



St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
26 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 John and Margaret Rapp please do come and say hello.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer:

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and forever. **Amen**

Hymns at the 10am service:

First hymn: 841 Sing to God new songs of worship
Gradual hymn: 825 The kingdom of God is justice and joy
Offertory hymn: 833 Come Holy Spirit come
Communion hymn: 353 Dear Lord and Father
Last hymn: 876 Will you come and follow me?

Today we are joined by the come and sing choir

Prayers today are led by Sue Tilley

First Reading *read by Ian Harley*

either

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Isaiah 9.1-4

Or

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Corinthians 1.10-18

Gospel

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Matthew 4.12-23

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:

Peter Maynard, Arnold Ramdeholl

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

26th January Robert Waple (1996)

27th January Ken Pilbeam (2018)

28th January Joan Child (1987)

Rita Hopley (1999)

George Jackson (1960)

Michael Martin (2014)

29th January May Cocking (1988)

1st February Edward Gane Inge (1947)

2nd February John Wollen (1951)

Douglas Harrison (1983)

Kevin Shaw (1983)

John Wannell (2007)

Please also remember in your prayers Joshua Pinnell being baptized later today.

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 12th 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.



**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SELSDON
& ADDINGTON - LENT GROUPS 2020**

All are welcome to join
the Churches Together in Selsdon & Addington Lent Groups which start on the
week beginning Monday, **2nd March 2020** for the five weeks up to Holy Week.

We are going to use a course entitled '*Saying Yes to Life*'. The author of this
course is Ruth Valerio, a Christian writer known for engaging with issues of our
modern world and setting them in biblical context. We aim to mix
denominations within the groups, as this is the great benefit of joining together
for Lent discussions. There will be 5 or 6 groups spread over the week, both
daytimes and evenings.

Sign up lists will be in churches very soon.

If you are unsure or have queries please speak to your CTSA rep Brenda Webb
or email the Lent groups co-ordinator at costellogy@hotmail.com

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



A HUGE THANK YOU to Sally and our Messy Church Team for a brilliant afternoon of fun with David and Goliath.

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

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

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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 if you need any further information or help.



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



The next Church Breakfast will be held on

**Sunday 2nd 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 2nd February**
- **Sun 1st March**
- **Sun 29th March (due to Palm Sunday on 5th April)**
- **Sun 3rd May THE BIG BREKKIE in aid of Christian Aid week**

Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care Team

**We are looking for new Volunteers in 2020
to train and support us as Chaplaincy
Volunteers.**

**We are looking for people
who can :**

- Do ward visiting
- Bring people to our Sunday Service
- Support the office with administration services.

This is a great opportunity to join a dynamic team, bringing God's presence and grace to all those in need of his love.



We are looking for anyone that can spare 1/2 a day to a day once a week to visit on the wards or help with admin in the office, or once a month to bring patients to our Sunday service and take them back afterwards.

Training Dates are 21st, 28th April and 5th May 2020

Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care dept.

Woodcroft Wing 530 London Road Croydon CR7 7YE

To join a fabulous team and to get further information please contact Revd Andy Dovey Lead for Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care with Bereavement Services at

Croydon University Hospital

Telephone 0208 401 3105 Mobile 07557 014739

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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

26 January 2020

Monday

10.00am Toddler Group

6.00pm Meeting God in silence in the Lady Chapel

Tuesday

10.00am No Rector Coffee hour this week

8.00pm Wives group -Tollsworth Manor Chaldon Talk by Gordon Gillet

Thursday

10.00am Toddler Group

10.15am Said Eucharist

Saturday

6.00pm Farewell service for Ven Chris Skilton, Archdeacon of Croydon at Emmanuel Church, South Croydon

Next Sunday **Candlemas (The feast of Presentation)**

8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language

10.00am Parish Eucharist

11.15am

(approx.) Burial of the cremated remains of Peter Maynard at St John's - all welcome to attend

Readings Next Sunday

Malachi 3.1-5 ; Luke 2.22-40

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