



St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
23rd September 2018
The Seventeenth 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 Joe and Karen Charles - do come and say hello!

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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:

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns at the 10am service:

First hymn:	839	A man there lived in Galilee
Gradual hymn:	439	Praise to the holiest in the height
Offertory hymn:	891	Great God, your love has called us here
Communion hymn:	849	Meekness and majesty
Last hymn:	837	I cannot tell

We are delighted to welcome our Come and Sing Choir to help lead our worship today:

Prayers today are led by: Femi Ayoola

First Reading *read by Hilary Richardson*

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

James 3.13-4.3,7-8a

Gospel reading:

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Mark 9.30-37

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, Jean Treasure, Douglas and Sandra Walford

We pray for those who have died recently:

Mark Campbell, Joan Sheen, Helen Whatley

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

24 th September	Elisabeth Cook	(1988)
	Anthony Carey	(1998)
25 th September	Bertram Sheen	(1990)
	Richard Hay	(2003)
27 th September	Jill Sadler	(1994)
	George Henry Smith	(1999)
29 th September	Ethel Robinson	(1980)
	Eileen Lamprell	(2012)
	Judy Prew	(2017)

Please also remember in your prayers Ava Rose Cooper-Haynes, 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.**



St John's Website

The website for our church can be found www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk

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



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.

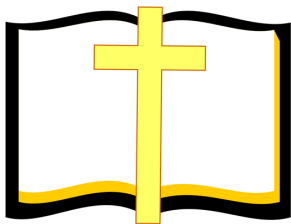
If you are a grown-up and want to know more about this important development in our life together, please pick up a leaflet from the back of church.

Meeting God in 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)



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 FILLIN 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



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. See the notice sheet for details of the venue! ALL WELCOME!

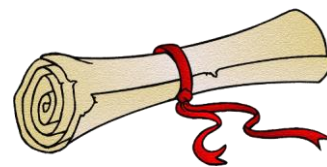


ST JOHN'S LEGACY POLICY

You may like to know that...

St John's has a Legacy Policy. This means that if you are kind enough to consider leaving a gift to your church in your will, you can be confident that the church will use your gift wisely to achieve or contribute to something significant, and with reference to any particular wishes or interests you have expressed.

The full policy can be seen in the folder at the back of church – or just ask Jenny for a copy. There are also leaflets at the back of church with information about leaving a legacy to your church (the green ones!) – please take one!



PLANT AND PRODUCE STALL



Sunday 14th October 2018

11am

St John's Church Hall

WHITE CHRISTMAS WEEKEND

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.

CHURCH GARDENING - Time to start our Autumn clear up!



The next gardening session is Saturday 29th September from 10 am.

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**

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.

Sunday 30th September

Harvest Festival Service 10am



We will be collecting gifts of non-perishable foods, toiletries to give to the Foodbank at New Addington and Nightwatch. Please bring your Harvest gifts to the 10am service next week. Thank you for your generosity!

This will be followed at 12.30pm by

Harvest Lunch

Please see the sign-up sheet at back of the Church for details

We're looking forward to Christmas already!!

I am very grateful to Margaret Pittard who created some lovely knitted friends last year to join in our nativity celebrations. They have now been joined by some more nativity figure friends, created by Margaret Charman. I am very grateful to both Margarets – if anyone has contact details for Margaret Charman, please let me know so I can write and say a proper thank you. Meanwhile, if you like knitting and would like to create any more nativity friends they would always be welcome! And you don't have to be called "Margaret" to knit them! *Jenny*



Croydon Churches Floating Shelter (CCFS)

My name is Bill Jackson and I have been the coordinator of the Sanderstead United Reformed Church/ All Saints shelter for rough sleepers in Croydon for the past 6 years. Every Monday night and Tuesday morning from November 5th to December 15th this year we shall host to up to 15 men and women each night. They will be sent to us on Monday evenings and we give them a hot meal, a bed for the night and a cooked breakfast on Tuesday morning. They then leave for the next church on the rota with a packed lunch to see them through the day. We always need volunteers willing to help cook the main meal and Tuesday morning breakfast. To help set up the shelter, to wash up, to stay overnight, to clear away on Tuesday morning and to engage with our guests. The minimum age is 18.

Jenny has kindly invited me to talk to you for 10-15 minutes over coffee after your morning service on Sunday 28th October and I look forward to talking with anyone who might be interested in joining us.

We all regard the shelters as an opportunity to demonstrate the love of God in action. Thank you all. *Bill*



Remembering the Great War at St John's



There's still time to bring along your photo and a little information about a friend or relative that you would like to be remembered as we mark the 100th anniversary of the armistice that ended the First World War (The Great War).

If you do not have a photo, just write down what you would like to say and it will still be included.

This is a lovely opportunity to remember members of our families or friends who took part in the war and to show our respect and thanks.

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

Please place their photo in an envelope together with their name and, if possible, a short piece about them of approx 50 words and then 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. Brenda and I will be on holiday until 7th October, so you can wait until we return or give your envelope in the meantime to Catherine Sands.

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

THANK YOU to Katie, Janice and Monica for re-imagining the children's area. They have done a wonderful job reorganising the toys and games into a new storage unit, and moving things around so our children can make better use of the space. An even better place for families with small children to enjoy worshipping together. THANK YOU!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Autumn course this year is intended to build on the sessions led by Revd Stephen Wright last year on "The Lord's Prayer". As part of the PILGRIM series of courses, there will be opportunities to explore the Lord's Prayer as a gateway to the Christian gospel, as a guide to our own prayers, and as a way of deepening our relationship with God.



Some of the material will, of course, be familiar to those who have lived with this prayer as part of their spiritual life for many years. But revisiting it together, considering questions and different related texts will hopefully give us all new insights into the prayer which, perhaps more than any other, takes us to the heart of Jesus' own prayer life.

We'll be meeting on the following evenings at 7.30pm

THURSDAY 25th October in the Hall

Wednesday 31st October in the Hall

Wednesday 7th November in the Morris Chapman Room

Wednesday 14th November in the hall

Wednesday 21st November in the hall

Wednesday 28th November in the hall

A course booklet is available, and we want to buy enough for everyone to have one before the course begins. So I'd be grateful if you could sign the list at the back of church if you think you'll be coming along. There is no charge for the course or the booklet, but if you'd like to make a voluntary donation to help cover costs, £5 is suggested.

For more information, please speak to Jenny (jennyrowley@waitrose.com or 0208 657 2343) or to Peter (peterc.home@yahoo.co.uk or 0208 657 0651)

Retreat Day at All Saints Church

Sanderstead CR2 9AB

Saturday 13 October 2018

10.30am – 3.30pm

Bring your own lunch. Drinks provided.

For Christians who would like to receive prayer ministry and teaching about God. Accessible Light retreat day with sacred space and prayer ministry, run by Rev'd Christine Spurway and her husband Martin Swindlehurst. An opportunity to find some space and time to strengthen your relationship with God.

No charge but you must let us know you are coming
call Penny **02086571176** or email **ppennybird@yahoo.co.uk**



SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

23rd September 2018

Sunday

12.45pm Burial of the cremated remains of Joan Sheen at St John's

Monday

10.00am Baby and Toddler group

11.30am Messy Church planning meeting at the Rectory

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!

Thursday

10.00am Baby and Toddler group

10.15am Said Eucharist.

Next Sunday

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity: HARVEST FESTIVAL

8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language

10.00am Parish Eucharist

12noon for 12.30pm Harvest Lunch in the hall

Readings next Sunday at 10am:

Numbers 11.4-6, 10-16, 24-29 or James 5.13-20: Mark 9.38-60

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