sunday The Birth of St John the Baptist

8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language

10.00am Parish Eucharist

11.45am Holy Baptism

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

Isaiah 40.1-11 or Acts 13.14b-26, or Galatians 3.23-end: Luke 1.57-66,80

**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)