

St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
14th October 2018
The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to St John's!

Welcome to everyone! A special welcome to Revd Nick Lang who has come to lead our worship today while Jenny is away. 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 Anne and Robin Orchard - do come and say hello!

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer:

God of wisdom, whose word probes the motives of our hearts, with you all things are possible. Let worldly treasure not keep us from Jesus, who looks on us with love. Free us to leave all things and follow him, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer:

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns at the 10am service:

First hymn: 891 Great God, your love has called us here
Gradual hymn: 876 Will you come and follow me?
Offertory hymn: 420 O Jesus I have promised
Communion hymn: 872 Give thanks with a grateful heart
Last hymn: 814 I the Lord of sea and sky

Choir anthem today: Listen sweet dove Ives

Prayers today are led by: Emily Richardson

First Reading *read by Amber Graham*

What God has said isn't only alive and active! It is sharper than any double-edged sword. His word can cut through our spirits and souls and through our joints and marrow, until it discovers the desires and thoughts of our hearts. Nothing is hidden from God! He sees through everything, and we will have to tell him the truth.

We have a great high priest, who has gone into heaven, and he is Jesus the Son of God. That is why we must hold on to what we have said about him. Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because he was tempted in every way that we are. But he did not sin! So whenever we are in need, we should come bravely before the throne of our merciful God. There we will be treated with undeserved kindness, and we will find help.

Hebrews 4.12-16

Gospel reading:

As Jesus was walking down a road, a man ran up to him. He knelt down, and asked, "Good teacher, what can I do to have eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? Only God is good. You know the commandments. 'Do not murder. Be faithful in marriage. Do not steal. Do not tell lies about others. Do not cheat. Respect your father and mother.'"

The man answered, "Teacher, I have obeyed all these commandments since I was a young man."

Jesus looked closely at the man. He liked him and said, "There's one thing you still need to do. Go sell everything you own. Give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven. Then come with me."

When the man heard Jesus say this, he went away gloomy and sad because he was very rich.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "It's hard for rich people to get into God's kingdom!" The disciples were shocked to hear this. So Jesus told them again, "It's terribly hard to get into God's kingdom! In fact, it's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to get into God's kingdom."

Jesus' disciples were even more amazed. They asked each other, "How can anyone ever be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said, "There are some things that people cannot do, but God can do anything."

Peter replied, "Remember, we left everything to be your followers!"

Jesus told him:

You can be sure that anyone who gives up home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or land for me and for the good news will be rewarded. In this world they will be given a hundred times as many houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and pieces of land, though they will also be mistreated. And in the world to come, they will have eternal life. But many who are now first will be last, and many who are now last will be first.

Mark 10.17-31

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, Tony Hughes, Jean Treasure, Douglas and Sandra Walford

We pray for those who have died recently:

Christine Barry, Michael Charlish, Sally Stewart, Tony Webb

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

14 th October	Arthur Zuppinger	(1970)
16 th October	Audrey Beecher-Brown	(2016)
18 th October	Eric Oldham	(1997)
	Vera Garland	(2005)
19 th October	George Robinson	(1981)
	Arthur Connop	(1985)
	Dora Butler	(1989)
	Malcolm Asbridge	(1993)
20 th October	Charles McFarlane	(1986)
	Carole Hensher	(2014)
	Barbara Blunt	(2014)
	Peter Morris	(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 weeks.



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



PLANT AND PRODUCE STALL

TODAY DURING COFFEE 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!



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

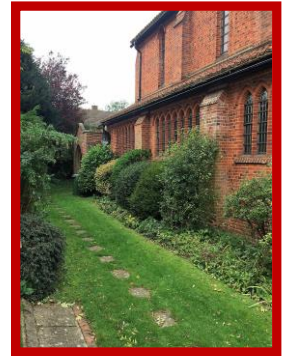


A big thank you to Ian and the choir for a great concert last Saturday. Their hard work helped us raise funds for the Garden Room Project

Thank You

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



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



I am delighted to announce that we have been awarded £20,000 for this project from Garfield Weston Foundation. This is particularly encouraging because this year the fund received 2300 applications for funding. In choosing to support our project, the Trustees felt that this project will certainly benefit our local community and that we have clearly worked hard to raise funds already. Thank you to everyone for all your hard work and enthusiasm.

**STOP
PRESS!!**

Jenny

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 Margaret's – 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



Thank you to our Messy Church Team for another great afternoon of Messy Fun with the story of Noah!



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)



A special service remembering

ALL SOULS

Sunday 4th November at 6pm

A simple service of prayer and reflection.

Come and light a candle and remember

Our guest preacher is Revd Joshua Rey, Chaplain to the Bishop of Southwark

If you would like your loved one's name to be included among those read out loud, please place their name on the sheet at the back of the church.

ALL WELCOME!



Remembering the Great War at St John's



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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!



Harvest Lunch

Another big **THANK YOU** to Janice, Jane, Janet and everyone who helped with the Harvest Lunch – and to everyone who came we raised **£376** for Contact.



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SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

14th October 2018

Sunday

- 11.00am Plants and produce sale in the church hall
6.00pm Choral evensong

Monday

- 10.00am Baby and Toddler group
10.00am Prayer circle
6.00pm – 6.30pm Meeting God in Silence in the Lady Chapel

Thursday

- 10.00am Baby and Toddler group
10.15am Said Eucharist.
12.30pm Funeral of Christine Barry at St John's

Next Sunday

The Twenty first Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language
10.00am Parish Eucharist
11.45am Holy Baptism
6.00pm Healing service

Readings next Sunday at 10am:

Isaiah 53.4-end or Hebrews 5.1-10: Mark 10.35-45

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:

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