



St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
9th September 2018
The Fifteenth 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 Lewine Rush and Janice White - do come and say hello!

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer:

God of power and compassion, in Christ you reveal your will to heal and to save. Open our ears to your redeeming word and move our hearts by the strength of your love, so that our every word and work may proclaim as Messiah Jesus the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer:

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymns at the 10am service:

First hymn: 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say
Gradual hymn: 353 Dear Lord and Father
Offertory hymn: 338 At the name of Jesus
Communion hymn: 807 From heaven you came
Last hymn: 867 Lord thy church on earth is seeking

Choir anthem today: Oculi omnium Wood

Prayers today are led by: Sophie Jennings

First Reading *read by Emily Richardson*

“Cheer up! Don’t be afraid. Your God is coming to punish your enemies. God will take revenge on them and rescue you.”

The blind will see, and the ears of the deaf will be healed. Those who were lame will leap around like deer; tongues once silent will begin to shout. Water will rush through the desert. Scorching sand will turn into a lake, and thirsty ground will flow with fountains.

Isaiah 35.4-7a

Gospel reading:

Jesus left and went to the region near the city of Tyre, where he stayed in someone’s home. He did not want people to know he was there, but they found out anyway. A woman whose daughter had an evil spirit in her heard where Jesus was. And right away she came and knelt down at his feet. The woman was Greek and had been born in the part of Syria known as Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to force the demon out of her daughter. But Jesus said, “The children must first be fed! It isn’t right to take away their food and feed it to dogs.”

The woman replied, “Lord, even dogs eat the crumbs that children drop from the table.”

Jesus answered, “That’s true! You may go now. The demon has left your daughter.” When the woman got back home, she found her child lying on the bed. The demon had gone.

Jesus left the region around Tyre and went by way of Sidon toward Lake Galilee. He went through the land near the ten cities known as Decapolis. Some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk. They begged Jesus just to touch him.

After Jesus had taken him aside from the crowd, he stuck his fingers in the man’s ears. Then he spit and put it on the man’s tongue. Jesus looked up toward heaven, and with a groan he said, “Effatha!” which means “Open up!” At once the man could hear, and he had no more trouble talking clearly.

Jesus told the people not to say anything about what he had done. But the more he told them, the more they talked about it. They were completely amazed and said, “Everything he does is good! He even heals people who cannot hear or talk.”

Mark 7.24-37

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 and Marion Hall, Marilyn Tatarkowski, Jean Treasure, Douglas and Sandra Walford

We pray for those who have died recently:

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

9th September Darnley Hunte (2017)

12th September Winnie Williams (1981)

Tony Hughes (1991)

Stephen Monahan (2017)

13th September Philip Allen (1976)

14th September Tommy Ward (1981)

15th September Florence Crump (1983)

Please also remember in your prayers Harrison Mann, being baptised later this morning

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.**

The Parish Office

is open Mon-Thur 9am-2pm



Please call Amanda on to help with:

- Parish admin or queries
- Hall Bookings
- Publicity for the church or hall

Please call 0208 6579466 / 07958 682103

Or email bookingsstjohns@gmail.com

Thank you



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.



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

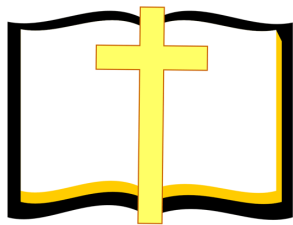
Mondays 6pm-6.30pm

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

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)



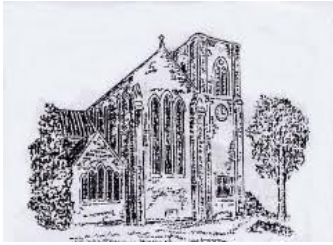
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We are very grateful to those who give so generously of their time, talents and money to support the mission and ministry of this church, as well as contribute to the cost of maintaining this wonderful building. Don't forget that if you are a UK taxpayer, the Church can reclaim the tax you have paid on any donation if you simply fill in your name and address on the yellow envelope provided, which makes your gift worth about a third more at no extra cost to you.

St John's has a Planned Giving Scheme and if you're already a member of the Scheme we want to say a special "thank you" to you for your support through the year. You should have received an invite to the "Thank you tea" in the Rectory garden **THIS AFTERNOON - Sunday 9th September at 3.30pm – 5.30pm**, followed by Choral Evensong, and I hope you are able to come and enjoy a lovely afternoon!

