

St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
15 March 2020
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 Dudley and Margaret Mead please do come and say hello.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer:

O God, living and true, look upon your people, whose dry and stony hearts are parched with thirst. Unseal the living water of your Spirit; let it become within us an ever-flowing spring, leaping up to eternal life. Thus may we worship you in spirit and in truth 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: 66 Forgive our sins

Gradual hymn: 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Offertory hymn: 855 I come with joy

Communion hymn: 898 We cannot measure how you heal

Last hymn: 368 Guide me, O thou great redeemer

Choral Anthem Like as the hart *Howells*

Prayers today are led by *Suki Puttock*

First Reading *read by Sue Tilley*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Exodus 17.1-7

Gospel

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

David Crietzman, Barbara Ewing, Ruth Joy, Brian Thorpe, Alan White

We pray for those who have died recently:

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

16th March	Ernest Wright	(1958)
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)

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.

We want to look after everyone in church today! Parents and carers can help by supervising their children at all times.

Please help us to keep everyone safe in church! Small children running around can so easily trip or tip something over and hurt themselves or others. Please try to keep children out of the sanctuary area (where the altar is) during the service and out of reach of the candles!

We hope you enjoy using our Children's Area – a special part of the church where parents/carers and children can share the service together, perhaps using the toys, books and puzzle sheets provided. If you have any suggestions on how we can make it even better, or help you enjoy the service more with your child, please let Jenny know.

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

Mon-Thur 9am-2pm

Open for all general queries and hall bookings

Please call 0208 6579466 Or email bookingsstjohns@gmail.com



St John's Website

The website for our church can be found

www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk

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.



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

The Garden Room is now up and running and the church and the Garden room are now fully accessible for people to use.

We are now taking bookings for meetings, counselling sessions, small gatherings and coffee mornings etc and can hold groups of Max 20 people.

If would like to hire the room, please get in contact with

Amanda Sinclair in the Parish office on 0208 657 9466 or email:

bookingsstjohns@gmail.com



*The Garden
Room*

I have been appointed to be the next Archdeacon of Portsdown in the Diocese of Portsmouth.

This is both an exciting opportunity and a new challenge. But above all, it will be a wrench, not just for me, but for all the family, to move away from the place we have called home, and the people we have been privileged to call friends over the last 6 and a half years.

It has been a wonderful privilege to serve God here with you. I have been very touched at how warmly I have been welcomed, both personally, and as your first female Rector – hopefully not your last!

And I have valued the opportunity to be part of such a gifted and skilled ministry team – what a lot we have achieved in 6 short years!

I will be installed at Portsmouth Cathedral during Evensong on Saturday 4th April at 5pm and everyone is welcome to come. There will be tea at 3pm to welcome those who are travelling, and you're most welcome to stay for the reception after the service if you like to.

My last Sunday in the parish will be Passion Sunday 29th March. Please continue to pray for us – as I will for you - as we prepare to set out on this new adventure.

And finally, thank you for making the past 6 years some of my happiest in ministry.

Jenny

Jenny's Installation

As you are aware, Jenny is to be installed as Archdeacon of Portsdown at Portsmouth Cathedral during Evensong on Saturday 4th April at 5pm. If you would like to attend this service, please put your name on the list at the back of church. If there are sufficient numbers it may be possible to arrange a coach.

Day trip to Leeds Castle, Maidstone, Kent **Saturday 16th May 2020**

Fiona Wheeler and Janice White are organising a day trip to Leeds Castle. If you would like to join us on the day trip to Leeds Castle, please add your name to the list at the back of the Church



**ON THE
SECOND
WEDNESDAY OF
EACH MONTH**



10.30am-12noon.

Our next Coffee morning is on

Wednesday 8th April in the Garden Room
ALL WELCOME!

If you would like to help host a morning, please let Sue Tilley know.

