

St John the Divine Church, Selsdon 17 November 2019 The Second Sunday before Advent

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. It's a pleasure to welcome Revd Nick Lang to lead our worship and preach this morning. 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 Alison and Amber Graham - do come and say hello!

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer: Lord of all the ages, the one who is, who was, and who is to come, stir up within us a longing for your kingdom, steady our hearts in time of trial, and grant us patient endurance until the sun of justice dawns. We make our prayer 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:

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Hymns at the 10am service:

First hymn: 239 Lord of all hopefulness

Gradual hymn: 466 Thou whose almighty word

Offertory hymn: 475 Ye holy angels bright

Communion hymn: 805 As the deer

Last hymn: 864 Go forth and tell

Choir anthem today Bless are the pure in the heart *Walford Davies*

Prayers today are led by *Brenda Webb*

First Reading *read by Debbie Brown*

Now the LORD said to Samuel, “You have mourned long enough for Saul. I have rejected him as king of Israel, so fill your flask with olive oil and go to Bethlehem. Find a man named Jesse who lives there, for I have selected one of his sons to be my king.” But Samuel asked, “How can I do that? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.” “Take a heifer with you,” the LORD replied, “and say that you have come to make a sacrifice to the LORD. Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you which of his sons to anoint for me.” So Samuel did as the LORD instructed. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town came trembling to meet him. “What’s wrong?” they asked. “Do you come in peace?” “Yes,” Samuel replied. “I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Purify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.”

Then Samuel performed the purification rite for Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice, too. When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, “Surely this is the LORD’s anointed!” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The LORD doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

Then Jesse told his son Abinadab to step forward and walk in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “This is not the one the LORD has chosen.” Next Jesse summoned Shimea, but Samuel said, “Neither is this the one the LORD has chosen.” In the same way all seven of Jesse’s sons were presented to Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Then Samuel asked, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse replied. “But he’s out in the fields watching the sheep and goats.” “Send for him at once,” Samuel said. “We will not sit down to eat until he arrives.”

So Jesse sent for him. He was dark and handsome, with beautiful eyes. And the LORD said, “This is the one; anoint him.” So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David from that day on. Then Samuel returned to Ramah.

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Gospel

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, ‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.’

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And Jesus said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.'

Luke 21.5-19

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

David Crietzman, John Ewing, John Waddington

We pray for those who have died recently:

Noreen Burt

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

17 th November	Wendy Massay	(2012)
18 th November	Doris Downham	(1994)
19 th November	Jane Prew	(1972)
	Nick Griffiths	(2014)
20 th November	Winnie Cookson	(1982)
21 st November	Rosemary Wheeler	(1978)
	Jack Selby	(2013)
22 nd November	Doris Inge	(1985)
	Sylvia Simper	(1999)
23 rd November	Lionel Easton	(1969)
	Geoff Dwyer	(2009)
	Alex Barrett	
	Lesley Ann Smith	(2014)

If you'd like prayer either for yourself or for another, please contact Amanda in the parish office 0208 657 9466 email bookingsstjohns@gmail.com

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 Amanda.

Please give NOTICES for inclusion in the weekly service sheet to Amanda bookingsstjohns@gmail.com preferably by e-mail, or in writing. It would be helpful to receive this before * Tuesday * each week.

If you'd like to discuss arranging a baptism (christening), a wedding or a funeral, please call Amanda on 0208 6579466 or email bookingsstjohns@gmail.com



I am now away from the parish on sabbatical leave until 1st December. During that time I will have opportunities for prayer and reflection. So will you! As priest and people together, it would make a real difference to me to know that we are praying intentionally for each other during this time apart. So here is a prayer I will be using while I'm away. I'll be praying it for you and for me and I'd be grateful if you could pray it for me and for yourselves too. Thank you! Jenny

Heavenly Father bless we pray the whole of our church family at St John's and the community we serve during this time of rest and reflection for Jenny. Guide and guard all of us. May we grow in friendship, in knowledge and in love for you and for each other; may we be refreshed and encouraged; and may we discover how we may continue to be a blessing to this church and our community through our worship and our service. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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.



The Parish Office is usually open
Mon-Thur 9am-2pm

****Parish admin or queries **Hall Bookings**Publicity for the church or hall**
Please call 0208 6579466 / 07958 682103

Or email bookingsstjohns@gmail.com

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.

St John's Website

The website for our church can be found



www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk

A message from the Rector...

I am away on sabbatical leave from 5th September until Advent Sunday 1st December. During this time life at St John's will continue with our Churchwardens Ian Harley and Robert Thornton in charge. I have arranged for a number of different visiting clergy to look after Sunday services, so hope you will enjoy welcoming some new (and not so new) faces while I am away.

For anything you would have asked me, including enquiries about baptisms, weddings and funerals please contact our parish administrator, Amanda at the parish office on 0208 6579466 or 07958 682103 you can also email her bookingsstjohns@gmail.com. Amanda will usually be in the office Monday-Thursday from 9am-2pm she will then put you in contact with the correct person.

ST JOHN'S SELSDON GARDEN ROOM

We hope you like it! If you do, tell your friends, if not tell me!

The church and Church Hall are now fully accessible for everyone and will soon be available for use for the benefit of St John's and the wider community of Selsdon. If you'd like to enquire about using the hall or the Garden Room, please contact Amanda on 07958 682 103 or email bookingsstjohns@gmail.com

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 **donate** 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

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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.





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!



PLANNED GIVING

The PCC has recently had to make decisions about spending considerable sums of money on the upkeep of the fabric and grounds of the church. You will surely have appreciated the sparkling clean windows and church and, soon to be undertaken, tree work, necessary for keeping the gutters clear and site tidy and fully accessible. These decisions are much easier to make when the church is assured of a regular set income and not reliant on occasional donations.

