

**St John's Church
Selsdon**



**The Holy Eucharist
and Holy Baptism**

The Baptism of Christ

January 13th, 2019

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, and we hope that you will enjoy the service. We would particularly like to welcome George Thomas Furzer who is to be baptised this morning, with his family, godparents and friends who have come to support him. All that you need to follow the service from beginning to end is contained in this booklet, except for the hymns which we will sing 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 service, tea and coffee are served in the church hall, to which you are warmly invited. Hosts today to welcome you are Barry and Jean Cockerell - do come and say hello!

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, to help you to concentrate on your prayers. Since the Eucharistic Prayer is one complete prayer, it is best to adopt the same position from beginning to end – i.e. from “The Lord be with you” to the Lord’s Prayer.

Please join in anything written in **bold type!**

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT ST JOHN'S

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!

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.

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!

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!

About this service of Christian Baptism

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. For all involved, particularly the candidates but also parents and godparents, it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church.

The service paints many vivid pictures of what happens on the Christian way. There is the sign of the cross, the badge of faith in the Christian journey, which reminds us of Christ's death for us. Our 'drowning' in the water of baptism, where we believe we die to sin and are raised to new life, unites us to Christ's dying and rising. Water is also a sign of new life, as we are born again by water and the Spirit. This reminds us of Jesus' baptism. And as a sign of that new life, a lighted candle is presented to each newly baptized person, a picture of the light of Christ conquering the darkness of evil. Everyone who is baptised walks in that light for the rest of their lives.

As you pray for George, picture him with yourself and the whole Church throughout the ages, journeying into the fullness of God's love.

Jesus said, 'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.' *John 10.*

Please stand for the

Processional hymn 909 God is here, as we his people
(in the blue book)

During this hymn the choir and clergy will process to their places.

The president greets the people recalling the baptism which all Christian people share:

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The president introduces the service and presents George to the congregation, asking them:

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.
We thank God for George who has come to be baptised today.
Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.
So I ask you all:

Will you support George as he begins his journey of faith?
We will.

Will you help him to live and grow within God's family?
We will.

The president then addresses the parents and godparents

God knows each of us by name and we are his.
Parents and godparents, you speak for George today.

Will you pray for him, and help him to follow Christ?
We will.

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

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognise him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Please sit for the

Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

(43.1-7)

read by Kyra Sey

Descendants of Jacob, I, the Lord, created you and formed your nation.
Israel, don't be afraid. I have rescued you. I have called you by name;
now you belong to me.
When you cross deep rivers, I will be with you, and you won't drown.

When you walk through fire, you won't be burned or scorched by the flames.
I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, the God who saves you.
I gave up Egypt, Ethiopia and the region of Seba in exchange for you.
To me, you are very dear, and I love you.
That's why I gave up nations and people to rescue you.
Don't be afraid! I am with you. From both east and west I will bring you
together. I will say to the north and to the south, "Free my sons and
daughters! Let them return from distant lands.
They are my people—I created each of them to bring honour to me."

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn 339 Be thou my vision

(in the green book)

*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 turn to face the gospel book

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord. *(Luke 3.15-17,21-22)*

Everyone became excited and wondered, "Could John be the Messiah?"
John said, "I am just baptizing with water. But someone more powerful is going
to come, and I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptise
you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His threshing fork is in his hand, and he
is ready to separate the wheat from the husks. He will store the wheat in his
barn and burn the husks with a fire that never goes out."

While everyone else was being baptised, Jesus himself was baptised. Then as he
prayed, the sky opened up, and the Holy Spirit came down upon him in the
form of a dove. A voice from heaven said, "You are my own dear Son, and I am
pleased with you."

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

All sit for the address by The Revd Jenny Rowley

The Decision

The Paschal candle is lit. Standing in its light, the president addresses George through his parents and godparents

We all wander far from God and lose our way:
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.
In baptism we respond to his call.
Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?
I do.

Do you reject evil?
I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?
I do.

