

St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
17th March 2019
The Second Sunday of Lent

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 Dudley and Margaret Mead - do come and say hello!

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer:

God of the covenant, your presence fills us with awe, your word give us unshakable hope. Fix in our hearts the image of your Son in glory, that, sustained on the path of discipleship, we may pass over with him to newness of life. Grant this through Christ, our deliverance and hope, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymns at the 10am service:

First hymn:	73 My God, I love thee, not because
Gradual hymn:	805 As the deer
Offertory hymn:	333 All my hope on God is founded
Communion hymn:	461 There's a wideness in God's mercy
Last hymn	375 I danced in the morning

Choir anthem today: God be in my head H Walford Davies

Prayers today are led by Gill Sharpe

First Reading *read by Judith Colman*

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Genesis 15.1-12,17-18

Gospel Reading

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

Luke 13.31-35

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

Sheila Bradstock, Joshua Dovey, Marion and Pat Hall, Deirdre Lane

We pray for those who have died recently:

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

17th March Harry Mercer (1972)

Edith Wilson (1997)

Diane Defries (2014)

18th March John Barford (1978)

Sister Gladys C.R. (1981)

20th March John Salmon (1992)

Dorothy Mather (2014)

Roger Stunell (2017)

22nd March Kathleen Perkins (1982)

George Crouch (1996)

Alec Bookless (2003)

Kenneth Jones (2016)

23rd March Emily Read (1980)

Rob Rodwell (1983)

Dorothy Joyce (1990)

Irene Hopgood (2017)

If you'd like prayer either for yourself or for another, please contact Jenny at jennyrowley@waitrose.com or 0208 657 2343. 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.



If you'd like to discuss arranging a baptism (christening), a wedding or a funeral, please call Jenny on 0208 657 2343.

Please give NOTICES for inclusion in the weekly service sheet to Jenny (jennyrowley@waitrose.com) preferably by e-mail, or in writing. It would be helpful to receive these before * Tuesday *** each week.**



St John's Website

The website for our church can be found www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk

The Parish Office is open

Mon-Thur 9am-2pm Please call Amanda on to help with:

- Parish admin or queries
 - Hall Bookings
 - Publicity for the church or hall

Please call 0208 6579466 / 07958 682103

Or email bookingsstjohns@gmail.com



Meeting God in Silence

Mondays 6pm-6.30pm

An opportunity to share a time of quiet in the Lady Chapel.

at 3 Sylvan Close, Selsdon CR2 8DS

Led by Susan Oakes and friends

All Welcome !!!!

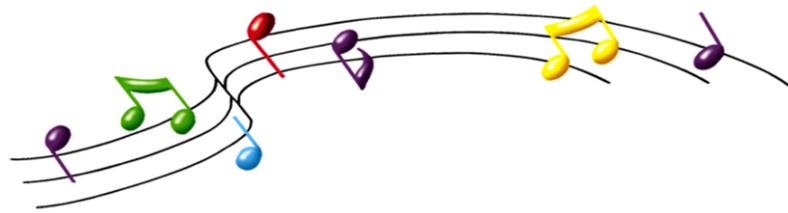


CHILDREN AND HOLY COMMUNION

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.



Do you like singing? Come and join St John's Choir!

Even if you can only commit to one or two Sundays a month, please have a word with our Director of Music, Ian Brentnall if you might be interested. All voice parts welcome!

Tel: 8290 6594 or email ianbrentnall1@sky.com



2019 CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Every six years, the Church is required by law to prepare a new Electoral Roll. This means that this year we have to scrap our existing roll and create a new one. Forms are available at the back of church and should be completed by **17th March**. They can either be left in the tray provided on the table at the back of church or posted to me at 12 Ambleside Gardens, South Croydon, CR2 8SF.

Remember anyone who wants to be on the new roll must fill in a form. To vote on any subject raised at the AGM on 7th April, you must be on the roll.

The new roll will be displayed on the 24th March. Many thanks!

