

St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
24th March 2019
The Third 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 Brenda and John Williams - do come and say hello!

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer:

God of salvation, we stand before you on holy ground, for your name is glorified and your mercy revealed wherever your mighty deeds are remembered. Since you are holy and forbearing, turn us from every rash and shallow judgment to seek the ways of repentance. We ask 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:

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymns at the 10am service:

First hymn:	362 Glorious things of thee are spoken
Gradual hymn:	376 I heard the voice of Jesus say
Offertory hymn:	855 I come with joy
Communion hymn:	94 We sing the praise of him who died
Last hymn:	846 God of grace and God of glory

We are delighted to welcome our Come and Sing Choir to help lead our worship today

Prayers today are led by Anne Skinner

First Reading *read by John Rapp*

The Lord says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55.1-9

Gospel Reading

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Luke 13.1-9

For your prayers:

We pray for God’s love to surround:

Femi Ayoola, Sheila Bradstock, Joshua Dovey, Marion and Pat Hall, Deirdre Lane, John Parsons, Margaret Rutland

We pray for those who have died recently:

Ann Crozier, Donald Marshall

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

- 25th March Richard Howells (1978)
- Eileen Jones (1981)
- John Garland (2011)
- 26th March Frederick Chater (1987)
- Winifred Parks (2005)
- Betty Chaplin (2016)
- 28th March Percy Wilson (1976)
- Lesley Jordan (2014)
- Joy Beadle (2015)
- 29th March Roy Chesson (1981)

Please also remember in your prayers Ellisia Rose Adams, being baptised later this morning

If you’d like prayer either for yourself or for another, please contact Jenny at rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.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.**

Please note that Jenny’s email address has changed to

rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com

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 !!!!

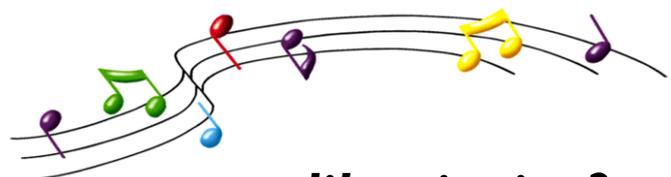


CHILDREN AND HOLY COMMUNION

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

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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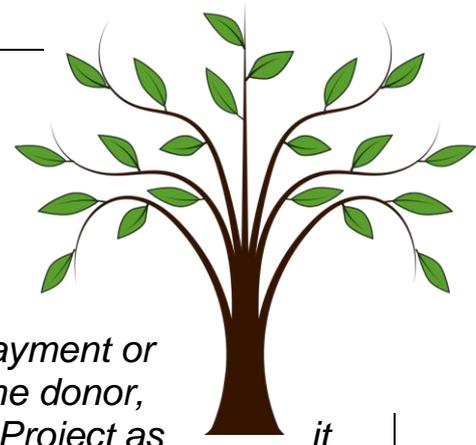
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Garden Room Planned Giving

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



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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!

***The next Church Breakfast is
on on Sunday 7th April at 9am***

***Come along for a chat and a
bite to eat. A great way to
start off your sunday !!***



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**



2019 CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The new electoral roll is on display today. Please have a look and check that you're on it, and that your details are correct! Thank you!

Any problems, please see **Janice White, Electoral Roll Officer**

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!

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: Dara Smith proposed by Charles Samuel
seconded by Derek Parsons

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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.

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

**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



April

Once again this year, our Gospel reading Good Friday (19th April) will take the form of a dramatised reading. Andy Holton is looking for volunteers to help the reading come alive for us on Good Friday and would love to hear from you if you'd like to help. There is a "sign-up" sheet at the back of church, or call Andy directly on 8651 4696. There will be rehearsals at 9.30am on Sunday 7th

Thank you!

Andy

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!



CROSS OF CHRIST

Palm Sunday 14th April, 6.00 pm

Sung by the choir of St. John's

Director - Ian Brentnall Organist – Jonathan Musgrave



A devotional service of anthems and familiar hymns, leading our thoughts through the events of Holy Week as we look forward to the joy of Easter.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH



MESSY GARDEN

Calling children of all ages (and their parents/grandparents/carers)

At the service on Easter Sunday 21st April 2019 and at Messy Easter 10am-12noon on Saturday 20th April 2019, Flower Growing Kits for the Children's Garden will be available to take home for planting in the pot provided – an information leaflet will be included

If you would like to take part please look after your growing seeds at home and return them to St John's at the

All age service on Sunday 9th June 2019 at the 10am service

Planting will be in the Children's Garden immediately after the service

Please come along and plant your flowers!

Refreshments will be provided

If you need any further information or help please contact

Gill Salter on 0208 405 9971

Reverend Jenny Rowley, Rector



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 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.

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!



SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

24th March 2019

Monday

- 10.00am Baby and Toddler group
10.00am Prayer circle
11.30am Messy Church planning meeting
6.00pm Meeting God in silence at 3 Sylvan Close
7.30pm Standing committee meeting

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!
7.30pm Area Mission and Pastoral Committee meeting at Croydon Area office
8.00pm St John 's Wives group – the ways of Edward – a talk by Elizabeth Lanuan

Wednesday

- 9.30am St John's Wives – making of Mothers Day posies in the hall (Morris Chapman Room)
1.30pm Funeral of Donald Marshall at St John's
7.30pm **Lent Course - Week Three** "You have such perseverance, Bertie, you're the bravest man I know" 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 Fourth Sunday of Lent – MOTHERING SUNDAY

- 8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language
10.00am Parish Eucharist for all ages for Mothers Day – including distribution of posies

NB Don't forget the clocks go forward one hour next Sunday for British Summer Time!

Readings next Sunday at 10am:

Joshua 5.9-12 or 2 Corinthians 5.16-end: Luke 15.1-3, 11b-end

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