



St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
5th April 2020
PALM SUNDAY

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!

We won't be distributing ready-made Palm Crosses this year – so why don't you try making your own! Just like the crowds in Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday who grabbed anything close to hand, find something around you to make a rough cross shape, or perhaps cut a leafy twig from the garden – cutting up your cloak might be going a bit far! Then put it on your fridge to remind you it's Holy Week through the coming days!

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 Prayers:

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.**

Faithful God, may we who share this banquet glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, our salvation, life and hope, who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.

Gospel reading

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Matthew 21.1-11

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:

Brian Thorpe, Douglas Walford

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

5 th April	Colin Nockolds	(2019)
6 th April	Maurice Lishman	(1941)
	Pamela Jordan	(2019)
7 th April	Edith Snow	(1960)
	Peter Holton	(2001)
	Rasaratnam Srikantha	(2005)
8 th April	Christina Hodd	(2018)
	Marion Hall	(2019)
9 th April	Gertrude Polley	(1982)
	Nora Barnes	(1973)
	James Lemondine	(1984)
	Edith Marie Stiffle	(2010)
10 th April	Florence Pascoe	(1994)
11 th April	Kathleen Bottrill	(2010)

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

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is currently Closed!!!**

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St John's Church, Selsdon**



@ St Johns

HOLY WEEK begins today and will look a bit different this year! We have a unique opportunity to walk with Christ the Way of the Cross this year in a really special way. So please do take the opportunity to join with your St John's friends for a few minutes every day during this week we dare to call Holy. Just click on the Worship section of the Website at some point during the day. You can do it any time you choose, but I suggest that, if possible, you choose the same time every day to give you a sense of intentionally walking with Jesus through this Holy time.

Every morning, Amanda will put something new on our Website so that, together we can share the journey in the footsteps of Jesus from the gates of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, to the Upper Room on Maundy Thursday, to Calvary on Good Friday until we reach the Garden on Easter Day. Each day we will be accompanied by Friends on the Way:

Monday 6th April - Michael Skinner- Presented by Jenny Rowley

Tuesday 7th April - Stephen Wright

Wednesday 8th April - Jenny Rowley

Maundy Thursday 9th April - Bishop Jonathan

Good Friday 10th April - Bishop Jonathan joins with Bishop Paul, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Southwark to share reflections

Holy Saturday 11th April - Bishop Jonathan

Easter Sunday 12th April - Peter Graystone

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
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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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