



**St John the Divine Church,
Selsdon
Sunday 12th September 2021
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome

Welcome to St John's, we hope that you enjoy today's service, there will be refreshments served in the church hall after the service please join us.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU

Opening Prayer

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns: **812** Christ triumphant, every reigning
 807 The servant King
 818 Jesus is Lord
 845 Lord, we come to ask your healing
 864 Go forth and tell
Anthem: Lead me, Lord – Wesley

First Reading

A reading from the letter of James:

Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly.

Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.

We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong.

In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches.

But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.

People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God.

And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water? Does a fig tree produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can't draw fresh water from a salty spring.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words[c] in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Mark 8: 27 – end

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For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

Jonathan Aitken, Linda Gordon, Ros Harley, Chloe Lou, Michelle Lord,
Margaret Rapp

We pray for those who have died recently:

Colin Perry

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

12th September	Winnie Williams	(1981)
	Tony Hughes	(1991)
	Stephen Monahan	(2017)
13th September	Philip Allen	(1976)
14th September	Tommy Ward	(1981)
	Lee Strudwick	(2019)
15th September	Florence Crump	(1983)
16th September	Phil Green	(2001)
	Enid Maynard	(2003)
	Matilda Lines	(2015)
17th September	Fred Collard	(1984)
	Mary Thomson	(2018)
	Mark Campbell	(2018)
18th September	Sidney Smith	(2015)

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.

Just a reminder that nothing should be left at the church door if you need to drop anything off please do this in 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**



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

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



Toddler Group to returns to St John's

**We are hoping that the toddler group is able to return on a Monday morning from Monday 27th September at 10am- 11.45
Please spread the word among your family and friends**

ST JOHN'S WIVES GROUP

The wives' group are pleased to announce that we will be opening for all our exciting evenings missed by all our members during the covid crisis. Our opening service will be held in church on the 14th September at 7.30pm. Come and meet our new Rector Rev Younis, following the service we will be having refreshments in the garden room. All meetings will be at the new start time of 7.30pm, come and join us for a fun packed programme for all tastes, a warm welcome awaits.

**Jane Guglielmi
Wives Leader**



In memory of Daniel Spargo-Mabbs

Daniel attended Archbishop Tenisons CE School from year 7 but when he was 16 years old Daniel died after taking MDMA. Some of the teacher's at Tenison's are supporting the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation by 'jumping out of a plane' alongside Daniel's brother Jacob, to raise as much money as they can.

St John's has always had a close relationship with Archbishop Tenison's school and would be grateful for any support that can be offered. Attached are the details of the charity and how to donate. Any cash can be given to Penny Cook who will be more than happy to pass it onto Andrew Cook who teaches at Tenisons.

You can go to the link below to donate and find out more info

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/andrewcook68>

Breakfast Sundays

It is hoped that Breakfast Sundays can be restarted in the next few weeks, but as it has been a long time since we had to 'close down' we need to try and get an idea of how many would be interested in joining us.



There is a list at the back of the church which we would be grateful if you could sign up to if you are likely to come or may be interested in coming sometimes. Breakfast is usually on the first Sunday of each month after the 8 O'clock service.

Thank you
The Breakfast team



Singing hymns and spiritual songs...

One of the challenges of writing about newer hymns and their authors is that there is rarely much information available! My hymn choice for this morning is one of the more popular hymns in our 800 Book: "Jesus is Lord, creation's voice proclaims it". David John Mansell was born in South London on 11 March 1936. He was educated at King's College, London, where he read physics. He worked as an engineer and a physicist before becoming a full-time evangelist in London. He is best known for the hymn which we are singing as our Offertory this morning. The hymn was first published with its tune (also by Mansell) in the book "Sound of Living Waters" in 1974. It quickly became popular at evangelical gatherings such as Spring Harvest and has been included in many recent mainstream hymn books since. Spring Harvest was founded in 1979 as an inter-denominational evangelical conference which is held annually in several locations around the country, frequently in out-of-season holiday camps. In terms of music, it has become known as a forum for the introduction of new worship songs and has promoted the publication of an annual song book. "Jesus is Lord" draws on the more traditional style of hymn writing where the metre of the tune and the words match and complement each other precisely.

