

St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
8 March 2020
The Second 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 Janice Harris and Catherine Sands please do come and say hello.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns at the 10am service:

First hymn: 364 God is Love

Gradual hymn: 854 Nicodemus comes by night

Offertory hymn: 809 The spirit lives to set us free

Communion hymn: 807 From heaven you came

Last hymn: 827 One more step

Choral Anthem My Spirit longeth for thee – *Brentnall*

Prayers today are led by *Sophie Jennings*

First Reading read by Kyra Sey

The Lord said to Abram: Leave your country, your family, and your relatives and go to the land that I will show you. I will bless you and make your descendants into a great nation. You will become famous and be a blessing to others. I will bless anyone who blesses you, but I will put a curse on anyone who puts a curse on you. Everyone on earth will be blessed because of you.

Abram was seventy-five years old when the Lord told him to leave the city of Haran. He obeyed and left with his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all the possessions and slaves they had gotten while in Haran.

Genesis 12.1-4a

Gospel

There was a man named Nicodemus who was a Pharisee and a Jewish leader. One night he went to Jesus and said, "Sir, we know that God has sent you to teach us. You could not work these miracles, unless God were with you."

Jesus replied, "I tell you for certain that you must be born from above before you can see God's kingdom!"

Nicodemus asked, "How can a grown man ever be born a second time?"

Jesus answered:

I tell you for certain that before you can get into God's kingdom, you must be born not only by water, but by the Spirit. Humans give life to their children. Yet only God's Spirit can change you into a child of God. Don't be surprised when I say that you must be born from above. Only God's Spirit gives new life. The Spirit is like the wind that blows wherever it wants to. You can hear the wind, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going.

"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

Jesus replied:

How can you be a teacher of Israel and not know these things? I tell you for certain that we know what we are talking about because we have seen it ourselves. But none of you will accept what we say. If you don't believe when I talk to you about things on earth, how can you possibly believe if I talk to you about things in heaven?

No one has gone up to heaven except the Son of Man, who came down from there. And the Son of Man must be lifted up, just as that metal snake was lifted up by Moses in the desert. Then everyone who has faith in the Son of Man will have eternal life.

God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them!

John 3.1-17

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

David Crietzman, Barbara Ewing, Ruth Joy, Brian Thorpe, Alan White

We pray for those who have died recently:

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

9th March Dennis Carey (2012)

Una Milroy (2015)

Tony Humphreys (2016)

Peggy Ann Evans (2016)

10th March John Bates (1957)

Cyril Arrowsmith (1990)

Keith Chatfield (2018)

Donald Marshall (2019)

11th March Diana James (1983)

Charles Smith (2012)

12th March Joan Eileen Marshall (2015)

Joyce Swinburne (2016)

13th March Alfred Gurton (1962)

14th March Ethel Northwood (1977)

Henry Naisbett (1992)

Please also remember in your prayers Ellie Mia Lowe, being baptized later this morning

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.

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.

About this service of Admission to Communion before Confirmation

Today is a day of great celebration for our church community, as we welcome Hannah to receive Holy Communion for the first time. When she was baptised she became a member of God's Kingdom of love, starting out on the journey of faith to which God calls her. Now she takes another step on that journey as she receives with us the bread and wine that is the sacrament of Christ's body and blood, given at such great cost for the life of the world.

As we welcome Hannah into the Eucharistic community, let us pray for her, and rejoice that as she journeys through life with us we will learn with her and from her. Please keep her in your prayers today and every day, that, in maturity, she will come to be confirmed and continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God.

We welcome also all those who have come to support Hannah today, especially family, friends and godparents who are with us this morning.



Admission to Communion

After the address, Hannah stands and the president welcomes her and presents her to the congregation.

The president then asks:

Hannah, you love God, you follow Jesus, and you live the Christian life. Do you wish to receive Holy Communion?

Yes

You have been baptised into God's church, and, with all of us gathered here today, you have been given new life through the resurrection of Jesus. He gave us this special service of Holy Communion to bring us together as his family, to remember all he has done for us and to receive him into our lives as we share the bread and wine. Now God calls us and invites us to say 'Yes' to him. So now I ask you:

Will you try to love God our Father who made us? **Yes,**
with God's help.

Will you try to follow his Son Jesus Christ who gave his life for us? **Yes, with God's help.**

Will you try to trust in his Holy Spirit who guides us?
Yes, with God's help.

The president stands with Hannah, who turns to face the congregation. The president addresses the entire congregation.

People of God, Hannah is part of our family. Will you also support and encourage her on her Christian pilgrimage by your friendship, by your example and by your prayers?

Yes, with God's help.

We pray together:

**God of life, you invite us to eat at your table;
may we know your love,
follow you in the world,
and shine with your light
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Hannah, I admit you to receive Holy Communion. May you know Christ's special presence as we share the bread and wine together.

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

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

Jenny's Installation

As you are aware, Jenny is to be installed as Archdeacon of Portsdown at Portsmouth Cathedral during Evensong on Saturday 4th April at 5pm. If you would like to attend this service, please put your name on the list at the back of church. If there are sufficient numbers it may be possible to arrange a coach.

