

St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
14th April 2019
PALM SUNDAY

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 Libby Lawrey and members of our Baptism team - do come and say hello!

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer:

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Hymns at the 10am service:

First hymns (printed in the booklet):

All glory laud and honour
Ride on, ride on in majesty

Gradual hymn: 807 From heaven you came

Offertory hymn: 86 My song is love unknown

Communion hymn: 93 Were you there

Last hymn: 812 Christ triumphant

Choir anthem today: Lift up your heads *Mathias*

Prayers today are led by Kyra Sey

First Reading read by Sophie Jennings

Think the same way that Christ Jesus thought:

Christ was truly God. But he did not try to remain equal with God. Instead he gave up everything and became a slave, when he became like one of us.

Christ was humble. He obeyed God and even died on a cross.

Then God gave Christ the highest place and honoured his name above all others. So at the name of Jesus everyone will bow down, those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth.

And to the glory of God the Father everyone will openly agree, Jesus Christ is Lord!"

Philippians 2.5-11

This morning the Gospel story will be told through an animated DVD version. "The Jesus Storybook Bible – every story whispers his Name", written by Sally Lloyd-Jones, illustrated by Jago and read by David Suchet.

Luke 22.14-23.49

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

Joshua Dovey, Christobel Grant, Pat Hall, Harry King, Deirdre Lane, John Parsons

We pray for those who have died recently:

Marion Hall, Colin Nockolds

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

9th April James Lemondine (1984)

14th April Richard Herriott (1989)

15th April Douglas Wright (1982)

Frank Dyer (1983)

Joseph Green (1985)

17th April Hildegard Willis (2016)

18th April John Russell Lewin (2013)

Sue Brookes (2014)

Julie Miller (2017)

20th April Philip Dobson (1996)

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.

Led by Susan Oakes and friends

All Welcome !!!!



There will be no meeting this week (Holy Week). We meet again on Monday 29th April back in the Lady Chapel

I am trying to get an up-to-date database for the church if you have not recently filled in an electoral form and your details have changed or you are new to the church please can you pass your details to me by either emailing me at bookingsstjohns@gmail.com or putting your details in an envelope and posting it in the parish office postbox.

If you would like to join the electoral roll please ask myself for a form

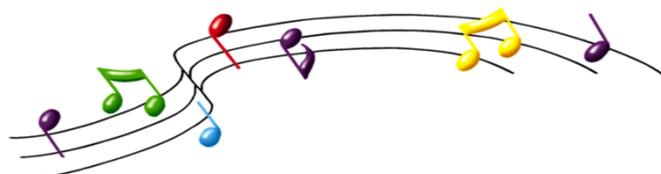
Many Thanks Amanda

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

CROSS OF CHRIST

**TONIGHT 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.



THROW YOUR MONEY DOWN THE DRAIN

during Lent to help the people devastated by the cyclone in East Africa. The Drain will be in place through Lent until the end of April and money collected will be donated to the DEC Cyclone Idai Appeal. Thanks in advance for your generosity

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

The Garden Room project is supported by...



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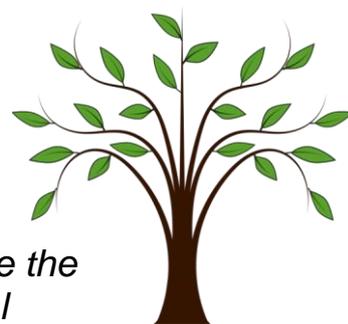
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Garden Room Planned Giving

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



ST JOHN'S CHURCH PLANT AND PRODUCE SALE

SUNDAY 26TH MAY 2019

AT 11AM

IN THE CHURCH HALL



This year we are planning to do a plant sale on

Sunday 26th 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



I'm sorry the Garden room report was missed out of the main APCM report last week please take a double-sided copy at the back of the church with both the funding report and also the project team report. Sorry for any misunderstanding Amanda

**MID WEEK COFFEE MORNINGS
ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
10.30am-12noon.**

Our next coffee morning will be on Wednesday 8th May – please see the notice sheet for the venue!

ALL WELCOME!



Thank you to all those who came to the Annual Meeting.

I hope you enjoyed hearing about the many exciting things that are happening in our church, and had the opportunity to express your views. As requested, copies of the Rector's report and Reports from our church groups are available at the back of church if you would like one.