Janice White, Electoral Roll Officer

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



ST JOHN'S SELSDON GARDEN ROOM

Work on the Garden Room continues...

The foundations are largely now in place and over the next few weeks we should see the *structure begin to take shape.*

Inevitably there is still quite a bit of mess and disruption. Although it is possible now to get to the Garden of Remembrance it is still very muddy and there are numerous trip hazards and uneven ground. So the arrangements for laying floral tributes for loved ones in the church around the font will continue for the time being.

Please continue to bear with us while the work goes on. If you have any particular needs or concerns at any time, please do speak to Jenny.

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 **make a donation** 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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SAVE *the* DATE
2019 AGM

Looking ahead to our **ANNUAL MEETING** on
7th April at 11.30am
(after the 10am service).

I hope that all leaders/co-ordinators of church groups
have sent their annual report in writing to Amanda.
If not, please can you do so straight away! Thank you!

bookingsstjohns@gmail.com or hand in to the parish office

Looking ahead to the Annual Meeting on Sunday 7th April after the
10am service at 11.30am (approx.) in the hall.

At this meeting we hope to elect four new members to PCC.

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 on PCC, please mention names to Martyn and Robert, or to Jenny – *Thank you!*

This year we are planning to do a plant sale on

Sunday 27th May and Sunday 22nd September

If you are able to help us by planting Spring flowers
ready for the first sale in May we would be really grateful
for all donations of plants chutneys, cakes etc.

Please speak to Gill Salter or Helen Lishmund



ST JOHN'S CHURCH PLANT AND PRODUCE SALE



SUNDAY 26TH MAY 2019
AT 11AM
IN THE CHURCH HALL

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting, and the Meeting to Elect Churchwardens will take place on **Sunday 7th April** after the 10am service at 11.30am (approx.) in the hall.

This is the single most important non-worship event in the life of the parish community, and you are warmly encouraged to attend. Full papers will be available in good time before the meeting. As well as reviewing the year gone by, this is the time when we elect our churchwardens (who are elected year by year) as well as members of the Church Council (the PCC).

In total, we are seeking to elect two churchwardens, and four members to the PCC. Broadly speaking, anyone over 16 and on the electoral roll may be nominated for membership of the PCC.

The key thing to consider when making such a nomination is the extent to which that person is involved with the life of the church community, and how likely they are to "co-operate with [the parish clergy] in promoting...the whole mission of the Church."

Nominations already received:

As Churchwardens:	Ian Harley	proposed by Peter Crocombe seconded by Sue Tilley
	Robert Thornton	proposed by Tom Salter seconded by Jim Gordon

As PCC members: none so far!

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.

Nomination forms for these positions are available at the back of church.

CHURCHWARDENS (Don't read this, Martyn!)

At the Annual Meeting on 7th April, Martyn churchwarden will "retire" as Churchwarden. Recognising all that Martyn has brought to St John's in so many ways over the past year, we will be making a collection. If you'd like to contribute, please give your contribution to Andrew Hicks, Monica Turton or to Sue Tilley before Sunday 31st March.

THANK YOU!



Our Next Messy Easter Session is Saturday 20th

April

At St John's Church Hall 10am - 12noon



Pastoral Visitors.

Just a reminder that St John's has a team of Pastoral Visitors, co-ordinated by Sally Geddes. The Pastoral Visitors keep an eye on friends at St John's, especially those who may not find it quite so easy to get to church as regularly as they would wish, and visit those from our church family who can't be with us quite so often, to make sure they stay connected to and continue to feel part of this church family. This ministry is underpinned with prayer flowing out of the Thursday morning Eucharist service where, once a month we will remember the visitors and those they visit before God. You can help with this ministry simply by holding the pastoral visitors and those they visit before God in your prayers, perhaps undertaking to be at the Thursday Eucharist once a month as we remember their work. And if you know if someone you think might appreciate a visit, please let Sally or Jenny know.

Jenny



MESSY EASTER

on Saturday 20th April 10am - 12noon.

