

**St John the Divine Church, Selsdon  
23 February 2020  
The Next 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 Kathleen Holt and Barbara Woodhead please do come and say hello.

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

**The Opening Prayer:**

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**Post Communion Prayer:**

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Hymns at the 10am service:**

First hymn: 377 Immortal, invisible

Gradual hymn: 883 Jesus on the mountain peak

Offertory hymn: 310 We hail thy presence glorious

Communion hymn: 808 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Last hymn: 812 Christ triumphant

**Today we welcome the come and sing choir**

**Prayers today** are led by Femi Ayoola

## **First Reading** *read by Tom Salter*

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

*Peter 1.16-21*

## **Gospel**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

*Matthew 17.1-9*

**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:**

23rd February Morgan Hatfield (1967)

Frieda Rapp (1991)

Trevor Hotston (2015)

24th February Shirley Squibb (2002)

25th February Gordon Harley (1981)

Charles Low (1960)

26th February Phillip Baker (1979)

Den Treasure (2007)

John Belsham (2010)

Mary Dwyer (2016)

27th February Harry Everson (1940)

28th February Rodney Ringham (1952)

Betty Sullivan (1983)

David Payne (2014)

Eileen Taylor (2017)

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

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 will be installed at Portsmouth Cathedral during Evensong on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm and everyone is welcome to come. My last Sunday in the parish will be Passion Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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*



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

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

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

## ASH WEDNESDAY – 26<sup>TH</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.



### *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](mailto:bookingsstjohns@gmail.com)



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

**Palm Sunday Sun 5<sup>th</sup> April**

10am Parish Eucharist for all ages and Procession of Palms

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30pm Compline with Meditations

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

St John's Wives Easter Service

**Maundy Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30pm Liturgy of the Lords supper with washing of feet, stripping of altars and watch until midnight

**Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

Follow the way of the cross 1pm Reflections for Good Friday followed by 2-3pm approx the Liturgy of the Lords Passion

**Holy Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

10am-12 Noon Kids bring a parent and a small plant or stone to help make our Easter Garden in the church. Refreshments will be provided.

**Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

8am Said Eucharist in traditional language  
10am Parish Eucharist for all ages and Easter Egg Hunt

**Day trip to Leeds Castle, Maidstone, Kent**  
**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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



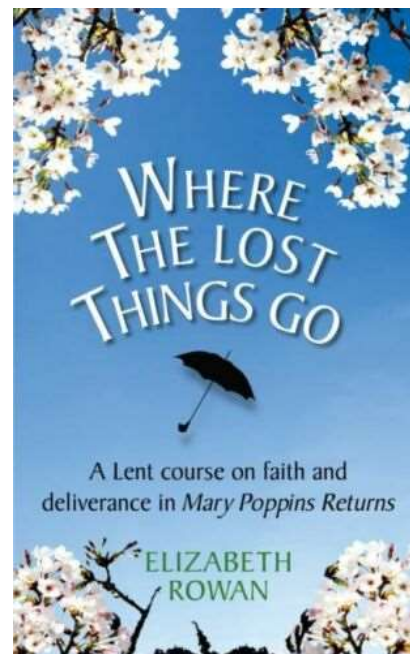


## Set aside **Wednesdays** during Lent for our **Lent Course**

**'Where The Lost Things Go'** based on the film **Mary Poppins Returns**

from **7.30pm to 9pm** in the **Garden Room**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm Week Two**

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

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm Week Three**

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

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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



**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!**



# ★ Quiz Night ★

will be on

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

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

**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.



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**The  
Children's  
Society**

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

**Alison Graham is running the  
London Marathon  
on 26<sup>th</sup> 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

## 23 February 2020

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

- 10.00am Rector Coffee Hour at Costa  
8.00pm Wives group Pancake Bash

### Wednesday Ash Wednesday

- 2.00pm Said Eucharist and opportunity to receive Ash  
7.30pm Sung Eucharist and opportunity to receive Ash our guest preacher is Peter Graystone

### Thursday

- 10.00am Toddler Group  
10.15am Said Eucharist

### Next Sunday The First Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language  
10.00am Parish Eucharist for All ages

### Readings Next Sunday

*Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 or Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11*

**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)