

St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
7th October 2018
The Nineteenth 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 Sylvia Hughes and Marguerite Sparks - do come and say hello!

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer:

Creator God, in Christ you call man and woman to the fullness of glory for which you created them in your image. Heal our hardened hearts, renew our obedience to your spoken will, and conform our lives to your gracious design. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer:

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns at the 10am service:

First hymn:	239 Lord of all hopefulness
Gradual hymn:	341 Blest are the pure in heart
Offertory hymn:	352 Crown him with many crowns
Communion hymn:	808 Be still for the presence of the Lord
Last hymn:	812 Christ triumphant

Choir anthem today: I give you a new commandment *Aston*

Prayers today are led by: Ian Brentnall

First Reading *read by Janice White*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.'

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Genesis 2.18-24

Gospel reading:

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. Jesus said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Mark 10.2-16

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:

Beryl Dennison, Pat and Marion Hall, Jean Treasure, Douglas and Sandra Walford

We pray for those who have died recently:

Christine Barry, Mark Campbell, Michael Charlish, Sally Stewart, Mary Thomson, Kathleen Todd, Tony Webb

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

7 th October	Kathleen Payne	(1987)
8 th October	Jessie Weeks	(1981)
	Ray Talks	(2010)
	Audrey Pattinson	(1995)
9 th October	Pam Lawrence	(2009)
	George Hails	(1967)
	Lena Pendred	(1988)
10 th October	David Hill	(1988)
	Kirsty Willmington	(2008)
	Joyce Brookes	(1971)
12 th October	Dorothy Tolfrey	(2017)
	Frank Filce	(1980)
	Ellen Massay	(2014)

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

- 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

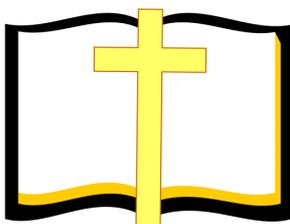


CHILDREN AND HOLY COMMUNION

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



PLANT AND PRODUCE STALL



NEXT 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

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**



Harvest Festival

Last week Stephen reminded us of how we can use all our senses – sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste, to appreciate the world around us and worship its Creator. And I am very grateful to all those who helped us experience the glory of God's creation and enriched our worship by decorating the church so beautifully for our Harvest celebrations. **THANK YOU!**



Stephen also reminded us that we are called to share the good things we enjoy. **THANK YOU** to everyone who has donated gifts for Harvest. We've been able to make a substantial donation to the Food Bank at New Addington and to Croydon Nightwatch. Another big **THANK YOU** to Janice, Jane, Janet and everyone who helped with the Harvest Lunch – and to everyone who came.

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 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

We have been fortunate to receive a grant from the City of London's charitable funder, City Bridge Trust to carry out an access audit for the proposed Garden Room extension. This will enable us to apply to City Bridge Trust for funding towards the project.

Gill Salter
Fundraising Co-ordinator

Supported By





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”



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

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 THIS AFTERNOON

2.30pm – 4.30pm

St John's Church Hall,
Selsdon

ALL WELCOME!



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
ppennybird@yahoo.co.uk





Remembering the Great War at St John's



Remembering the Great War at St John's

Thank you to everyone who has given us photos and details about friends and relatives who took part in the Great War.

Brenda, Catherine and I are now copying and preparing the material for mounting on the boards that will be displayed within St John's.

If anyone still has a photo and/or information that they would like to be included, please hand it to one of us today.

We have had a wonderful response and we only hope that our efforts meet with your approval.

Any questions, please speak to John or Brenda Williams (0208 645 9417) or Catherine Sands.

Thank you *John*.

BOOK, SHOE AND HANDBAG SALE 16th SEPTEMBER – AN UPDATE!

Thanks to the generous gift of new shoes and handbags by Marion Hall, and also some books sold on the day we have been able to raise £215 for St John's church funds.

THANK YOU Marion!



St John's Card – Autumn Edition.

THANK YOU to everyone who has helped deliver bundles of St John's Autumn Brochure over the last few weeks to roads in the parish.

We still have some loose copies at the back of church! They are more use in people's homes than

at the back of church so, if you've not done so already do take a few away with you to share with friends and neighbours!

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SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

7th October 2018

Sunday

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

Monday

10.00am Baby and Toddler group

6.00pm – 6.30pm Meeting God in Silence in the Lady Chapel

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 199 Farley Road

10.30am Meditation prayer group

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

12noon Funeral of Mark Campbell at St John's

7.30pm Deanery synod meeting at St George's Shirley with guest speaker Peter Graystone. All Welcome!

Friday

11.15am Funeral of Kathleen Todd at Croydon Crematorium

12.45am Funeral of Mary Thomson at Croydon Crematorium

Next Sunday

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language

10.00am Parish Eucharist

11.00am Plants and produce sale in the church hall

6.00pm Choral evensong

Readings next Sunday at 10am:

Hebrews 4.12-16: Mark 10.17-31

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