

St John the Divine Church, Selsdon 1 March 2020 The First 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 Anne Skinner and Betty Walton please do come and say hello.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer:

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns at the 10am service:

First hymn: 67 Forty days and forty nights

Gradual hymn: 907 For forty days and forty nights

Offertory hymn: 851 Baptised by John

Communion hymn: 852 Forty years the chosen people

Last hymn: 439 Praise to the holiest (omit v3 and 4)

Choral Anthem O Lord, increase my faith – *Loosemore (AO&NI:366)*

Prayers today are led by Helen Lishmund

First Reading *read by Penny Cook*

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

Gospel

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Matthew 4.1-11

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

David Crietzman, Ruth Joy, Brian Thorpe, Alan White

We pray for those who have died recently:

Douglas Walford

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

1st March	Philip Easton	(1980)
2nd March	Dorothy Hughes	(1983)
	Margery Warman	(2002)
3rd March	Tony Hopgood	(2003)
	Muriel Williams	(2016)
5th March	Violet Trickey	(1983)
	Sylvia Young	(1990)
	Doreen Hollis	(2017)
6th March	Lisa Green	(1981)
	Franklin Trickey	(1944)
7th March	Jerome Rogers	(2016)

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

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.

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



**BREAKFAST TODAY!!!!
SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 8.45AM
IN THE CHURCH HALL**

**!!!!!!THE APRIL BREAKFAST WILL BE ON
SUNDAY 29TH MARCH!!!!!!**

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 11th March
in the Garden Room
ALL WELCOME!

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

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

*The Garden
Room*



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

**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

Wednesday 11th March 7.30pm Week Two

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

Wednesday 18th March 7.30pm Week Three

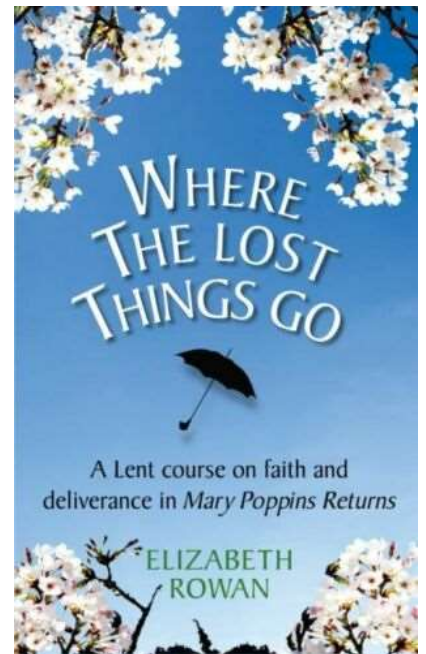
The Banks children? Or the bank's children? Salution
or salvation

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

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**





@ 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!**

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**



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**

**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!*



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!



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

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. If you would like to help please see forms at the back of the church

Thank you
Alison

You can also donate at Alison's just giving page at:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alison-graham18>



Book Sale

!!TODAY!!

Sunday 1st March

11amin the Church Hall

Books, Dvd's and Cd's for sale

Sales go towards St Johns funds



Come to
**CHORAL
EVENSONG FOR LENT**

Sunday 8th March 6.00 pm

Sung by the choir of St. John's

Director - Ian Brentnall

Organist - Jonathan Musgrave

Music to be sung:

O Lord, increase my faith - Loosemore

Evening Canticles in C - Brentnall

(First performance)

Wash me thoroughly - Wesley

A wonderful end to the weekend, a great way to start the week.

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SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

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Sunday

6.00pm Showing of 'Mary Poppins Returns' in the Garden room

Monday

10.00am Toddler Group

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!

12. noon Deanery Chapter meeting St Edwards New Addington

Wednesday

7.30pm Lent Course Session 2 – This can't be happening! Loss, denial and acceptance

Thursday

10.00am Toddler Group

10.15am Said Eucharist

7.30pm PCC Meeting in the Garden Room

Next Sunday The First Sunday of Lent

8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language

10.00am Parish Eucharist for All ages

11.45am Holy Baptism

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Readings Next Sunday

Genesis 12.1-4a or Romans 4.1-5,13-17; John 3.1-17

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