

**St John's Church
Selsdon**



**The Holy Eucharist
for All Ages**

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
HARVEST FESTIVAL**

September 30th 2018

Welcome to St John's this morning!

Whether you are here for the first time, or a more regular worshipper, we are delighted to have you with us today, and we hope that you enjoy the service. Suggestions are given in this booklet for posture – when to sit, stand and kneel. These are suggestions only. Please adopt whatever position is most comfortable for you, and helps you to concentrate on your prayers. Since the Eucharistic Prayer is one complete prayer, it is best to have the same position from beginning to end – i.e. from “The Lord be with you” to the Lord’s Prayer.

Please join in singing the hymns and saying anything written in **bold type!**

Thank you to all those who have so generously brought harvest gifts today to share with those in need. There will be an opportunity during the service to bring your gifts forward to be collected at the altar. Over the coming few days, these gifts will be taken to Nightwatch and New Addington Foodbank. Thank you for your generosity.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT ST JOHN'S

Today we are celebrating Harvest Festival together, adults and children worshipping together as the whole family of God of all ages.

If you have children with you, you may want to take advantage of the 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. Please do not worry or feel embarrassed if your child makes a noise; your children may actually be happier at the front where they can see what’s going on, so don’t be shy!

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!

There are toilets and baby changing facilities in the hall opposite the church. Just ask a sidesperson for directions

If you are new, or a visitor, please do stay and say hello after the service!

Do stay after the service to enjoy refreshments which today will be served in the Scout hut opposite the church.

Please stand for the **ProceSSIONal hymn**

During this hymn the choir and clergy will process to their places and the uniformed organisations will present their flags.

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings;
All things bright and beautiful...

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;
All things bright and beautiful...

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one;
All things bright and beautiful...

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.
All things bright and beautiful...

Mrs C.F. Alexander (1818-95)

A time to say 'hello' and draw together for worship

The president greets everyone

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
and also with you.

The president welcomes people to the service

We have come from different places today, a people seeking the Lord, a people of praise, a people of hope.

**Gather us in Lord,
and make us your family.**

Open our hearts to the power of your Spirit.

A time to say 'sorry' *(remain standing)*

*The president introduces the prayers of penitence, for which **we remain standing***

God our Father, we are sorry for all the things we have done wrong this week

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, we thank you for forgiving us every time we say we are sorry

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, help us to forgive other people when they do wrong to us
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The president declares the forgiveness of our sins in the words of the Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A time to praise

Knowing that God will always love us, and assured of his forgiveness, we praise him in the words the angels sang when Jesus was born:

Glory to God! Our hearts to you we raise!
Joy and peace on earth, in highest heaven praise!
Songs of adoration, Lord, to you we bring,
praising your great goodness, Father heavenly King.
*Glory to God! Our hearts to you we raise!
Joy and peace on earth, in highest heaven praise!*

Son of the Father, bearing this world's sin,
Lamb of God, have mercy, grant us peace within.
You, O Christ, are holy, you alone are Lord,
with the Holy Spirit evermore adored.

*Glory to God! Our hearts to you we raise!
Joy and peace on earth, in highest heaven praise!*

Edwin Le Grice (1911-92)

The president introduces a brief period of silent prayer before saying the Opening Prayer on behalf of the congregation.

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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.**

A time to hear God's Word *(sit)*

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Joel
read by Bobby Cass

(Joel 2.21-27)

So tell the soil to celebrate and wild animals to stop being afraid.
Grasslands are green again; fruit trees and fig trees are loaded with fruit.
Grapevines are covered with grapes. People of Zion, celebrate in honor of the Lord your God! He is generous and has sent the autumn and spring rains in the proper seasons. Grain will cover your threshing places; jars will overflow with wine and olive oil.

I, the Lord your God, will make up for the losses caused by those swarms and swarms of locusts I sent to attack you. My people, you will eat until you are satisfied. Then you will praise me for the wonderful things I have done. Never again will you be put to shame.

Israel, you will know that I stand at your side. I am the Lord your God - there are no other gods. Never again will you be put to shame.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Please stand to sing the **Gradual Hymn**

During this hymn, the Gospel book will be brought to the middle of the congregation to remind us that Jesus, God's Living Word, walks among his gathered people

Please remain standing and turn to face the gospel book.

Praise and thanksgiving Father, we offer,
for all things living you have made good.
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Lord, bless the labour we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbour we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you;
harvesting, milling, for daily bread.

Father, providing food for your children,
your wisdom guiding teaches us share
one with another, so that rejoicing
sister and brother may know thy care.