Signing with the Cross

The president makes the sign of the cross on George's forehead with the Oil of Baptism

Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ.
You are his for ever.

**Stand bravely with him
against all the powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ
to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you
from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light
and obedience of Christ.
Amen.

*The baptismal party process to the font with the president, while the following hymn is sung:
Please move so you can see the font!*

Hymn

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,
taught by thee, we covet most
of thy gifts at Pentecost,
holy, heavenly love.

Love is kind, and suffers long,
love is meek, and thinks no wrong,
love than death itself more strong;
therefore give us love.

Prophecy will fade away,
melting in the light of day;
love will ever with us stay;
therefore give us love.

Faith will vanish into sight,
hope be emptied in delight.
love in heaven will shine more bright;
therefore give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see
joining hand in hand agree;
but the greatest of the three,
and the best, is love.

From the overshadowing
of thy gold and silver wing
shed on us, who to thee sing,
holy, heavenly love.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

Prayer over the Water

The president stands before the water of baptism and says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
for your gift of water in creation;
for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters, bringing light and life;
for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
baptised in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation,
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children,
washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit move upon these waters.
Restore through them the beauty of your creation,
and bring those who are baptised
to new birth in the family of your Church.

Drown sin in the waters of judgement,
anoint your children with power from on high,
and make them one with Christ in the freedom of your kingdom.
For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

The president addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, let us affirm,
For ourselves and on behalf of George, being baptised,
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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

Baptism

The president pours water on George, saying

George Thomas, I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The president anoints George with the Oil of Chrism, as a sign of his new life in the Holy Spirit, his participation in the community of the Anointed One (the meaning of the word Christ or Messiah), and in the royal priesthood of the Church, saying

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

Welcome and Peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
George, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.
We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.

Prayers of Intercession *led by Sophie Jennings*

We join in the response:

Heavenly Father,
hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers we say together:

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

The president introduces the 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 with those around you.

Offertory hymn 833 Come Holy Spirit come

(in the blue book)

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.

After the hymn, we pray:

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.

We shall remember Jesus.

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

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.
You made us and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.
You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.
You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

**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.**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.
Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.
For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen!**

All kneel

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 the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

**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 everyone 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 the choir will sing an anthem and the following hymn will be sung. Please join in singing the hymn if you would like to

Choir anthem today: Come down O Love divine *Harris*

857 Father God
(in the blue book)

*After communion, **all kneel** for the post-communion prayers*

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We 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,
after which **please stand** to sing:

Hymn **486 We have a gospel to proclaim**
(in the green book)

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

You are called and loved by God the Father
and kept safe by Jesus Christ.

Mercy, peace and love be yours:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The president gives George a lighted candle and says:

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Do stay after the service to enjoy refreshments which are served
In the hall opposite the church.**

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For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

Christobel Grant, Brian Mason

We pray for those who have died recently:

Laura Hay, John Miles

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

13 th January	Alan White	(1982)
	Peter Rutland	(2002)
14 th January	Elsie Eagles	(1997)
	Margaret Harrison	(2009)
16 th January	Paul Chanot	(2018)
17 th January	Doris Prickett	(1983)
	Winifred Skinner	(1999)
18 th January	Kenneth Butler	(1943)
	Ramona Nesbit	(1999)
19 th January	Bert Smith	(1972)
	William Barnes	(1970)

Please also remember in your prayers George Thomas Furzer, being baptised 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



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 !!!!



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.

MID WEEK COFFEE MORNINGS

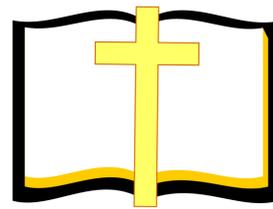
ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH 10.30am-12noon. See the notice sheet for details of the venue!

ALL WELCOME!



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.



Do you like singing? Come and join St John's Choir!

Even if you can only commit to one or two Sundays a month, please have a word with our Director of Music, Ian Brentnall if you might be interested.

