

St John the Divine Church, Selsdon 24 November 2019 The Feast Of Christ The King

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 Andy and Karen Dovey - do come and say hello!

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer:

Almighty and eternal God, to Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead, you have granted everlasting dominion and a kingship that shall not pass away. Remove from us every desire to privilege and power, that we may imitate the sacrificial love of Christ our King and, as a royal and priestly people, serve you humbly in our brothers and sisters. Grant 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:

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymns at the 10am service:

First hymn: 394 let all the world

Gradual hymn: 849 Meekness and majesty

Offertory hymn: 338 At the name of Jesus

Communion hymn: 443 Rejoice the Lord is King

Last hymn: 812 Christ triumphant

Today we are joined by the come and sing choir

Prayers today are led by Anne Skinner

First Reading *read by Brenda Williams*

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Jeremiah 23.1-6

Gospel

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Luke 23.33-43

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, Ruth Joy

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

24th November Irene Back (1981)

Rita Lincoln (2013)

25th November William Thomas (1970)

Velma Wollen (1994)

Winifred Steed (2000)

George Bullock (2017)

26th November Sylvia Bolingbroke (2010)

Mary Sackey (2003)

27th November Cecil Prickett (1979)

Minnie Pratt (1980)

28th November William Hopgood (1949)

George Winstanley (1976)

Bill Brown (2007)

29th November William Barrett (1957)

Gilbert Sawyer (1988)

Evelyn Horton (1991)

Paddy Bucket (2005)

30th November Dorothy Bull (2012)

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.

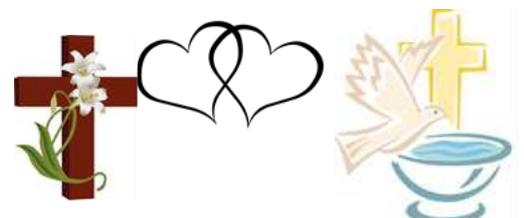
Please give NOTICES for inclusion in the weekly service sheet to

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

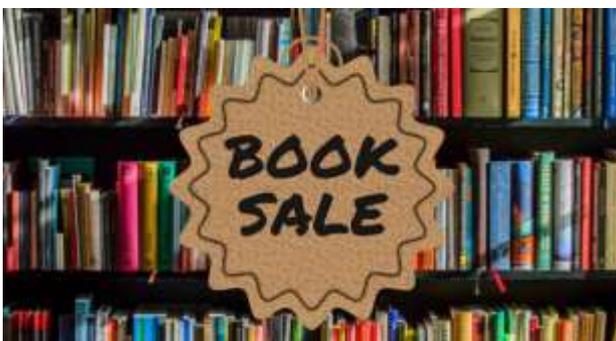


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A message from the Rector...

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.



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

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.

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.

Christingle Service
Sunday 1st December at
3pm



Also if you are free Sat 30th Nov at 11am we will be making the Christingles in the Church.

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 next Church Breakfast will be on Sunday 1st December at 8.45am in the Church hall.

Pop along for a FESTIVE FEAST!



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.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE 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!



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 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 and teddies*******

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

SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

17th November 2019

Monday

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

Tuesday Wives Christmas decorations with Eunice

Thursday

- 10.00am Baby and Toddler group
- 10.15am Said Eucharist

Next Sunday

- 8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist
- 3.00pm Christingle Service
- 6.00pm Advent Carol Service

Readings next Sunday at 10am:
Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24.36-44

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