At the meeting, Ian Harley and Robert Thornton were elected as Churchwardens and Andrew Hicks and Monica Turton were appointed as Deputy Churchwardens for the coming year.

The following were elected to serve on the PCC:

Judith Coleman, Jane Guglielmi, Jo Sands and Dara Smith. They join Lesley Taylor and Andrew Hicks, Graham Jennings, Katie Notaro, Suki Puttock, Catherine Sands, Mike Strong and John Williams who continue to serve as elected PCC members.

Alice Hicks, Helen Lishmund, Robin Orchard and Sue Tilley continue to serve as our representatives on Deanery Synod and are thereby ex-officio members of PCC.

Jenny Rowley remains ex-officio on PCC as chair and Jan remains ex-officio on PCC as a licensed Reader.

It is very important that the PCC knows your views and concerns. Please speak to Jenny or one of the churchwardens or deputy churchwardens, or anyone on PCC if you would like something considered or discussed.

The new PCC year will begin with a Eucharist on Wednesday 1st May at 7.30pm. All are welcome – please come and pray for your new PCC as they begin their ministry among us.

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 Saturday 20th April At St John's Church Hall 10am - 12noon

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

Can you help on the day? 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.

Clean (washed) yoghurt pots would be welcome - please pop them in the box at the back of church!



THANK YOU!

ST JOHN'S



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

HOLY WEEK 2019

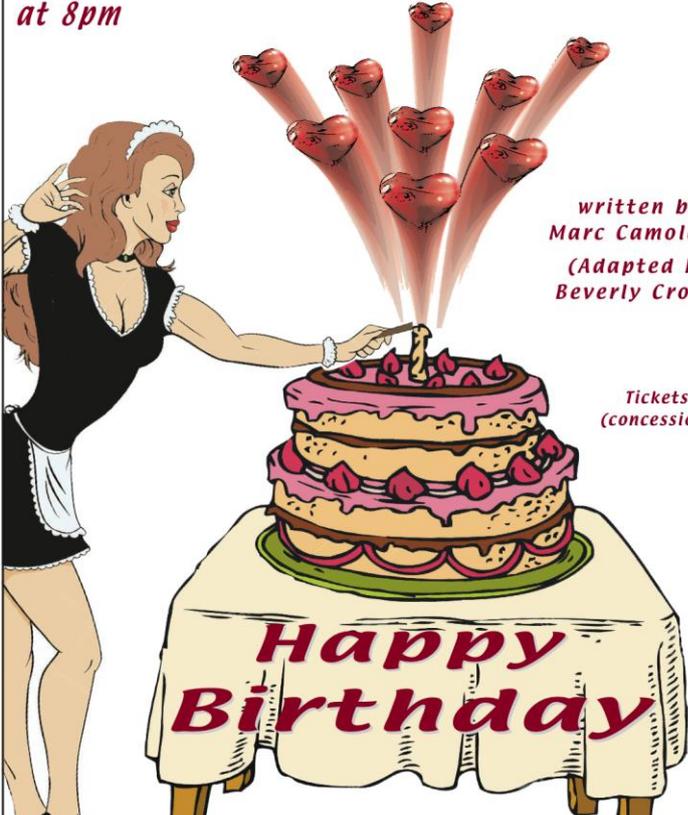
Holy Week begins next week, Palm Sunday, and I hope that as many members of the parish as possible will be able to walk with our Lord, through the great Liturgies of the Church during this most holy time of the Christian year. Details of all our services over Holy Week and Easter can be found in this booklet and are on the Easter posters at the back of church. Why not put the dates in your diary now? And don't forget to invite friends and neighbours to come along to something with you!

This year we are holding a **WATCH on Maundy Thursday**, from the end of the Maundy Thursday service until midnight. Jesus said to his disciples "Could you not watch with me one hour?" As Jesus' disciples today, you too are invited to wait with him in the garden of Gethsemane on this holy night. It is a profound experience.

Please sign up for a slot on the list at the back of church. You are welcome to stay for as long or as short a time as you wish. And you can still come if you haven't signed the list, or if someone else has already signed up for the slot you'd like to come to! The list is simply to ensure that at least one or two people from our church family will be watching and waiting with Christ for the whole time until midnight.