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

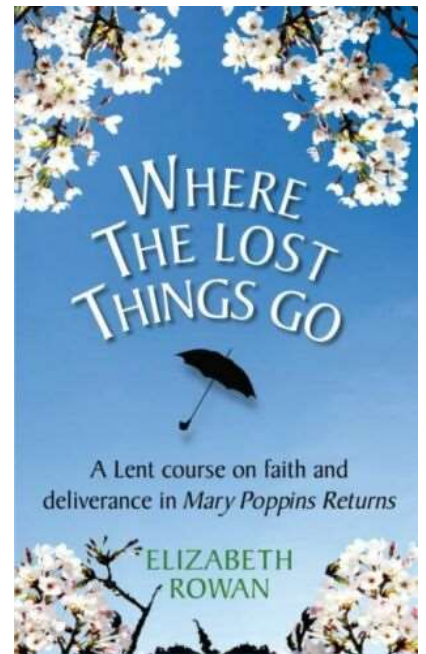
The Banks children? Or the bank's children? Salution
or salvation

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!**



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



EASTER LILIES

The church will be decorated once again for Easter with lilies. If you would like to contribute in memory of a loved one there is a box at the back of church. Thank you.

Church Flower Team

The Book Sale last Sunday raised £60 towards church funds.

Thank you to those who brought books in to sell and to those who bought them.

There will be another sale in a month or two and we'll let you know when to bring in any unwanted books and DVDs.



Thank you, John



GROUND'S CLEAR UP

After a long, wet winter it is time to clear and tidy the church grounds. A work party is planned for **Saturday 14th March from 10 am to 12 noon.**

You don't need to be a gardener, litter picking, sweeping and generally tidying up is the plan. Hopefully the rain will stay away that day.

Thank you from The Vine

Many, many thanks to you for continuing to support us. We received a huge number of donations from you this year, and, to be totally honest there is nothing that we are short of at the moment as far as food is concerned. However, we are very short of Size 5, 5+ and 6 nappies, dog food, laundry tablets, washing up liquid, ladies deodorant, razors, kitchen towel and household cleaning products. If you would like to promote this amongst your donors, that would be much appreciated.

We are also trying to remind people that, like many foodbanks, we receive a large quantity of baked beans and pasta donations, so without wishing to sound ungrateful, would prefer not to receive these items. Rice and tinned spaghetti would be gratefully received instead

Many, many thanks to you for continuing to support us.
Lesley Holland Community Services Coordinator
New Addington Salvation Army Church

Breakfast will be served on the following dates:

Sunday 29th March * Sunday 3rd May * Sunday 7th June

We start at 8.45am and offer a wide range

A great way to start the day



St John's Card – Easter Edition.

St John's Easter Brochure is at the back of church!

We're hoping to distribute these as widely as we can throughout the parish. So please take at least 3 away with you today – one

for you, and one for the neighbours each side of you – just pop it through their door on your way back from church today.

We also have some cards bundled up into roads – no more than about 30 to deliver in each road. Could you have a look and see if you could take a bundle to deliver.

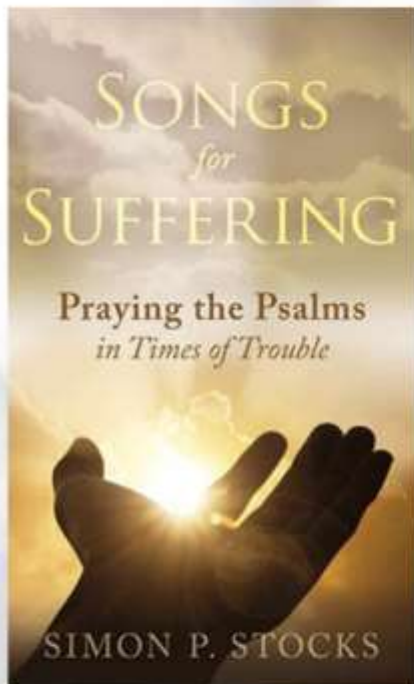
Thank you to everyone for helping with this important ministry of outreach!

Meet the Author

Rev. Dr Simon Stocks

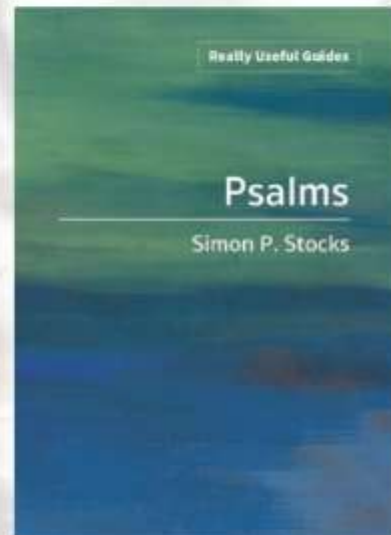


The Oasis
Wallington
Sat. 21st March
11am – 2pm



How can we use the Psalms?
How can we pray when life is hard?

Local author
Simon Stocks will be available to answer your questions!



Simon is Senior Tutor at St Augustine's College of Theology and Associate Minister at Christ Church, Purley. www.cryhard.org @simonstocks

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SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

8 March 2020

Sunday

- 11.45 Holy baptism
6.00pm Choral Evensong

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!
8.00pm St John's Wives group – Morris men

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

Next Sunday The First Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language
10.00am Parish Eucharist for All ages
6.00pm Choral Evensong

Readings Next Sunday

Exodus 17.1-7 or Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

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