If you're not (yet) part of the Planned Giving Scheme, or would like to know more about supporting this church on a regular basis through planned giving, please speak to Michael (Tel: 0208 651 2760) or to Jenny (Tel: 0208 657 2343) or e-mail jennyrowley@waitrose.com



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

MID WEEK COFFEE MORNINGS
ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
10.30AM-12NOON. Our next coffee morning is on
Wednesday 12th September at
66 Farley Road CR2 7ND



PLANT AND PRODUCE STALL

Sunday 14th October 2018
11am

St John's Church Hall
Upper Selsdon Road
South Croydon
CR2 8DD





WHITE CHRISTMAS FAIR

8th and 9th December 2018

'We are 'dreaming of a White Christmas' with the following over the weekend 8th and 9th December, perhaps you could help?

- White Christmas in church - do you belong to a group who might like to decorate part of the church on a White Christmas theme?



- Mini fair in the hall - would you like to run a stall? Tombola, or Name the Penguin perhaps.



- Father Christmas in Lapland - elves and helpers needed
- Grand raffle - prizes needed and help on the day

- Refreshments - could you help with refreshments?

- Children's activities - might you be able to give some time to these?

The weekend will end with the popular Christmas Concert at 6 pm on the Sunday. Could you help with serving mulled wine and mince pies or selling raffle tickets?



Helen, Gill or Janice would love to hear from you.

St John's Garden Room Project Receives Funding Boost

Residents of Selsdon are celebrating following confirmation of a grant from Viridor Credits Environmental Company towards the construction of a Garden Room overlooking the Garden of Remembrance at St John's Church

This ambitious project will provide a pleasant, quality built, modern and fully accessible facility to meet local needs within the whole community. The room will be sited on the south western side of the church overlooking the Garden of Remembrance and will be easily accessible directly from the main church building but can also be closed off as a separate space with an external door from the garden. There will also be improved access into and around the whole church building. The room will accommodate around 20 people comfortably and provide a purpose built refreshment hub and fully accessible toilet facilities including a baby changing area. The project will be community focused for the use of groups and individuals within the Selsdon area in addition to church groups. The award from Viridor Credits towards the cost of construction of the Garden Room will enable groundworks and structural work to be planned.

Reverend Jenny Rowley, Rector of St John's, said "I am delighted that Viridor Credits have awarded a grant towards the building of the Garden Room and would like to express my thanks for their support for this important community focused facility which will be of real value to the people of Selsdon both now and in years to come"



Contact

People Who Care

Selsdon Contact's shopping bus trips to Sainsburys at Warlingham are very

popular but we are in need of more escorts. It's a three- hour commitment on a Wednesday or Thursday morning helping one of our clients on and off the bus and doing a shop. You don't even have to make a regular commitment but just help when you can spare the time.

If you feel you could help with this valuable community support, please call Jasmine in the Contact Office on 8651 4944.



CHURCH GARDENING - Time to start our Autumn clear up!

By the time you read this some extensive tree work will have been undertaken for safety reasons. We now need the rest of the grounds to match. The next gardening sessions are Saturday 15th and Saturday 29th September from 10 am.

Don't forget if you'd like to help you would be more than welcome.

Either just turn up on the day or contact –**Michael Lishmund - 8651 2760**



**THE NEXT BOOK SALE WILL BE ON
SUNDAY 16th SEPTEMBER AT 11AM IN THE CHURCH HALL**

Sunday 30th September - 12.30pm

Harvest Lunch

Sign up sheet at back of the Church





Remembering the Great War at St John's



At St John's, we will be marking the 100th anniversary of the armistice that ended the First World War (The Great War) by giving our congregation the opportunity to remember members of their family or friends who took part and to show our respect and thanks as a church.



Do you have a photograph of someone who served and who you would like to be remembered? – they could be a soldier, sailor, airman, nurse, munitions worker or indeed anyone who helped to bring peace to Europe. Ideally they would be in uniform but it is not essential.

We will place their photographs, names and a little about their service history on boards to be displayed within the church. If you do not have a photo, just write down what you would like to say and it will still be included.



If there is someone that you would like to be remembered, please place their photo in an envelope together with their name and, if possible, a short piece about them of approx 50 words.

Please write your name on the outside of the envelope. We will scan the photo and type up the wording and return the originals to you.

We have already had a wonderful initial response and look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible, but no later than the start of October please

**If you would like to know more, please speak to
John or Brenda Williams
(0208 645 9417) or
Catherine Sands.**

Thank you.



SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

9th September 2018

Sunday

3.30pm – 5.30pm Thank you tea for members of St John's Planned Giving scheme in the Rectory Garden

6.00pm Choral evensong

Monday

10.00am Baby and Toddler group

12noon Deanery chapter meeting at St John's

Tuesday

8.00pm St John's Wives opening service

Wednesday

10.30am Eucharist at Croham Place

10.30am – 12noon Coffee morning at 66 Farley Road

7.30pm Outreach group meeting at 67 Croham Road

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.

Next Sunday The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.00pm Healing service

Readings next Sunday at 10am:

Isaiah 50.4-9a or James 3.1-12: Mark 8.27-end

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