



**St John the Divine Church,
Selsdon
Sunday 10th October 2021
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome

Welcome to St John's, we hope that you enjoy today's service. Helen Lishmund and her team of helpers will be serving refreshments in the Garden room after the service please join us.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU

Opening Prayer

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns:	Opening:	841	Sing to God new songs of worship
	Gradual:	902	All that I am
	Offertory:	876	Will you come and follow me
	Anthem:		I sat down – Bairstow
	Communion:	866	We meet as friends at table
	Final:	853	And can it be

First Reading – Hebrews 4.12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested[a] as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Gospel of the lord according to Mark 10.17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.”’ He said to him, ‘Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.’ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’ Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’

Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’ Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

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For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

Jonathan Aitken, Linda Gordon, Chloe Lou, Michelle Lord,
Margaret Rapp, Marjorie Tarlton

We pray for those who have died recently:

Edward Brisset, Ros Harley

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

9th October	Audrey Pattinson	(1995)
	Pam Lawrence	(2009)
10th October	George Hails	(1967)
	Lena Pendred	(1988)
	David Hill	(1988)
	Kirsty Willmington	(2008)
12th October	Joyce Brookes	(1971)
	Dorothy Tolfrey	(2017)
13th October	Frank Filce	(1980)
	Ellen Massay	(2014)
14th October	Arthur Zuppinger	(1970)
16th October	Audrey Beecher-Brown	(2016)

If you'd like prayer either for yourself or for another, please email

Revd Younis revd.younis@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 speak to Younis.



If you'd like to discuss arranging any of the following

***Baptism (christening) *Wedding *Funeral * Home Visit**

Please call Revd Younis on

Tel: 0208 6572343 / 07504 721 294

email revd.younis@gmail.com

Just a reminder that nothing should be left at the church door if you need to drop anything off please do this on a Sunday morning or office times.

Monday – Thur 9am-2pm or call Amanda on 0208 6579466 and arrange a time.

Many Thanks

For Your safety

The national restrictions have been lifted; however, the numbers are dangerously high so we need to think very carefully about how we conduct ourselves to ensure that those who are vulnerable and those who are anxious still feel able to come to church confident that they feel safe whilst they worship

With this in mind we ask the following:

- **Please wear a mask or visor entering and leaving the church and whilst processing up to receive communion**
- **Sanitiser will be available if you wish to use it**
- **Communion will continue to be in one kind for now**
- **Remain in your seats for the Peace and wave etc as we have been doing**
- **Though the green stickers have been removed from the seats please be aware that social distancing will feel more comfortable for many, do check that people are happy for you to sit near them and do try not to huddle in groups**
- **The children's area is open**
- **Please stay away if you feel at all unwell**

If you have any concerns, please speak to Younis or one of the wardens.

Meeting God in silence

Mondays 6pm



We meet in the Garden Room on Mondays at 6 pm for half an hour – time away from our busy and noisy world for silent reflection to ease you into the week.

The Croydon Refugee Centre is in desperate need of :



- **men's, women's and children's shoes inc trainers and sandals**
- **men's and children's clothing**
- **toiletries and food.**
- **toys for children aged four-to-twelve-year olds**
- **Saucepans**

All items need to be clean and in reasonably good condition.

Please rummage in your cupboards and donate any unwanted items to Debbie Brown.

Thank you



To everyone who attended the Harvest Lunch and to all those who helped on the day to make it such an enjoyable occasion.
£466.97 was raised which will go towards the Project Warm Church Fund.

Inside Out: The Croydon Area Lay Conference

Saturday 6 November 2021
10.00am – 3.30pm
Zoom



A day to celebrate all that lay people do beyond the walls of their churches. The keynote speaker is broadcaster and writer Andrew Graystone, author of the bestselling *Faith, Hope and Mischief*.

With worship and workshops including serving refugees, the environment, teenagers, grandparenting, the digital world, Black Lives Matter, art and generous living.

For more information and to register for this free online event, visit croydonlayconference2021.eventbrite.co.uk. Bookings close on 25 October.



We need your help to restart Sunday School!!!

Katie and Nancy would love to get together a rota of helpers who would be willing to help them re-start the Sunday school. Are you good with children and would like to make church fun for the little ones??

If you would be interested, please speak to Katie or Nancy



Singing hymns and spiritual songs...

Dates For your diary :

- 9th October 2021 -** Choral Evensong at Rochester Cathedral
10th October, 6.00 pm – Choral Evensong at St. John's The service will include
include music by Bairstow, Wood and Wesley.
14th November, 6.00 pm – A service to remember the departed-on Remembrance Sunday
20th November 2021 St. John's is providing the choir for the Diocesan Confirmation Service at Southwark Cathedral
Sunday 28th November, 6.00 pm – Advent Carol Service
Sunday 19th December, 6.00 pm – Traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols
30th April 2022 - Choral Evensong at Rochester Cathedral
26th November 2022 - Choral Evensong at Southwark Cathedral.

Kind regards
Ian



"Bible Questions"

Understanding the Bible: an overview

Join us
at St John's Church Selsdon

6th October - 17th November 2021
Wednesdays 10.00am - 11.30am

Everyone is Welcome



Father Michael's Diary

8 OCTOBER 2021

A HOLY LAND?

One of the delights of the last night of the Proms is the full-throated singing of Hubert Parry's majestic setting of William Blake's enigmatic poem "And did those feet..."

