

St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
16 February 2020
The Second Sunday Before 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 Ian and Ros Harley please do come and say hello.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer:

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns at the 10am service:

First hymn: 823 Praise and thanksgiving
Gradual hymn: 265 Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
Offertory hymn: 264 All things bright and beautiful
Communion hymn: 239 Lord of all hopefulness
Last hymn: 373 How shall I sing that majesty (Coe Fen)

Choir Anthem today Love Divine Goodall

Prayers today are led by Barbara Woodhead

First Reading *read by Susan Poulter*

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8.18-25

Gospel

Jesus said: "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Matthew 6.25-34

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

David Crietzman, Ruth Joy, Douglas Walford

We pray for those who have died recently:

Robert Frankham

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

16th February	Elizabeth Doris Salter	(2010)
17th February	Lily Rogers	(1982)
18th February	Amanda Brookes	(1973)
	Ann Harley	(1999)
19th February	Henry Robinson	(1974)
	Jack Bussey	(1978)
20th February	Iris Cornish	(1994)
	Reginald Crawford	(2003)
21st February	Daisy Baker	(1983)
	Barry Jupp	(2008)
	Ann Downs	(2015)
22nd February	Betty Thomas	(2004)

If you'd like prayer either for yourself or for another, please contact Jenny on 0208 657 2343 or email rectorstjohns@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 bookingsstjohns@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 rectorstjohns@gmail.com



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.

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

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

I don't have a date to start yet – but would expect that to be around Easter. 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 don't yet have a start date so can't yet tell you when my last Sunday with you will be. But 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



**ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
10.30am-12noon.**

**Our next Coffee morning is on
Wednesday 11th March
in the Garden Room
ALL WELCOME!**

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

ASH WEDNESDAY – 26TH FEBRUARY

Once again this year we will be holding an Ash Wednesday service in the afternoon as well as our usual Ash Wednesday service in the evening:

So on Ash Wednesday 26th February, there will be:

2pm a said Eucharist

7.30pm a Sung Eucharist

Our guest preacher at 7.30pm will be Peter Graystone.

At each of these services there will be an opportunity to receive the traditional Imposition of Ashes. The ashes are usually made from last year's palm crosses, so if you would like your palm cross from last year "recycled", please bring it to church before Sunday 23rd February. *Thank you*

SELSDON CONTACT is one of the John Lewis at Home green token charities between February and April this year. If you are in their store on the Purley Way, please make sure you get a green token and please put it in the 'right' box.



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



*The Garden
Room*

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 you 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



Kindly join us for a

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B R E A K F A S T**

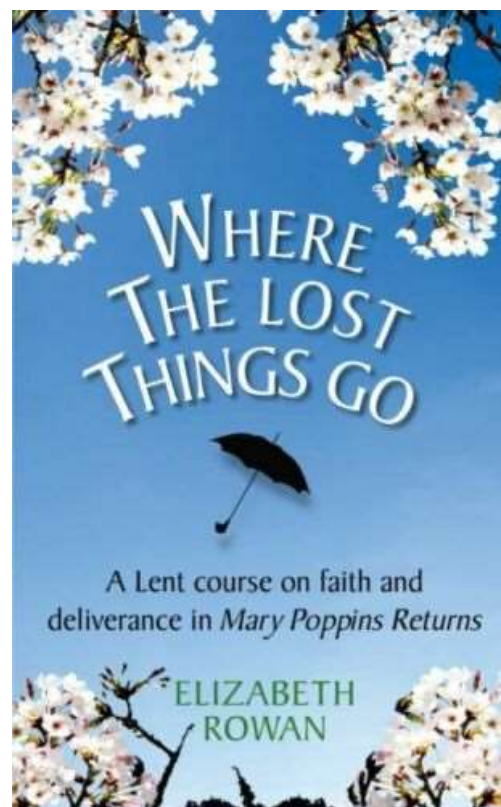
**BREAKFAST NEXT MONTH WILL
BE ON
SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 8.45AM
IN THE CHURCH HALL**

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

Sunday 1st March at 7.30pm: We'll watch the DVD all through. *Please try and come to this session if you can! Books will be available at this session so you can have a look at some background reading before the first session...*



Wednesday 4th March 7.30pm Week One

Were we dreaming? Belief and Unbelief

Wednesday 11th March 7.30pm Week Two

This can't be happening! Loss, denial and acceptance

Wednesday 18th March 7.30pm Week Three

The Banks children? Or the bank's children? Salution 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

Helen is getting copies of the book 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.

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

★ Quiz Night ★

will be on
Saturday 28th March
with your hosts **Barry and Sue Shaw**

There will be a sign-up sheet and further details at the back of the church soon!



This year's annual meeting will take place at

11.30 am in the church hall on

Sunday 19th April.

There will be elections for Churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod members.

Please consider whether you might be able to serve the parish in one of these roles.



Junior church at St. John's

**'We are exploring the idea of a Sunday School/Club to be held in the Garden room during the 10am service. If anyone knows any young people aged 6-12 (grand children perhaps?) who would be interested in coming along please let Jenny or me know. Equally important if anyone is interested in leading the Sunday School/Club please let us know'.
Graham Jennings**

Exhibition and Sale of Pictures by Local Artists



Charity Registration No 221124

Saturday 21st March
10.00am – 4.30pm



United Reformed Church Hall, Sanderstead Hill
(on the 403 bus route)

This lively exhibition, featuring the work of many talented local artists, offers an opportunity to buy original framed or unframed paintings and drawings – from romantic landscapes to attractive animal studies – at affordable prices. Around 50 artists' work will be on display and 20% of all profits go towards the Society's work with disadvantaged children. There will also be a homemade cakes and preserves stall, plus tea and coffee, and a chance to win a raffle prize.

**Alison Graham is running the
London Marathon
on 26th April 2020 for Team
Refuge**



Alison's Story:

I am running the London Marathon in 2020 for Refuge because I am giving something back to a cause that helped me. One woman in four will experience domestic violence at some point in her lifetime and two women are killed each week in England and Wales by a current or former partner.

Refuge supports around 6000 women and children on any given day, experiencing domestic and sexual violence, female genital mutilation, forced marriage, stalking, trafficking, prostitution and so called 'honour' based violence. By kindly sponsoring me today you are helping to save and change the lives of thousands of women and children escaping domestic violence.

Please help this fantastic and worthwhile cause to support women in the UK and provide a lifeline to those women in need.

Thank you
Alison

You can also donate at Alison's just giving page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alison-graham18>

The next

Book Sale

Sunday 1st March

I am

in the Church Hall



**Books, Dvd's and Cd's for sale
Sales go towards St Johns funds**

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SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

16 February 2020

Monday

- 10.00am No Toddler Group Half Term
- 10.00am Prayer Circle
- 6.00pm Meeting God in silence in the Lady Chapel

Tuesday

- 10.00am Rector Coffee Hour at Costa

Wednesday

- 10.30am Meditation Group
- 7.30pm Deanery Synod Meeting St Edwards, New Addington

Thursday

- 10.00am No Toddler Group Half Term
- 10.15am Said Eucharist

Friday

- 11.00am Burial of cremated remains of Robert Frankham at Greenlawns

Saturday

- 11.00am Baptism Rehearsal

Next Sunday The Sunday before Lent

- 8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist for All ages
- 11.45am Holy Baptism of Mia Harper Martin-Taylor

Readings Next Sunday

Exodus 24.12-end or 2 Peter 1.16-end; Matthew 17.1-9

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 rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com