



**St John the Divine Church,  
Selsdon  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

## **Welcome**

Welcome to St John's, we hope that you enjoy today's service. We are pleased to say that our new Rector Reverend Younis Francis will take his first service at St John's this morning. I hope you join us in welcoming Younis to St John's.

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

#### **Opening Prayer**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 for ever. **Amen.**

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

#### **Psalm: 24**

**Anthem:** This is the record of John – Gibbons

#### **First Reading**

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos

Then he showed me another vision.

I saw the Lord standing beside a wall that had been built using a plumb line. He was using a plumb line to see if it was still straight. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?"

I answered, "A plumb line."

And the Lord replied,  
“I will test my people with this plumb line. I will no longer ignore all their sins. The pagan shrines of your ancestors will be ruined, and the temples of Israel will be destroyed; I will bring the dynasty of King Jeroboam to a sudden end.”

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent a message to Jeroboam, king of Israel: “Amos is hatching a plot against you right here on your very doorstep! What he is saying is intolerable. He is saying, ‘Jeroboam will soon be killed, and the people of Israel will be sent away into exile.’”

Then Amaziah sent orders to Amos: “Get out of here, you prophet! Go on back to the land of Judah and earn your living by prophesying there! Don’t bother us with your prophecies here in Bethel. This is the king’s sanctuary and the national place of worship!”

But Amos replied, “I’m not a professional prophet, and I was never trained to be one. I am just a shepherd, and I take care of sycamore-fig trees.

But the LORD called me away from my flock and told me, ‘Go and prophesy to my people in Israel.’

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*Amos 7: 7-15*

## **Gospel**

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus’ name had become known. Some were saying, “John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.” But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.”

And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

*Mark 6: 14-29*

**For your prayers:**

**We pray for God's love to surround:**

Jonathan Aitken, Linda Gordon, Tano Grima, Ros Harley, Chloe Lou, Colin Perry, Margaret Rapp

**We pray for those who have died recently:**

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

11 <sup>th</sup> July	Ailsa Bacchus	(1979)
	Gertrude Jewell	(1981)
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Lilian Easton	(1982)
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Abigail Mallam	(2010)
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Philip Morris	(1964)
	Jack Henner	(2014)
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Roy Chesson	(1978)
	John Beaumont	(1984)
	George Simpson	(2018)
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Sylvia Martin	(2009)

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

***Revd Younis [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 speak to Younis.***

# ***Thank You***

The Churchwardens would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has worked so hard in the last few weeks. The grounds look great thanks to the Gardening Team. The Flower Team have excelled themselves with the flower arrangements and the church looks wonderful. A dedicated team, under the excellent leadership of Amanda, spent the greater part of Saturday giving the church a very thorough spring clean. Also thanks the helpers who cleared out the tower, it is looking very smart. We are incredibly grateful to you all.

We would also like to thank everyone who has been involved with the preparations for the Collation and Induction, a huge amount of work has gone in, and we would like to thank everyone involved.

And of course, we have to thank the interregnum steering group, the standing committee and the PCC and all the clergy who have helped with services who have kept St John's going this past year.

Thanks for all your support.  
Debbie and Martyn



## ***Meeting God in silence***

**Monday evenings at 6 pm in the Garden Room  
A time 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

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

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



# Talking & Listening

*An opportunity for 'Christians Together in  
Selsdon and Addington' to reflect on our  
experiences during the pandemic*

*Time:* 10am to 12noon

*Date:* Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July

*Location:* The Lighthouse, St Francis  
Church, Tedder Road, Monks Hill, Selsdon

For more information contact: [trevorneill@selsdonbaptist.org.uk](mailto:trevorneill@selsdonbaptist.org.uk)





## **Father Michael's Diary**

9 JULY 2021

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Last Saturday our daughter Judith was ordained to the priesthood. This was the final step in a long journey from when she felt God's call to ordination. Discernment, then three years training and a year in the diaconate has meant that this has been a six-year process. Judith was in many respects joining the family firm. Her aunt, my sister-in-law, was herself already in training, when the Church of England decided to open the priesthood to women, and she was among the first to be ordained. She will celebrate her silver jubilee at Michaelmas. My own journey to ordination began over 50 years ago; I was admitted to the office Reader in 1970 and I knew almost from the start that this was the beginning of a journey, not the end. I was made a deacon in 1978 and a priest the following year.

So, with Judith's ordination we have spanned the generations and have become a family, a family of priests. But of course, our little family is part of a much larger family: the whole priestly community within the Church. The most vivid memory of my ordination was the moment when (as was the custom in those days) every priest in building crowded round to lay hands on you. I was almost crushed to the ground by the weight! Then the hands were withdrawn, and I relaxed and got up. I had this amazing feeling being reborn, reborn into a new family, a new community. Everything I have done since I have done, not out of any personal virtue, but because I am a member of that family, that family of priests.