St. John's Dramatic Society
This amateur production is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH LTD

Thursday 9th to Saturday 11th May 2019
at 8pm



written by
Marc Camoletti
(Adapted by
Beverly Cross)

Tickets £9
(concession £8)

Happy Birthday

St. John's Community Hall, Upper Selsdon Road, CR2 8DD
Box Office: 07545 564717



More Special Services for Holy Week and Easter

Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th April
A service for Holy Week

Wednesday- 17th April
Tenebrae at 8pm Sung by St John's Choir

Maundy Thursday – 18th April
7.30pm Liturgy of the Lord's Supper with washing of feet, stripping of altars and watch until Midnight. Guest preacher Revd Joshua Rey, Chaplain to the Bishop of Southwark

Good Friday – 19th April – Follow the way of the Cross
1pm Reflections for Good Friday – followed by
2-3pm (approx.) The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday – 20th April

****10am till 12 Noon Messy Easter**

8pm The Paschal Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter. Guest preacher Revd Nick Lang

Easter Sunday – 21st April

8am Said Eucharist in traditional language

****10am Parish Eucharist for All ages – and an Easter Egg Hunt**

*****Everyone is welcome at all our services!
If you're bringing children, you may particularly enjoy these!***

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to make a donation to the Easter flowers, perhaps in memory of someone, there is a box at the back of church or you can give your donations to me.

Helen Lishmund



**United Service and walk of witness –
Good Friday 19th April**

The united service this year will take place at Selsdon Baptist church at 10am followed by the walk of witness to the Jubilee Church in Selsdon Hall

Christian Aid Week

12th - 18th May 2019



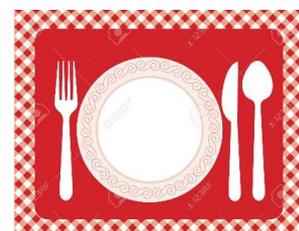
This year we have 3 ways to help raise funds for Christian Aid



1. The Big Brekkie

Sunday 5th May 8.45 am in the hall

Come along to have a chat, a breakfast and raise funds for a great cause. A great way to start Christian Aid.



2. Christian Aid Lunch Sunday 12th May in the hall

A lovely lunch in the hall get together with friends and help raise funds for people in need. Details at the back of church

3. Bingo and Bangers Tue 14th May 8pm in the hall

Come and join the Wives group for a fun evening of Bingo and Bangers and turn fun into funding.



To all our friends at St Johns

Thank you so much for your card and generous gift. It has been a privilege and honour to act as your warden once again and I have been so blessed by all your help and support.

I wish Robert and Ian, supported by Monica and Andrew, well in their respective roles for the coming year.

Sunday was a bit of a sad day for me - retiring as warden and then in the afternoon seeing my football team, Cray Wanderers, failing to get the three points required to win the league!

PS: Janet also says thank you for her beautiful flowers.

Love Martyn and Janet

Thank You



for your Kindness

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 rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com

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SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

14th April 2019

Monday

- 10.00am No Baby and Toddler group
6.00pm Meeting God in silence
7.30pm A service for Holy Week

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 A service for Holy Week

Wednesday

- 10.30am Meditation Prayer group
8.00pm Tenebrae – sung by St John's choir

Thursday - MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 10.00am No Baby and Toddler group
10.15am No Said Eucharist.
7.30pm Liturgy of the Lord's Supper with washing of feet, stripping of altars and watch until Midnight. Sung by St John's Choir, with guest preacher, Revd Joshua Rey, Chaplain to the Bishop of Southwark

Good Friday

Follow the way of the Cross:

- 1.00pm Reflections by The Revd Michael Skinner
followed by

2-3pm (approx.) The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with the reading of the Passion Gospel, Proclamation of the Cross, and Distribution of Holy Communion

You are welcome to come and go as you wish through the afternoon – it would be helpful if you could move during a hymn to minimise distraction for others. Thank you.

Holy Saturday

- 10am-12noon Messy Easter – in the hall
8.00pm The Paschal Vigil and the **First Eucharist of Easter** with Lighting of the New Fire and the Paschal Candle, and renewal of Baptismal vows (*with incense*. Our Guest Preacher will be Revd Nick Lang.
At the conclusion of this service there will be a (brief!) party to celebrate the glory of the Resurrection, and our joy at being God's Easter people.
All Welcome!

Next Sunday **EASTER DAY**

- 8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language
10.00am Parish Eucharist for all ages – and an Easter Egg hunt!

Readings next Sunday at 10am:

Acts 10.34-43; John 20.1-18

You are very welcome at all these services!