Sharing the Easter story with families and children
through craft and play.

Can you help? Would you like to come along and see what happens? Would you like to come along and join in?!! Helping hands always welcome! And please continue to pray for Sally Geddes and her Messy Team, and for all who will be touched by the story of Jesus.

THANK YOU!

QUIZ

Sat 23rd March
In the Church Hall

Be there for 7pm Quiz starts at 7.30pm
£12 per person and you need to pre book your place
Food included please see the sheet at the back of the church for
details

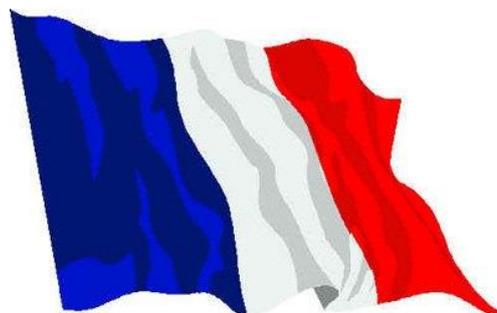
Sunday 12th May Christian Aid Lunch



Details to follow

Day trip to Bologne
Saturday 18th May 2019

**Please see forms at back of
Church**



St Johns Church, Selsdon

Mothering Sunday Sunday 31st March 10am in the Church

Come and give thanks for someone
who cares for you

A special service for everyone –
young and young at heart

Including the traditional distribution of flowers for all

All welcome!





LENT

Set aside **Wednesdays** during Lent for our Lent Course, “Finding a Voice” inspired by the film, “The King’s Speech” from 7.30pm to 9pm in the hall.

This Lent course explores the ways in which, like Colin Firth’s Bertie, we too can face and overcome our terrors to find our true and authentic voice. Each session covers something different so if you can’t make all sessions, don’t worry, please feel welcome to come to those you can.

Wednesday 20th March 7.30pm **Week Two** “I’m just saying you *could* be King. You could do it”

Wednesday 27th March 7.30pm **Week Three** “You have such perseverance, Bertie, you’re the bravest man I know”

Wednesday 3rd April 7.30pm **Week Four** “I was informed after the fact that my father’s last words were “Bertie has more guts than the rest of his brothers put together”. Couldn’t say that to my face”.

Wednesday 10th April 7.30pm **Week Five** “I have a right to be heard!”...”Heard as what?”...”A man. I have a voice!”

Helen is getting copies of the book “Finding a Voice” for everyone. If you felt able to make a contribution in the region of £5 per copy to the cost, that would be much appreciated.

Readers for Choral Evensong

Traditionally the duty warden has read both lessons at choral evensong, we are proposing to open this up to anyone including those who are not on the 10am reader rota.

If you would like to read at choral evensong or would like to know a bit more info then please see Martyn Brown

Many Thanks Martyn

SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

17th March 2019

Sunday

6.00pm Healing service

Monday

10.00am Baby and Toddler group

10.00am Prayer circle

6.00pm Meeting God in silence at 3 Sylvan Close

Tuesday

10.00am Rector's Coffee Hour in Costa on Selsdon High Street. If you'd like to pop in for a chat or even just to say hello, please do!

12noon Deanery Chapter meeting at St Francis, Monks Hill

8.00pm St John's Wives – Jacqui's jam jars – hands on (bring your own jar/bottles to decorate) – in the hall

Wednesday

10.30am Meditation prayer group

7.30pm **Lent Course - Week Two** "I'm just saying you *could* be King. You could do it" in the hall

Thursday

10.00am Baby and Toddler group

10.15am Said Eucharist.

Saturday

11.00am Baptism rehearsal

7pm for 7.30pm Quiz night in the hall

Next Sunday The Third Sunday of Lent

8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language

10.00am Parish Eucharist

11.45am Holy Baptism

Readings next Sunday at 10am:

Isaiah 55.1-9 or I Corinthians 10.1-13: Luke 13.1-9

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 jennyrowley@waitrose.com