Then will thy blessing reach every people;
each one confessing your gracious hand.
When you are reigning no-one will hunger,
your love sustaining; fruitful the land.

Albert Bayly (1901-1984)

The reader says:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

(6.25-33)

I tell you not to worry about your life. Don't worry about having something to eat, drink, or wear. Isn't life more than food or clothing? Look at the birds in the sky! They don't plant or harvest. They don't even store grain in barns. Yet your Father in heaven takes care of them. Aren't you worth more than birds?

Can worry make you live longer? Why worry about clothes? Look how the wild flowers grow. They don't work hard to make their clothes. But I tell you that Solomon with all his wealth wasn't as well clothed as one of them. God gives such beauty to everything that grows in the fields, even though it is here today and thrown into a fire tomorrow. He will surely do even more for you! Why do you have such little faith?

Don't worry and ask yourselves, "Will we have anything to eat? Will we have anything to drink? Will we have any clothes to wear?" Only people who don't know God are always worrying about such things. Your Father in heaven knows that you need all of these. But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what he wants. Then the other things will be yours as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

A time to respond to God's Word

All sit for the address by Revd Stephen Wright

A time to declare our faith *as we say together:*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

A time to pray *(sit or kneel)*

Sit or kneel for the Prayers of Intercession, led by Kyra Sey, which include the following response:

Lord of

May we bear the fruits of your love.

The prayers conclude:

**For yours is the majesty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

Bringing forward the Harvest gifts.

In our prayers we remember before God those who are in need. In our actions, we do what we can to show God's love for all his children. Please bring any harvest gifts you have brought this morning to the front where they will be displayed at the altar. The servers and other helpers will direct you!

When all the gifts have been collected, the president prays:

Accept O Lord these our gifts.
As we come before you, help us to see
and know your love for us so that, in humility, love and joy,
we may place at your feet not only all that we have,
but all that we are., through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A time to meet Jesus in each other

Please stand as we share the Peace of Christ with each other. The president says:

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy and peace
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please exchange a sign of peace (a simple handshake) with those around you.

A time to meet Jesus in bread and wine

Please stand to sing the **Offertory** hymn

During the hymn, bread and wine and any money gifts are collected and taken to the altar. The bread and wine are put on the altar and everything is prepared. If you'd like to help get things ready, please come to the altar.

We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand:
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble thankful hearts.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

German, *Matthius Claudius (1740-1815)*
Tr *Jane Campbell (1817-78)*

After the hymn, we pray:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you bring forth bread from the earth.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you create the fruit of the vine.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The president begins the Eucharistic Prayer – the great prayer of thanksgiving over the bread and wine that recalls all that God has done for the world.

**Remain standing, or seated, or kneeling
throughout the prayer**

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give thanks and praise

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come,
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'
Do this to remember me.

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

Amen.

*The president introduces **the Lord's Prayer.***

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Please kneel as we sing together:

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord
Jesus is the Lord God Almighty
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord
Jesus is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord.**

The president invites the people to receive Communion:

Come, not because you are strong but because you are weak,
come, not because you must but because you may,
come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to
come, but because you need mercy and help,
come, because you love the Lord a little
and would like to love him more,
come, because he loved you and gave himself for you;

Anyone who normally receives communion in any Christian church is most welcome to receive the bread and wine(communion) this morning. If you don't usually receive bread and wine in church please still come forward for a blessing. Please ask one of the churchwardens or other helpers if you would like some help to come up to communion, or if you would like the clergy to bring communion to you in your place.

During the distribution of Communion, please join in singing the following hymn if you would like to:

Communion hymn

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home:
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest-home.

All this world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For we know that thou wilt come,
and wilt take thy people home;
from thy field wilt purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
and thine angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in thy garner evermore.

Come then, Lord of mercy, come.
bid us sing thy harvest-home:
let thy saints be gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
all upon the golden floor
praising thee for evermore:
come, with all thine angels, come,
bid us sing thy harvest-home.

Henry Alford (1810-1871) and others

A time to say 'thank you'

Please kneel for a special prayer celebrating God's gifts to us

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then we all pray together:

**We thank you, gracious Father,
for welcoming your children to feast in your kingdom;
by your love unite us
and with your Spirit send us,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please sit while notices are given out about the life of the parish and community

Please stand to sing the **final hymn:**

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,
and the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the field
shall clap, shall clap their hands,
*and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
and you'll go out with joy.*

Stuart Dauermann (born 1944)

The president blesses the people and dismisses them to go out into the world taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to all those they meet.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

May God our creator,
who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air,
bestow on you his care
and increase the harvest of your righteousness;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Freely you have received, freely give.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
in the name of Christ. Amen.

