

St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
9 February 2020
The Third 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. We welcome the Revd Andy Dovey to preside and preach 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 St John's Choir please do come and say hello.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer:

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer:

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and forever. **Amen**

Hymns at the 10am service:

First hymn: 364 God is love, let heaven adore him

Gradual hymn: 847 Brother sister let me serve you

Offertory hymn: 813 Let there be love shared among us

Communion hymn: 825 The kingdom of God is justice and joy

Last hymn: 848 Father, Lord of all creation

Choir Anthem today I sat down *Bairstow*

Prayers today are led by *Amber Graham*

First Reading *read by Christopher Samuels*

Friends, when I came and told you the mystery that God had shared with us, I didn't use big words or try to sound wise. In fact, while I was with you, I made up my mind to speak only about Jesus Christ, who had been nailed to a cross. At first, I was weak and trembling with fear. When I talked with you or preached, I didn't try to prove anything by sounding wise. I simply let God's Spirit show his power. That way you would have faith because of God's power and not because of human wisdom. We do use wisdom when speaking to people who are mature in their faith. But it isn't the wisdom of this world or of its rulers, who will soon disappear. We speak of God's hidden and mysterious wisdom that God decided to use for our glory long before the world began. The rulers of this world didn't know anything about this wisdom. If they had known about it, they would not have nailed the glorious Lord to a cross. But it is just as the Scriptures say,

“What God has planned for people who love him is more than eyes have seen or ears have heard. It has never even entered our minds!”

God's Spirit has shown you everything. His Spirit finds out everything, even what is deep in the mind of God. You are the only one who knows what is in your own mind, and God's Spirit is the only one who knows what is in God's mind. But God has given us his Spirit. That's why we don't think the same way that the people of this world think. That's also why we can recognize the blessings that God has given us.

Corinthians 2.1-12

Gospel

You are like salt for everyone on earth. But if salt no longer tastes like salt, how can it make food salty? All it is good for is to be thrown out and walked on. You are like light for the whole world. A city built on top of a hill cannot be hidden, and no one would light a lamp and put it under a clay pot. A lamp is placed on a lampstand, where it can give light to everyone in the house. Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven. Don't suppose that I came to do away with the Law and the Prophets. I did not come to do away with them, but to give them their full meaning. Heaven and earth may disappear. But I promise you that not even a period or comma will ever disappear from the Law. Everything written in it must happen.

If you reject even the least important command in the Law and teach others to do the same, you will be the least important person in the kingdom of heaven. But if you obey and teach others its commands, you will have an important place in the kingdom. You must obey God's commands better than the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law obey them. If you don't, I promise you that you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5.13-20

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

David Crietzman, Ruth Joy, Douglas Walford

We pray for those who have died recently:

Arnold Ramdeholl

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

10th February Alice Sheen (1985)

11th February Jane Barrett (1984)

Albert Scott (2001)

12th February Phyllis Downing (1981)

Arthur Ford (1993)

Kathleen Starr (2014)

Christopher Steed (2017)

13th February Reginald Smith (2005)

15th February Howard Rapps (1975)

Hilda Hopgood (1983)

Lilian Cooley (1985)

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

ASH WEDNESDAY – 26TH 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 26th 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 23rd 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.



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

*The Garden
Room*

The Garden Room is now up and running and the church and 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:

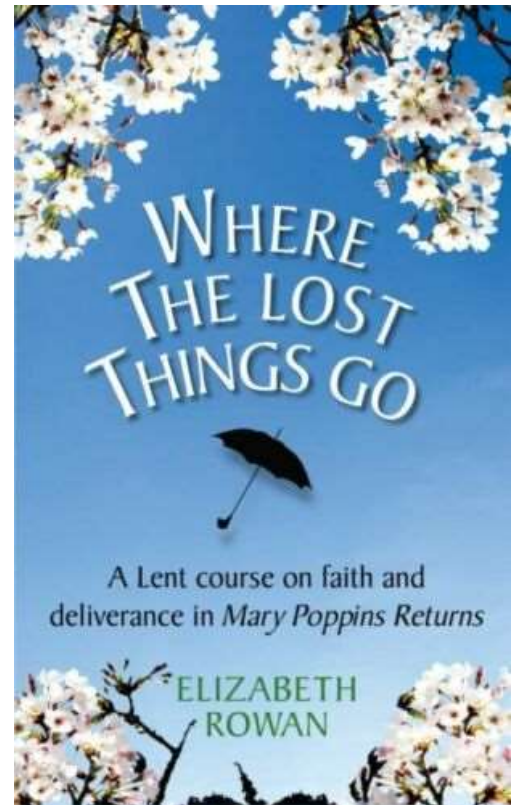
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Set aside *Wednesdays* during Lent for our Lent Course

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

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

Sunday 1st 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 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

Our next



Quiz Night



will be on

Saturday 28th March

with your hosts **Barry and Sue Shaw**

There will be a sign-up sheet and further details at the back of the church soon!



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

The next

Book Sale

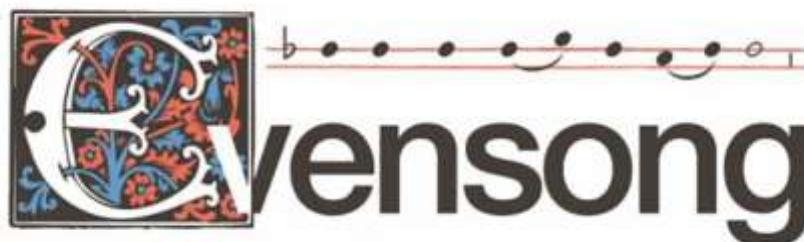
Sunday 1st March

11am

in the Church Hall



Books, Dvd's and Cd's for sale
Sales go towards St Johns funds



Choral Evensong tonight at 6pm

**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.

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>

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SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

9 February 2020

Sunday

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

Wednesday

10.30am Coffee Morning in the Garden Room hosted by Gill Salter

Thursday

10.00am Toddler Group

10.15am Said Eucharist

Next Sunday The Second Sunday before Lent

8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language

10.00am Parish Eucharist for All ages

Readings Next Sunday

Genesis 1.1-2.3 or Romans 8.18-25; Matthew 6.25-end

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