Set aside *Wednesdays* during Lent for our Lent Course

**'Where The Lost Things Go' based on the film
Mary Poppins Returns from 7.30pm to 9pm in the
Garden Room**

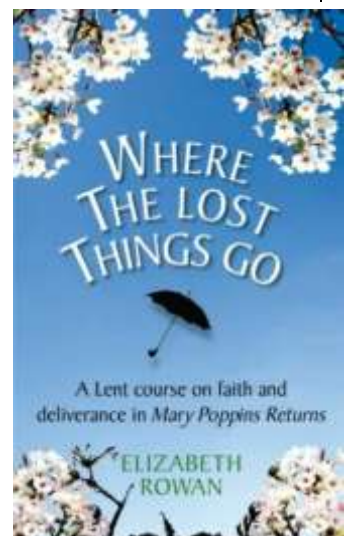
Tuesday 17th March 7.30pm Week Three The Banks children? Or the bank's children Solution or Salvation?

Wednesday 25th March 7.30pm Week Four
Lost people being found : fogs and wilderness

Wednesday 1st April 7.30pm Week Five

Light! A seriously heavy symbol

If you have any queries please speak to Helen Lishmund or Sue Tilley





Quiz Night



Saturday 28th March

with your hosts **Barry and Sue Shaw**

Get a group of 8 together and come along for an evening of fun including food for £12 per head

Please bring your own refreshments and glasses

There are forms and further details at the back of the church!

Payment and forms need to be returned to Catherine Sands by Sunday 22nd March

Collection for Jenny



Jenny's last service with us will be on Sunday March 29th. We will be having a drinks and nibbles after this service in the hall to say farewell to Jenny.

If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Jenny - please give your contribution to Sue Tilley or one of the wardens.

Best wishes Sue



EASTER LILIES

The church will be decorated once again for Easter with lilies. If you would like to contribute in memory of a loved one there is a box at the back of church. Thank you.

Church Flower Team



@ St Johns

**We welcome the Rt Revd
Jonathan Clark Bishop of
Croydon to preside over all our
Easter Services**

Palm Sunday Sun 5th April

10am - Parish Eucharist and Procession of Palms

6pm Cross of Christ with St John's Choir

Monday 6th April

7.30pm - A service for Holy Week

Tuesday 7th April

**8pm - A service for Holy Week with St John's Wives led by
Bishop Jonathan**

Wednesday 8th April

8pm Tenebrae sung by St John's Choir

Maundy Thursday 9th April

**7.30pm - Liturgy of the Lords supper with washing of feet, stripping of
altars and watch until midnight led by Bp Jonathan**

Good Friday 10th April

Follow the way of the cross

1pm Reflections for Good Friday followed by

**2-3pm (approx) the Liturgy of the Lords Passion
led by Bp Jonathan**

Holy Saturday 11th April

**10am - 12 Noon Messy Easter Garden Meet in the Garden Room. Kids
bring parent/carer and a small plant or stone which we will include in
our Easter making. Wet weather shoes and coats might also come in
handy!**

**8pm - The Paschal Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter led by
Bishop Jonathan**

Easter Sunday 12th April

8am - Said Eucharist in traditional language

**10am - Parish Eucharist for all ages led by Bp Jonathan with our guest
preacher Peter Graystone - and Easter Egg Hunt**

Everyone is welcome at all of our services!

****If you're bringing children, you may particularly enjoy these!**



GROUNDS CLEAR UP

THANK YOU to everyone who turned up yesterday to help with clearing up the Church Grounds - your help keeping our church looking good both inside and out is much appreciated!

Mothering Sunday Sunday 22nd March 10am

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!



Thank you from The Vine

Many, many thanks to you for continuing to support us. We received a huge number of donations from you this year, and, to be totally honest there is nothing that we are short of at the moment as far as food is concerned. However, we are very short of Size 5, 5+ and 6 nappies, dog food, laundry tablets, washing up liquid, ladies deodorant, razors, kitchen towel and household cleaning products. If you would like to promote this amongst your donors, that would be much appreciated.