The priestly family is itself only part of a much larger family – the family of the Church. The priestly family is there to motivate, empower and sustain that much larger family, the family of which all of us are members and within which we all have our part to play. Indeed, without that larger family to be the body of Christ carrying on God's work of redeeming the world, the priestly family would be powerless – we can do nothing without you.

### **READINGS AND PRAYERS**

11 July – THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - Mark 6.14-29 – the martyrdom of St John the Baptist – all persecuted Christians

12 July – Monday – Exodus 1.8-14, 22 – the enslavement of the Israelites – victims of modern slavery

13 July – Tuesday – Matthew 11.20-24 – Jesus reproaches the cities where his deeds of power have been done – our failure to recognise Christ today.

14 July – John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, Poet, 1866 – Matthew 5.1-5 – the beatitudes – all parish priests

15 July – Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, c.862 – James 5.7-11, 13-18 – our Archbishop and our Bishops

16 July – Friday – Matthew 12.1-8 – the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath – for the right use of our time.

17 July – Saturday – Exodus 12.37-42 – the Exodus from Egypt – that we may use freedom from the Coronavirus restrictions wisely and responsibly.

Love and prayers      Michael



## **Singing hymns and spiritual songs...**

As we progress through the church year, we are often reminded of people or events which we more readily associate with a particular festival or ecclesiastical season. This sometimes leads to using certain hymns “out of time”, for example a Christmas carol at the height of summer! We are presented with such an occurrence this Sunday when we hear again the story of St John the Baptist’s death and are reminded of the role he played in preparing for the coming of the Messiah. To reflect this, one of the hymns we might have chosen to include in our service this morning is “On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry”, written by Charles Coffin (1676-1749) in Latin as part of his publication *Hymni Sacri Auctore Carolo Coffin* in 1736, later translated into English by Rev’d John Chandler. Coffin was born in Buzancy, France and became a noted writer and adherent to Jansenist beliefs, a predominantly French theological movement which was declared as heresy by the Catholic Church in 1653. Coffin rose to become Rector of the University in Paris. Another well-known hymn by Coffin is “The Advent of our King”. The tune we usually set to the words of this hymn is Winchester New, which is a tune adapted from an old German chorale published in 1690 in *Musicalisches Hand-Buch* in Hamburg.

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh.  
Awake and harken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every life from sin:  
make straight the way for God within,  
and let us all our hearts prepare  
for Christ to come and enter there.

We hail you as our Savior, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward.  
Without your grace we waste away  
like flowers that wither and decay.

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,  
and make us rise to fall no more.  
O let your face upon us shine  
and fill the world with love divine.

All praise to you, eternal Son,  
whose advent has our freedom won,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Spirit, evermore.



# Welcome Revd Younis

On Tuesday evening we held the Induction and Collation service for Revd Younis at St John's. The service went well despite restrictions we were able to hold a lovely service at the church.

The service was taken by The Rt Revd Jonathan Clark, Bishop of Croydon with The Ven Dr Rosemarie Mallet along with clergy from all over the Diocese to support Revd Younis.



Afterwards refreshments were served by a lovely band of helpers from the church outside the church. Luckily, the rain held off and we didn't get wet which we were very grateful for.



We hope that Father Younis and his family will be incredibly happy at St John's and we look forward to what the future holds for the church.



We would like to thank all who attended and those who helped to make the evening a great success.



**Welcome back to the early risers!**

**The 8am Eucharist Services will resume from  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

Please note the usual Thursday Eucharist service due to take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July will now take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 10am

Please forward to anyone who you think will attend.



***Can you help ??***

We need a few more helpers to help set up and serve coffee on a Sunday morning.

I have emailed all the usual helpers but if you are not on email and would like me to put your name on the rota, we would be very grateful.

Please either call or email Amanda on 0208 6579466 or [bookingsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsstjohns@gmail.com) to add your name to the list.

## **Church Diary (Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Sun 18<sup>th</sup> July)**

<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	8am Eucharist Service 10am Eucharist Service
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	10am-1pm Private Prayer
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	10am- 1pm Private Prayer
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am Eucharist Service</b> 10am- 1pm Private Prayer
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	10 am Funeral Service
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Seventh Sunday after Trinity Eucharist Service 8 am Eucharist Service 10 am



**If you'd like to discuss arranging a baptism (christening), a wedding or a funeral, please call Revd Younis on Tel: 0208 6572343 or email [rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com)**

### **The Parish Office**

**Will are normally open Mon- Thur 9am -2pm  
(Times may vary in School Holidays)**

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