

St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
20th January 2019
The Third Sunday of Epiphany

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 Libby, Barbara and Sue - do come and say hello!

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer:

God of wonders, at Cana in Galilee you revealed your glory in Jesus Christ and summoned all humanity to life in him. Show to your people gathered on this day your transforming power and give us a foretaste of the wine you keep for the age to come. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Hymns at the 10am service:

First hymn: 377 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
Gradual hymn: 56 Songs of thankfulness and praise (omit v 4)
Offertory hymn: 892 Rejoice! For God has called us or 408 Love divine
Communion hymn: 297 Lord Jesus Christ
Last hymn: 440 Praise to the Lord

Choir anthem today: New Year Carol *Britten*

Prayers today are led by

First Reading read by Margaret Smith

Either:

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Isaiah 62.1-5

Or:

Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

1 Corinthians 12.1-11

Gospel Reading

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it.

When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

John 2.1-11

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

Femi Ayoola, Christobel Grant, Marion and Pat Hall, 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:

21st January Edna Carpenter (2016)

22nd January Hendrickson Vitalis (2003)

 Elsie Mann (2015)

24th January Mary Bussey (1988)

 Isabel Tarlton (1988)

 Margaret Sargent (1988)

25th January Sidney Murrell (1949)

 Phyllis Farr (1984)

 Mary Walker (2014)

26th January Robert Waple (1996)

Please also remember in your prayers Graham Jennings, preparing for Confirmation at Candlemas

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.

Dear Congregation

We received the news yesterday that Richard Halsey passed away last week. He was in his early 70s and was only diagnosed with cancer just before Christmas. Older members of the congregation will remember him and his wife Diana, who worshipped at St. John's before they moved to Henfield some years ago. Richard had been a member of the choir and was latterly a server.

His funeral will take place at 2.30pm on Wednesday, 23rd January at Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield, where he sung in the choir with his son, Ben, and a grand-daughter.

John and Heather Harris



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
 at 3 Sylvan Close, Selsdon CR2 8DS*

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.

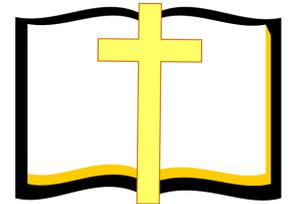
If you are a grown-up and want to know more about this important development in our life together, please pick up a leaflet from the back of church.

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

Our next Messy Church Session is

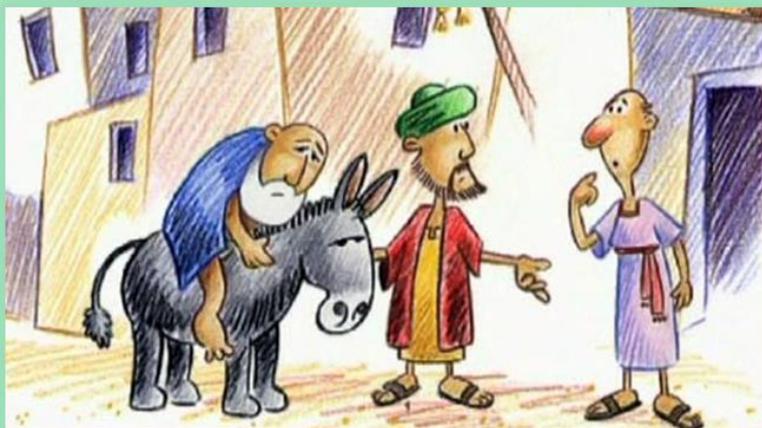
**THIS AFTERNOON
from 2.30pm -4.30pm In the Hall**



The theme will be

'The Good Samaritan'

ALL WELCOME!



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 0208 4059971 OR salterg@outlook.com

Supported By...



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

Many Thanks



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.

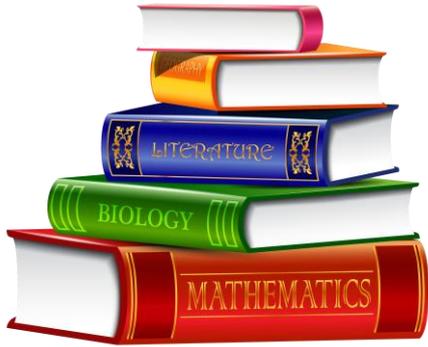
If you would like to find out more, please speak to Jenny, or just come along one third Sunday evening.