We are also trying to remind people that, like many foodbanks, we receive a large quantity of baked beans and pasta donations, so without wishing to sound ungrateful, would prefer not to receive these items. Rice and tinned spaghetti would be gratefully received instead

Many, many thanks to you for continuing to support us.
Lesley Holland Community Services Coordinator
New Addington Salvation Army Church



St John's Card – Easter Edition.

THANK YOU to everyone who took leaflets to deliver to homes in the parish last week - and those who responded so generously to some gentle persuasion! It really is an important piece of outreach which we couldn't do without everyone helping! THANK YOU! There are still some leaflets at the back of church. Why not take a handful for friends and neighbours in your road, wherever you live!

**Looking ahead to our
ANNUAL MEETING on
19th April at 11.30am
(after the 10am service).**



Please could all leaders/co-ordinators of church groups send their annual report in writing to Amanda as soon as you can - and definitely before the end of March! Thank you!

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

At this meeting we hope to elect 2 Churchwardens, 4 new members to PCC. and 4 new representatives to Deanery Synod.

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!*

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting,
and the Meeting to Elect Churchwardens**
will take place on **Sunday 19th 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), and our representatives to Deanery Synod (who are elected every three years).

In total, we are seeking to elect two churchwardens, four members to the PCC and four representatives to Deanery synod.

Broadly speaking, anyone over 16 and on the electoral roll may be nominated for membership of the PCC and as a Deanery synod representative.

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 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

As Deanery synod Gill Salter
Representatives

proposed by Ann Orchard
seconded by Sylvia Hughes

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 all these positions are available at the back of church.

Breakfast will be served on the following dates:

Sunday 29th March

*** Sunday 3rd May (Special Big Breakfast for Christian Aid)**

*** Sunday 7th June**

We start at 8.45am and offer a wide range
A great way to start the day



VE day - 8th May 2020



May **Day** is traditionally held on a Monday but will be put back to Friday 8 May **2020**. **VE Day**, or Victory in Europe **Day**, marks the **day** towards the end of World War Two when fighting against Nazi Germany came to an end in Europe. We will no doubt be remembering VE day at our services on Sunday 10th May could be happy to hear but do you feel that we should commemorate the occasion in any other way. I would be happy to receive your thoughts on behalf of the PCC.

Helen Lishmund - helen.lishmund@blueyonder.co.uk



Once again this year, our Gospel readings on Palm Sunday (5th April) and Good Friday (10th April) will take the form of dramatised readings. Andy Holton is looking for volunteers to help the reading come alive for us on both Palm Sunday and 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 9.30 am before the 10 am service on Sunday 29th March and Sunday 5th April.

Thank you!

Andy



MESSY CHURCH at Easter will look a bit different this year – thanks to our new Garden Room!



This year, our Messy Church session will begin in the Garden Room at 10am on Holy Saturday – we'll move into the church and the grounds for our activities – so do bring along coats and the kind of shoes you'll need if we're outdoors and it gets wet! – then back into church to finish our session and enjoy some Easter food together!

ALL WELCOME

ST JOHN'S CHURCH



MESSY GARDEN

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

At the 10am Service on Easter Sunday 12th April 2020 and at Messy Easter 10am-12noon on Saturday 11th April 2020, 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 14th June 2020 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

SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK 8 March 2020

Monday

- 10.00am Toddler Group
10.00am Prayer Circle
6.00pm Meeting God in silence in the Lady Chapel

Tuesday

- 10.00am Rector Coffee Hour at Costa If you'd like to drop in for a chat, or just fancy a coffee, please do!
7.30pm Lent Course Session 3 – The Banks Children? Or the Banks Children – Solution or Salvation in the Garden Room

Wednesday

- 10.30am Meditation Group
7.30pm Southwark Vision for Croydon Addington Deaneries Evening in the hall

Thursday

- 10.00am Toddler Group
10.15am Said Eucharist

Next Sunday The Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

- 8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language
10.00am Parish Eucharist and Distribution of Posies

Readings Next Sunday

I Samuel 1.20 – end : Luke 2.33 - 35

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