



St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
10th May 2020
The Fifth 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:

We have beheld your glory, O God, in the face of Jesus Christ your Son. Enliven our faith, that through Christ we may put our trust in you. Deepen our faith, that in Christ we may serve you. Complete our faith, that one day we may live with you in that place which Christ prepares for us, where he lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer:

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

But Stephen was filled with the Holy Spirit. He looked toward heaven, where he saw our glorious God and Jesus standing at his right side. Then Stephen said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right side of God!"

The council members shouted and covered their ears. At once they all attacked Stephen and dragged him out of the city. Then they started throwing stones at him. The men who had brought charges against him put their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

As Stephen was being stoned to death, he called out, "Lord Jesus, please welcome me!" He knelt down and shouted, "Lord, don't blame them for what they have done." Then he died.

Acts 7.55-60

Gospel reading

Jesus said to his disciples, "Don't be worried! Have faith in God and have faith in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house. I wouldn't tell you this, unless it was true. I am going there to prepare a place for each of you. After I have done this, I will come back and take you with me. Then we will be together. You know the way to where I am going."

Thomas said, "Lord, we don't even know where you are going! How can we know the way?"

"I am the way, the truth, and the life!" Jesus answered. "Without me, no one can go to the Father. If you had known me, you would have known the Father. But from now on, you do know him, and you have seen him."

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father. That is all we need."

Jesus replied:

Philip, I have been with you for a long time. Don't you know who I am? If you have seen me, you have seen the Father. How can you ask me to show you the Father? Don't you believe that I am one with the Father and that the Father is one with me? What I say isn't said on my own. The Father who lives in me does these things.

Have faith in me when I say that the Father is one with me and that I am one with the Father. Or else have faith in me simply because of the things I do. I tell you for certain that if you have faith in me, you will do the same things that I am doing. You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father. Ask me, and I will do whatever you ask. This way the Son will bring honour to the Father. I will do whatever you ask me to do.

John 14.1-14

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

Sheila Arnold, David Crietzman, Jean Daghish, Barbara Ewing

We pray for those who have died recently:

Cecile Jean Charles, Beryl Ross

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

10th May	Maisie Ryde	(1994)
	Gary Selby	(2006)
11th May	Nance Blake	(1979)
	Thomas Seaborn	(1998)
	Jeanne Joy	(2009)
	Daphne Churly	(2015)
13th May	Tony Rapps	(2015)
14th May	Bob Thornton	(2007)
15th May	Graham Childs	(1983)
	Isobel Chambers	(2009)
16th May	John Arthur Willis	(2006)
	Susan Ruskin	(2014)
	JD Albert	(2016)

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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**The trip to Leeds castle
has been rearranged to
15th May 2021
Please pop this date in
your diaries
Something to look
forward to next year.**



CONGRATULATIONS to Richard and Ann Woods on the arrival of grandson Henry Matthew. Born a bit earlier than expected on 11th April but is doing well. Proud parents Matt and Clare are doing well too! CONGRATULATIONS !

Congratulations to

Alice and Andrew Hicks who welcome granddaughter Lily Rose weighing 8lb 5oz, mum and baby doing very well.

Also congratulations to Zygy and Marilyn Tatakowski on the arrival of their granddaughter Zosia Marie weighing 6lb 8oz.

Good luck to Zygy who is moving to Warminster next week to be near his daughter Lisa. He will miss everyone and will keep you in his prayers.



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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