Blake's poem draws its imagery from the legend that as a boy Jesus was brought to England by his uncle, the merchant Joseph of Arimathea. They are supposed to have visited the west country, which is plausible as merchants from the Mediterranean are known to have visited Cornwall to trade in tin and copper ore. The idea behind the legend is to show that not just Palestine but other places could be "holy land" as well.

As you can see below there are a lot of saint's days next week. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday they are all English saints. They are St Ethelburga, Abbess of the joint monastery (with both monks and nuns) at Barking. Various miracles were attributed to her, and she died in 675. There is a charming little church dedicated to her in Bishopsgate. This was devastated by an IRA bomb and is now a centre of peace and reconciliation.

St Wilfred of Ripon (633-709) strove to overcome the insularity of the Celtic church and make it more clearly a part of Church universal, he played a leading part in the Synod of Whitby (664).

St Edward the Confessor (1002-1066) was a pious Saxon King whose reputation for sanctity was built on his personal, more than his political qualities: he was concerned to maintain peace and justice, was generous to the poor and hospitable to strangers. He founded the church of St Peter on Thorney Island by the Thames (now Westminster Abbey) in lieu of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

But St Edward need not have bothered. Jesus may have been born and lived in what we now call Israel but by coming into God's creation God sanctified all of it, every nation, the whole world is made holy, every place is Holy Land. What we are called to do is realise that holiness, to build the Kingdom of God, Jerusalem, here "in England's green and pleasant land".

READINGS AND PRAYERS

10 OCTOBER – NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY – Mark 10.17-31 – the first shall be last and the last will be first – for the gift of humility

11 OCTOBER – St Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking (675) – Song of Songs 8.6,7 – all working for peace and reconciliation

12 OCTOBER – Wilfred of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary (709) – Luke 5.1-11 – the Mission to Seafarers

13 OCTOBER – Edward the Confessor, King of England (1066) – 2 Samuel 23.1-5 – for the Queen

14 OCTOBER – Thursday – Romans 3.21-30 - we are all justified by grace – our community at St John's

15 OCTOBER – Teresa of Avila, Teacher of the Faith, 1582 – John 14.1-7 – I am the way, the truth and the life – for our Christian discipleship

16 OCTOBER – Nicholas Ridley, Bishop of London and Hugh Latimer, Bishop of Worcester, Reformation Martyrs, 1555 – 2 Corinthians 4.7-15 - we have this treasure in clay jars - for Christian Unity

Love and Prayers
Michael

St. John the Divine, Selston

Please join us for our service of

CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 10th October,
6.00 pm

Sung by the choir of St. John's

**Director - Ian Brentnall
Organist - Jonathan Musgrave**

The service music includes

I sat down - Bairstow

**Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D - Wood
Thou wilt keep him - Wesley**

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

BOOK SALE



“THE RETURN OF THE SUNDAY BOOK/DVD/SALES”

After 18 months since the last book sale, we are delighted to let you know that we are holding two forthcoming sales, after the 10am Church Service in the Church Hall on...

SUNDAY, 17th OCTOBER and SUNDAY, 14th NOVEMBER

Please leave donations of good quality

*Paperback books *DVDs *Childrens books *Games at:-

The Parish Office Mon -Thur 9am -2pm *OR* In the Church Lobby on a Sunday before or after the service.

Unfortunately, please note, ..we cannot take CDs; hardback autobiographys/novels; or large heavy hardback books.

Brenda and John Williams



We were very sad to hear of the passing of Ros Harley who has been a member of St John's for many years. She will be sadly missed by all.

Her funeral will take place at St John's on Monday 11th October at 1pm followed by refreshments in the church hall.

Ian and the family have set up a tribute page where you can look at photographs and share memories of Ros.

www.rosalindharley.muchloved.com

The family have requested no flowers for the service and would prefer a donation to the PSP Association (PSPA), a national charity providing support and information to people living with PSP, whilst funding research into treatments and, ultimately, a cure.

St John's Church Presents

Curry & Quiz Night



FRIDAY 15TH OCTOBER 7.30PM

Join us for Fun, Food and Fellowship

The evening will include: a
Quiz, Raffle and Indian Buffet

(non curry items and vegetarian options also available)

Tickets are £10 per person

(under 12's are free)

8 people to a team.

Bring your own refreshments and glasses.

To book please see the sign up sheet at the back of church

or email : bookingsstjohns@gmail.com

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Church Diary

(Sun 10th Oct – Sun 17th October)

Sunday 10th	8am	Eucharist Service
	10am	Eucharist Service
	6pm	Evensong
Monday 11th	10am-1pm	Private Prayer
	1pm	Funeral of Ros Harley
	6pm	Meeting God In Silence – Garden Room
Tuesday 12th	10am-1pm	Private Prayer
Wed 13th	10am- 1pm	Private Prayer
Thursday 14th	10am	Eucharist Service
Friday 15 th	7.30pm	Quiz and Curry Night
Sunday 17th	8 am	Eucharist Service
	10 am	Eucharist Service

Coming Soon....

Friday 15th October 7.30pm in the hall
Quiz and Curry Night

Sunday 24th October

Patronal Festival 10am in Church

Sunday 7th November

All Saints Service 8am and 10am

All Souls Service 6pm

Contact Us

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