Would you consider to committing to regular giving under one of the existing church schemes, if you are not already doing so?

- By setting up a monthly, quarterly or annual standing order which, of course, can be gift aided. This gives the church the benefit of an extra 25% reclaimed from HMRC on your donation, if, of course, you are a tax payer.
- Do you know about our envelope scheme where a set of weekly envelopes are provided whether you are a tax payer or not?
- Or there are yellow gift aid envelopes in church which, of course, many of you already use.

If you would like more information – please contact Michael Lishmund who administers these schemes on behalf of the PCC. He can be reached by email – michaellishmund@gmail.com or phone 020 8651 2760.

Could you spare an hour on Saturday 30th November to help make the Christingles ready for the service on 1st Dec ?

If so I need a few helpers at 11am to give me a hand.

Meet in the church

Cuppa and a biscuit provided

Many Thanks Amanda

Christingle



ST JOHN'S CHURCH

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE TREE



Christmas can be a difficult time if you have lost a loved one

This year St John's is again offering the opportunity to remember those we never forget by placing a label decoration on the Christmas Remembrance Tree

The tree will be placed in St John's on

Saturday 7 December 2019 until Epiphany, Sunday 5 January 2020 and will be dedicated at our

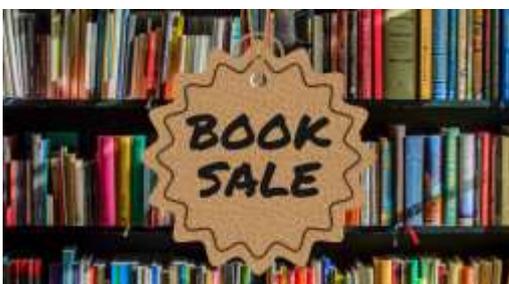
Quiet Christmas Service on Monday 16 December 2019 at 7.30pm

If you would like to take part by writing your loved one's name on a label to be attached to the Christmas Remembrance Tree, full details with dedication labels are available from the back of the church. Please take an envelope. We are grateful to Selsdon and District Funeral Service for kindly donating the tree this year

If you would like any further information or help please contact

Gill Salter on 0208 405 9971 or Ann Orchard on 0208 686 6163

!! The car park will be closed on 20th 21st and 22nd November for tree work being done around the church and car parking areas. !!



The next book sale will take place on Sunday 24th November at 11am in the church hall



This week past we were able to send the contents of the hamper, which was over-flowing to the Vine Food Bank, New Addington. When we delivered our hamper of gifts to them, Lesley from the Vine sent their thanks for the support St John's has given over the past months.

Thanks to all.

Calling all the Angelic Knitters

You, and all your lovely angels, are invited to an afternoon of fun, tea and cake as we put together pour packs to 'yarn bomb' the parish this Christmas.

From 2pm til 4 pm in the Church Hall. I look forward to seeing you.



Helen Lishmund

Mothers and Toddlers needs you!

We need someone to come and sit and supervise our craft table on a Thursday Morning Between 9.30am-11.45am. The crafts and supplies will be provided. At the moment we are not able to offer children a full range of activities as we have no one to help them with painting etc.



If you are willing to come and join our friendly team please speak to Amanda Sinclair

MOBILITY SCOOTERS

The PCC, at their meeting last week, took the decision that all mobility scooters, used as a means of transport to church, should be parked outside church. There is a convenient space round by the outside door to the garden room with good, flat walking access into church. The decision was made for health and safety reasons and to protect the fabric of the church.

Of course, wheelchairs etc. which are required to enable access inside the church building are welcome.



ANGELFEST

The Angelfest Weekend is coming on 7th and 8th December and St John's Angels we need your help to make the weekend run smoothly.

If you can help with any of the following, please speak to Gill Salter, Helen Lishmund, Jane G or Amanda Sinclair:

Could you be a helper on the day?

Could you donate a raffle prize or know someone who can?

Could you plant some flower bulbs in containers?

Could you donate some New Toys for the Toy Stall?

(no second-hand toys this year thank you)

Could you donate some teddies for the Teddy Tombola stall?

Could you make some cakes for the Cake Stall?

We will be collecting items for the fayre on the following dates:

This week we need:

Sunday 17th November: Teddies for the Teddy tombola



Sunday 24th November: New Toys for the Toy stall



Sunday 1st December: Plants, Bulbs and Chocolates for the plant stall and Chocolate tombola

*****We still need unopened bottles for the bottle raffle*****

Please leave in the Church Porch

We will be collecting for the boutique stall from 10th November right up until the day and we need good quality unopened toiletries, Jewellery, scarves, gloves etc. if you have anything you think would be suitable please speak to

Jane

Thank you St John's Angels



Angelfest

St Johns Christmas Angel Weekend

ANGELFEST FAYRE

Sat 7th December 11am –3pm

**Children's activities , Father Christmas, Stalls
and**

Refreshments

!!! FREE ENTRY !!!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday 8th December 6pm

**A lively concert of Christmas songs with
Mulled punch and mince pies**

!!! FREE ENTRY !!!

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SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

17th November 2019

Monday

- 10.00am Baby and Toddler group
6.00pm Meeting God in silence in the Lady Chapel

Tuesday

- 2.00pm Angel Crafters meeting in the church hall

Wednesday

- All day Car park closed due to tree work around church
10.30am Meditation Group

Thursday

- All day Car park closed due to tree work around church
10.00am Baby and Toddler group
10.15am Said Eucharist

Friday

- All day Car park closed due to tree work around church

Next Sunday

- 8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language
10.00am Parish Eucharist

Readings next Sunday at 10am:
Jeremiah 23.1-6 or Colossians 1.11-20 Luke 23.33-43

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