



St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
1st December 2019
Advent Sunday

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 Paul and Susan Oakes do come and say hello!

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer:

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymns at the 10am service:

First hymn: 16 Wake O wake with tidings thrilling
Gradual hymn: 6 hark the glad sound, the Saviour comes
Offertory hymn: 11 O come O come Emmanuel
Communion hymn: 3 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
Last hymn: 9 Lo! He comes with clouds descending

Choir Anthem today *People, look east* *Wood*

Prayers today are led by *Sally Thomas*

First Reading *read by Alan Brookes*

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Romans 13.11-14

Gospel

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Matthew 24.36-44

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

David Crietzman, John Ewing, Ruth Joy, John Waddington

We pray for those who have died recently:

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

1st December	Leslie Jennings	(2015)
2nd December	Evalyn Catlin	(1981)
	Dennis Dovey	(2007)
3rd December	Molly Pratt	(1981)
4th December	Margaret Patricia Allen	(2014)
	Derek Sharman	(2017)
5th December	Kate Dyer	(1975)
	Arthur Maclean	(2015)
6th December	Gwen Dobson	(1982)
	Margaret Frith	(2004)

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



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



**WELCOME
BACK!!**

We warmly welcome Jenny back from her sabbatical and hope she has a lovely time away to reflect. Please if you have a query for Jenny the best way to contact her is to email her on rectorstjohns@gmail.com and she can get back to you as soon as she is back in the swing of things.

I would like to thank everyone for being patient and helpful while Jenny has been away your support has been great.

Many Thanks

Amanda

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!





**Christingle Service
!!Today!!
Sunday 1st December at**

3pm

******Please take your collection candles and envelopes from the back of church******

The next Church Breakfast will be on Today Sunday 1st December at 8.45am in the Church hall. Pop along for a FESTIVE FEAST!



*Thank
You*

Thank you to everyone who either brought, bought or both at the book sale and helped us take £50 on Sunday.

The next sale will be in February and although we are always grateful for more books and DVDs to sell, please don't bring in any until we ask as we won't have any storage room until the New Year.

Thank you
John Williams

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

The Garden Room project is supported by...



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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.



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.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE TODAY

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER AT 6PM

**Readings with music for choir and congregation.
Come to St John's and make a good start to that time of
preparation which reminds us of the significance of the
coming into the world of the Christ of God.**

ALL WELCOME!



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

Calling All Angel helpers!!!!



Could you spare some time on Sunday 1st December in the evening to hang the knitted angels around Selsdon. We need helpers to tie the angels to any railings such as outside of Sainsbury's, Selsdon Primary and along the high street. There are some Angels at the back of the church please help yourself to some to deliver.

Many Thanks



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

*******We still need unopened bottles for the bottle raffle and teddies and bottles for the bottle stall *******

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 !!!

St John’s Church, Upper Selsdon Road,

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**All monies raised will be shared between St John’s and
Macmillan Cancer Care**

St John's, Selsdon

Christmas Services 2019



**Sunday 1st December – 3pm
6pm**

Christingle Service
Advent Carol service

Saturday 7th December -11am-3pm

Angelfest Fayre

Sunday 8th December – 6pm

Christmas Concert
Family friendly Concert we will be joined by the St John's Choir, Songsations and Greenvale Primary school Choir

Monday 16th December – 7.30pm

Quiet Christmas Service A special service of hope and reassurance for those who may struggle with a “merry” Christmas this year
Dedication of the Christmas Remembrance tree

Sunday 22nd December – 6pm

Nine lessons and carols with mulled fruit punch and mince pies

**Tuesday 24th December - 4pm
11.30pm**

Crib Service
Midnight mass

Wednesday 25th December 10am

Christmas Communion with Carols. Children are encouraged to bring a small (!) present with them which they have opened already.

Sunday 5th January 6pm

Epiphany

Everyone is welcome to join us at all of our services!!!

SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

1st December 2019

Sunday

- 3.00pm Christingle service
- 6.00pm Advent Carol Service

Monday

- 10.00am Baby and Toddler group
- 6.00pm Meeting God in silence in the Lady Chapel
- 7.30pm Eucharist in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham

Wednesday

- 10.30am Meditation Group

Thursday

- 10.00am Baby and Toddler group Christmas Party!!
- 10.15am Said Eucharist

Saturday

- 11.00am Angelfest Fayre

Next Sunday

- 8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist
- 6.00pm Christmas Concert

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 rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com

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