Our next Healing Service will be TONIGHT at 6pm

**Next church breakfast will be on
Sunday 3rd February at 9am**

**Please do come along a meet the
breakfast team and some of the
congregation before the 10am
service**





**Book Sale Sunday 27th Jan 2019 11am
St John's Church Hall**

Please bring your pennies along !

We are always looking for books in good condition, particularly paperback novels as they are always the most popular.

We would like to thank Douglas Walford for donating dozens of paperbacks that belonged to his wife Sandra.

Many thanks,
John Williams

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.

Our next Deanery Synod meeting will be on
Monday 18th February at 7.30pm at St John's Church Hall

This time we are joined by
Rt Revd Jonathan Clark Bishop of Croydon.

Non-members are not able to vote on any matters but please do come along for the talk after a short meeting.

Charitable Giving

At their meeting in November 2018, the PCC agreed to give £1,300 of church funds to charity, 50% to a national charity and 50% to a local charity. The national charity chosen was Centrepont –

1 in 54 people in Croydon are homeless (2017). Centre Point helps 10,000 homeless young people every year, offering safe living area, basic housekeeping skills, training and counselling. 86% of residents go onto rebuild lives.

St. John's donation of £650 will pay for 2 rooms for 2 years, helping a number of homeless people rebuild their lives, a fabulous charity.

The local charity chosen was Selsdon Contact – a charity you will all know well.

They also agreed that the proceeds of the White Christmas Weekend (£2,230) including the Christmas Remembrance Tree (£560) should be split 50/50 with the Garden Room project and Selsdon Contact. Selsdon Contact will therefore be in receipt of £2,045 and the Garden Room £1,395.

The proceeds of the 'drain' over the Christmas period means will be sending £170 to Nightwatch.

Thank you for your generous giving and hard work enabling us to make these donations.

St. John's PCC



LENT 2019 – CAN YOU HELP?



Churches Together in Selsdon and Addington [CTSA]* are now looking forward to Lent 2019.

Ash Wednesday is on the 6th March, and Good Friday is on the 19th April, so preparations need to begin. The groups will meet for 5 weeks from Monday 11th March. We have chosen a course based on the TV series “Broken”, which deals with some emotionally challenging issues.

CTSA is now seeking volunteers to host and/or lead the Lent groups. We would like to offer morning, afternoon and evening groups, spread over the week. We are particularly seeking volunteers for day time groups especially Tuesdays and Thursdays – **COULD THIS BE YOU?**

One of our afternoon groups met at Addington Methodist Church which gives an opportunity to watch the film on the large screen and to have the use of the loop system.

We aim to mix attendees from different Churches. Feedback from previous years has shown this to be a valued aspect of our groups.

The role of leader involves preparation to guide their group [there are useful notes for Leaders] through the material and manage time.

The role of host involves providing seating [for a minimum of six], a means to show the DVD clips [CTSA may be able to help with this] and hospitality in the form of a hot drink and, maybe, a biscuit.

If you are interested in hosting or leading a group as part of your Lenten journey please contact Linda White, contact details below, by the **29th JANUARY 2019** .

*Churches Together in Selsdon and Addington is the 7 Churches in the area – Addington Methodist, Croydon Jubilee, Selsdon Baptist, St Columba RC, St Francis, St John the Divine, St Mary’s the Blessed Virgin,

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Dates for your Diary

Saturday 23rd March – Quiz Night –

Quizmasters Barry and Sue Shaw.
Booking form on table at back of church.



Sunday 7th April AGM 11.30am



Sunday 12th May Christian Aid Lunch

Details to follow



Saturday 18th May

Day Trip to Boulogne

- further details next week



Sunday 27th May

Plant and Produce sale

Details to follow

SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

20th January 2019

Sunday

2.30pm – 4.30pm MESSY CHURCH in the hall
6.00pm Healing Service

Monday

10.00am Baby and Toddler group
10.00am Prayer circle
6.00pm Meeting God in silence

Wednesday

10.30am Meditation Prayer group

Thursday

10.00am Baby and Toddler group
10.15am Said Eucharist.

Next Sunday The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language
10.00am Parish Eucharist

Readings next Sunday at 10am:

Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10 or 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke 4.14-21

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