The organ plays while the uniformed organisations collect their flags and carry them to the back of the church, followed by the clergy. Please turn to face the back and join in loudly!

**The earth has yielded its harvest;
God, our God, has blessed us.**

You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.
You soften the ground with showers;
and bless the increase of it.
You crown the year with your goodness;
and your paths overflow with plenty.
The meadows are clothed with sheep;
**the valleys stand so thick with corn,
they shout for joy and sing.**

**The earth has yielded its harvest;
God, our God, has blessed us.**

cf Psalm 65.8,10,11,13; 67.7

Do stay after the service to enjoy refreshments which are served in the Scout hut opposite church. Hosts today to welcome you are Jane Janman and members of the Scout group.

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, Michael Charlish, Mary Thomson, Kathleen Todd

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

30 th September	Terry Francis	(1980)
	Edith Wilcox	(1968)
	Pat Holton	(2010)
	David Lyell	(2011)
	Christopher Deru	(2014)
1 st October	Arthur Mears	(1979)
2 nd October	George Horton	(1987)
3 rd October	Charles Denny	(1965)
	Jessie Sage	
4 th October	Ted Brookes	(2003)
	Fred Fenton	(2005)
5 th October	Barbara Domaingue	(1981)
	Joan Olive Lucus	(1991)
6 th October	John Tompkins	(2005)

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

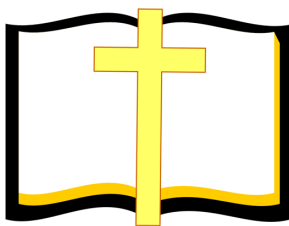


CHILDREN AND HOLY COMMUNION

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.



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

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



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"



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!
Our next coffee morning is on 10th October
at 199 Farley Road



ST JOHN'S SELSDON GARDEN ROOM

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



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.

If you would like any further information please contact Gill Salter at 21 Rylandes Road, South Croydon CR2 8EB

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



PLANT AND PRODUCE STALL



Sunday 14th October 2018 11am

St John's Church Hall

If you are able to help with plants, cakes, Jam's, Chutneys etc please leave in the hall at 10am in day of sale or see Gill Salter

TODAY after coffee – 12noon for 12.30

Harvest Lunch

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



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?

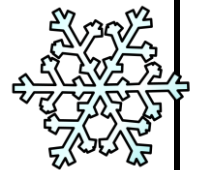
- Mini fair in the hall - would you like to run a stall? Tombola, or Name the Penguin perhaps.



- 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.



Contact

People Who Care

Selsdon Contact's shopping bus trips to Sainsburys at Warlingham are very popular but we are in need

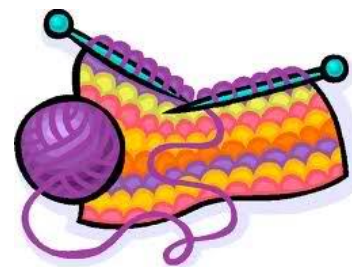
of more escorts. It's a three- hour commitment on a Wednesday or Thursday morning helping one of our clients on and off the bus and doing a shop. You don't even have to make a regular commitment but just help when you can spare the time.

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

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



**Our Next Messy
Church Session is on
Sunday 7th October
2.30pm – 4.30pm**

St John's Church Hall, Selsdon



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*



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 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

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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.

St John's Card – Autumn Edition.

St John's Autumn Brochure is at the back of church!

We're hoping to distribute these as widely as we can throughout the parish. So please take at least

3 away with you today – one for you, and one for the neighbours each side of you – just pop it through their door on your way back from church today.

We also have some cards bundled up into roads – no more than about 30 to deliver in each road. Could you have a look and see if you could take a bundle to deliver.



Thank you to everyone for helping with this important ministry of outreach!

SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

30th September 2018

Sunday

12noon for 12.30pm Harvest Lunch in the hall

Monday

10.00am Baby and Toddler group

10.00am Prayer circle

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 Eucharist at Croham Place

7.30pm Greater Chapter meeting at St John's Church, Shirley

Thursday

9.00am Harvest Assembly at Greenvale School

10.00am Baby and Toddler group

10.15am Said Eucharist.

Friday

10.30am Garden Room planning meeting at 21 Rylandes Road

Saturday

7.00pm St John's Choir concert "Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo"

Next Sunday

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language

10.00am Parish Eucharist

2.30pm – 4.30pm Messy Church in the hall - The story of Noah

Readings next Sunday at 10am:

Genesis 2.18-24 or Hebrews 1.1-4,2.5-12: Mark 10.2-16

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