



St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
26th April 2020
The Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St John's!

If you are following the service on our Facebook page or our Website – **WELCOME!** If you're a newcomer or a visitor to St John's, we have great pleasure in welcoming you today. There are no service booklets for this service. Please just join in with anything that sounds familiar! Although you may be seeing this alone or with just one or two other people in your own home, don't forget that you are joined by countless others across Selsdon, our nation and our world as we worship God, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist, who holds us in life and in love.

There is no after-service coffee provided. But may I suggest that when the service is finished you take a moment to make a cup of tea/coffee and raise a cup in friendship to those who have shared this service with you across the network. Pictures to share would be welcome! Please send to Amanda at bookingsstjohns@gmail.com to include on our Facebook page and Website!

The Opening Prayer:

O God of mystery, out of death you delivered Christ Jesus, and he walked in hidden glory with his disciples. Stir up our faith, that our hearts may burn within us at the sound of his word, and our eyes be opened to recognise him in the breaking of bread. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer:

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:

open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptised, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

Acts 2.14a,36-41

Gospel reading

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.'

So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Luke 24.13-35

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

David Crietzman, Barbara Ewing, Ruth Joy, Alan White

We pray for those who have died recently:

Nellie Riehl

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

26th April	Edward Mills	(1960)
	Ada French	(1980)
	Russell Lloyd	(1987)
	Alice English	(1988)
	Barbara Barker	(2019)
27th April	Frank Brackfield	(1985)
28th April	Ronald Yeatman	(2001)
	Marjorie Underwood	(2005)
29th April	Shirley Waynforth	(1966)
	Paul Condon	(2014)
	Betty Ward	(2015)
30th April	Frank Staples	(1983)
	Margaret Mercer	(1986)
	Hilda McNeil	(2012)

If you'd like prayer either for yourself or for another, please contact Jenny on 0208 657 2343 or email rectorstjohnschurch@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 Jenny.

Please give NOTICES for inclusion in the weekly service sheet to Amanda bookingsstjohnschurch@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 Jenny on 0208 6572343 or email rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com

**The Parish Office
is currently Closed!!!**

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Our ANNUAL MEETING is likely to be postponed to the Autumn. We are looking into the legalities of this and will update as soon as we can with an alternative date. In the meantime, keep thinking about who you would like to help take our church forward beyond 2020.



At this meeting we hope to elect 2 Churchwardens, 4 new members to PCC. and 4 new representatives to Deanery Synod.

Nominations already received:

As Churchwarden:

Debbie Brown	proposed by Helen Lishmund seconded by Gill Salter
Ian Harley	Proposed by Wendy Moulton Seconded by Sally Geddes

As PCC members:	Sarah Parsons	proposed by Rani Samuel seconded by Sally Geddes
	Ann Crocombe	proposed by Monica Turton seconded by Susan Tilley

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As Deanery synod Representatives	Gill Salter	proposed by Ann Orchard seconded by Sylvia Hughes
	Robin Orchard	proposed by Robert Thornton

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It is hoped that all members of the parish will give prayerful and thoughtful consideration to nominating people who wish to promote the mission of the parish, and who, amongst them, can offer a range of experience, skills and outlook to the Council.

Please would everyone in St John's church family give some prayerful thought to who could serve in this capacity in the coming year, and if you have any suggestions on who you would like to see as your Churchwarden, on PCC or Deanery Synod, please mention names to Ian and Robert, or to Jenny – *Thank you!*

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