



**St John the Divine Church, Selsdon**  
**19 January 2020**  
**The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

**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, Barbara and Sue Condon please do come and say hello.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!**

**The Opening Prayer:**

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**Post Communion Prayer:**

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Hymns at the 10am service:**

First hymn: 828 Great is thy faithfulness  
Gradual hymn: 200 Jesus calls us to o'er the tumult  
Offertory hymn: 837 I cannot tell  
Communion hymn: 840 There is a redeemer  
Last hymn: 814 I the Lord of sea and sky

**Choir Anthem today** The Lamb *Tavener*

**Prayers today** are led by *Sally Thomas*

## **First Reading** *read by Ian Brentnall*

Listen to me you, islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name. He made my mouth like a sharpened sword in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendour." But I said, "I have laboured to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due to me is in the LORD'S hand, and my reward is with my God." And now the LORD says – he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength –he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth." This is what the LORD says – the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel – to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "Kings will see you and rise up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

*Isaiah 49.1-7*

## **Gospel**

John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying and spent that day with him.

It was about the tenth hour. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

John 1.29-42

**For your prayers:**

**We pray for God's love to surround:**

David Crietzman, Ruth Joy, Ann Stemerging, Douglas Walford

**We pray for those who have died recently:**

Ann Ellis, Richard Hewlett, Janusz Kupczak, Peter Maynard, Muriel Rowland, Arnold Ramdeholl, John Waddington

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

19th January	Bert Smith	(1972)
	William Barnes	(1970)
20th January	Elisabeth Smith	(2019)
21st January	Edna Carpenter	(2016)
22nd January	Hendrickson Vitalis	(2003)
	Elsie Mann	(2015)
24th January	Mary Bussey	(1988)
	Isabel Tarlton	(1988)
	Margaret Sargent	(1988)
25th January	Sidney Murrell	(1949)
	Phyllis Farr	(1984)
	Mary Walker	(2014)

***If you'd like prayer either for yourself or for another, please contact Jenny on 0208 657 2343 or email [rectorstjohns@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bookingsstjohns@gmail.com)



## St John's Website

The website for our church can be found

[www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk](http://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**



We will be holding the funerals of  
John Waddington on  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 12.15pm  
There will be refreshments after the  
service in the Church Hall

And then on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> we will say farewell to  
Peter Maynard at 1.30pm  
There will be refreshments in the Garden Room after  
the service  
**All Welcome**



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

Our next Coffee morning is on  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February hosted by Gill Salter**  
in the Garden Room  
**ALL WELCOME!**

If you would like to help host a morning please let Gill Salter  
or Catherine Sands know.

Chris Skilton, our beloved Archdeacon since 2013, is having a service of farewell to mark his retirement on Saturday 01 February at 6.00pm at Emmanuel Church, S. Croydon. I know that many of you will have benefited from Chris' wisdom, knowledge and guidance over the last 7 years and I very much hope you would be happy to assist in making his final event as Archdeacon of Croydon a memorable one for him and his wife, Barbara. Susan Wheeler is organising the service and needs helpers for the following roles:

**Throughout the event:**

**5 Volunteers to be Fire Marshals**

**2 Volunteer First Aiders**

**2 Volunteers to take informal photographs with their smart phones**

**At the end of the Church Service:**

**1 Volunteer marshal to show any wheelchair users access arrangements for the church hall**

**At the reception – as soon as the speeches/presentations have been made in church:**

**4 Volunteers to pour out the wine/fruit juice into glasses and serve at the drinks station (I have a couple of names already)**

**Towards the end of the evening:**

**Volunteers to clear up any leftover glasses, put them through the dishwasher, dry and pack them away (although the caterers should be managing this aspect through the evening). Also to help with clearing up the hall, putting away chairs and tables so that everything is ready for the following morning in the church hall after the Sunday morning service.**

If you would like to help, please let Amanda know and she will pass your details onto Susan Wheeler.

Many Thanks

# ST JOHN'S SELSDON GARDEN ROOM

*We hope you like it! If you do, tell your friends, if not tell me!*

*The church and Church Hall are now fully accessible for everyone and will soon be available for use for the benefit of St John's and the wider community of Selsdon. If you'd like to enquire about using the hall or the Garden Room, please contact Amanda on 07958 682 103 or email [bookingsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsstjohns@gmail.com)*

*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 **donate** 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](mailto:salterg@outlook.com)*

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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](mailto:salterg@outlook.com) if you need any further information or help.*



**Our next Messy Church session will be on Today!!!!!! from 2.30pm 4.30pm In the Church Hall**



**Today !!!!!!! in the Church Hall after the 10am service**





The Garden Room is now up and running and taking bookings for meetings and small gatherings.

We can hold groups of Max 20 people so if you can think of someone who would like to hire the room or a community service that could use the room for meetings etc

please get in contact with

Amanda Sinclair

in the Parish office on 0208 657 9466 or

email [bookingsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsstjohns@gmail.com)

**United Service for the Week of Prayer for  
Christian Unity**

**Sunday 19th January 3.00pm  
at St Francis Church Monkshill**



**The next Church Breakfast will be held on  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020  
At 8.45am in the Church Hall**

**Come along and join us for the first breakfast of the  
New Year**

**A great way to start the day and get to know the  
congregation!!!**

**Breakfast will be on the following dates for Spring:**

- **Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> February**
- **Sun 1<sup>st</sup> March**
- **Sun 29<sup>th</sup> March (due to Palm Sunday on 5<sup>th</sup> April)**
- **Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Coming soon to St Johns ....**



**Please look out for dates and further info to come in the following weeks.**

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# SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

## 19 January 2020

### Sunday

2.30pm – Messy Church in the Hall

4.30pm

### Monday

10.00am Toddler Group

10.00am Prayer Circle

12.15pm Funeral of John Waddington at St John's

6.00pm Meeting God in silence in the Lady Chapel

### Tuesday

10.00am Rectors Coffee hour in Costa on Selsdon High Street. If you'd like to pop in for a chat or even just to say hello

12.30pm Funeral of Muriel Rowland at St John's

### Wednesday

10.30am Meditation Group

### Thursday

10.00am Toddler Group

10.15am Said Eucharist

1.30pm Funeral of Peter Maynard at St John's

### Saturday

11.00am Baptism Rehearsal

### Next Sunday

8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language

10.00am Parish Eucharist

11.45am Holy Baptism

### Readings Next Sunday

*Isaiah 9.1-4 or 1 Corinthians 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-23*

**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](mailto:rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com)