All voice parts welcome!

Tel: 8290 6594 or email ianbrentnall1@sky.com

Did you know there is a Healing Service in church every month - at 6pm on the third Sunday of each month. It is a very simple service of word and prayer, which includes an opportunity to experience the ministry of "laying on of hands" and/or "anointing" with prayer, either for yourself, or on behalf of another.

If you would like to find out more, please speak to Jenny, or just come along one third Sunday evening.



This year we are planning to do a plant sale on **Sunday 27th May and Sunday 22nd September**

If you are able to help us by planting Spring flowers ready for the first sale in May we would be really grateful for all donations of plants chutneys, cakes etc.

ST JOHN'S SELSDON GARDEN ROOM



As you know, we've all been hard at work planning, and fundraising to build St John's Garden Room - a comfortable and welcoming space for church and community groups to use and enjoy. With all your hard work, and particular thanks to Peter Crocombe and his planning team and Gill Salter and her fundraising team, we now have sufficient funds, and the necessary permissions in place from the Diocese and from Croydon planning office, to be able to begin building. Inevitably there is quite a bit of mess and disruption, especially in these early weeks as foundations and drainage channels are dug. For the moment, access to the south side of the church is severely limited, and the path from the main door round the side of the church is currently out of action. The Garden of Remembrance itself is safely fenced off, but if you need to access it over the next few weeks, please go across the grass at the front of the church. If you find this difficult for any reason, please have a word with Jenny. If you would like a floral tribute laid at the grave of a loved one, please let Jenny know if we can help you with this. The building work is expected to last until early summer 2019. I'm sure you will bear with us while the work goes on. If you have any particular needs or concerns at any time, please do speak to Jenny.

Although we've done really well with fundraising, and securing funds from external sources, we do still need to raise a bit more to cover all our costs. So our fundraising continues – please continue to support events which will raise much-needed funds for the project

*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 OR salterg@outlook.com

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Garden Room Planned Giving

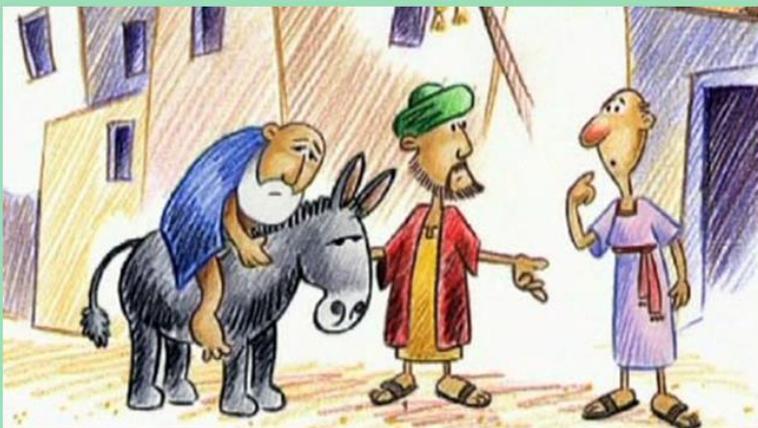
We have received requests for a planned giving form to enable direct donations to be made to the Garden Room project.

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

Our next Messy Church Session is on

**Sunday 20th January 2019
from 2.30pm -4.30pm**



The theme this time will be

‘The Good Samaritan’

SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

13th January 2019

Sunday

6.00pm Choral evensong

Monday

10.00am Baby and Toddler group

6.00pm Meeting God in silence

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!

7.30pm Licensing of Revd Andy Dovey as Lead Chaplain at Croydon University Hospital chapel

Thursday

10.00am Baby and Toddler group

10.15am Said Eucharist.

Next Sunday The Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language

10.00am Parish Eucharist

2.30pm – 4.30pm MESSY CHURCH in the hall

6.00pm Healing Service

Readings next Sunday at 10am:

Isaiah 62.1-5 or 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; Jphn 2.1-11

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