Choir dates for your diary:

Our Church Choir are looking forward to returning in September and are delighted to announce that our services of Choral Evensong will resume (Covid permitting) on Sunday 12th September. Please do join us.

We have also been invited to sing at our Diocesan Cathedral as well as at Rochester Cathedral (postponed due to Covid restrictions), do please keep the following dates free and join us if you can:

- 9th October 2021 -** Choral Evensong at Rochester Cathedral
- 20th November 2021 –** St. John's is providing the choir for the Diocesan Confirmation Service
- 30th April 2022 -** Choral Evensong at Rochester Cathedral
- 26th November 2022 -** Choral Evensong at Southwark Cathedral.

Choir Practise is on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the Church

Kind regards Ian



Father Michael's Diary

10 SEPTEMBER 2021

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

It may seem odd to return to Passiontide themes in the middle of September but that is what the Church Calendar invites us to do. Tuesday of next week (14 September) is Holy Cross day and this is followed in the Franciscan calendar by the Festival of Mary at the Cross.

Holy Cross Day marks the anniversary of the consecration of the basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in 335. This ancient church in the heart of the Christian quarter of Jerusalem is built over the sites of both Calvary and the garden of the Resurrection. The Gospel accounts state that the two were quite close together. Up on a raised platform on one side of the church is Calvary where you can kneel down and kiss the spot where the Cross is supposed to have stood. You then descend by a very steep stair to the main level of the Church where the aedicule stands. This temple like structure is erected over the site of the tomb where Jesus was buried. It suffered a great deal of neglect because of disputes between the various church authorities which control the basilica but in 2016 it was finally restored at the insistence of the Israeli authorities which declared the building unsafe. The tomb itself was reopened and beneath the debris of centuries was found to be intact having been sealed in the 4th century. It is now resealed again.

These ancient Gospel sites were excavated in the fourth century by the Emperor Constantine's mother St Helena. In the course of these excavations a cross was uncovered which many believed to be the Cross of Christ.

The following day 15 September has long been associated with the suffering of Mary as she watched the crucifixion of her Son. In the Franciscan calendar it is called Mary at the Cross which is the dedication of the Franciscan House at Glasshampton in Worcestershire. It records the event in the Gospel of John when Jesus commends his mother, standing near the cross to the care of his beloved disciple, John. It also commemorates the prophecy of Simeon when the baby Jesus was presented in the Temple that Mary was destined to share the heartfelt passion in her Son's life:

At the cross her station keeping
Stood the mournful Mother weeping
Close to Jesus at the last.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

13 SEPTEMBER – JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, TEACHER OF THE FAITH, 407 – Matthew 5.13-19 – all preachers

14 SEPTEMBER – HOLY CROSS DAY – John 3.13-17 – all who suffer

15 SEPTEMBER – MARY AT THE CROSS – JOHN 19. 25b – 27 – the Mother's Union

16 SEPTEMBER – CYPRIAN, BISHOP OF CARTHAGE, MARTYR, 258 – 1 Peter 4.12-end
Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Christopher, Bishop of Southwark,
Jonathan, Bishop of Croydon

17 SEPTEMBER – HILDEGARD, ABBESS OF BINGEN, VISIONARY, 1179 – 1
Corinthians 2.9-13 – all spiritual writers

18 SEPTEMBER – Luke 8 4-15 – the evangelistic work of the Church

Love and Prayers

Michael

St. John the Divine, Selsdon

Please join us for our service of

CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 12th September, 6.00 pm

Sung by the choir of St. John's

Director - Ian Brentnall
Organist - Jonathan Musgrave

The service music includes

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B flat -
Stanford

Evening Hymn - Balfour Gardiner

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

Silence, Stillness and Peace

A quiet morning for Selsdon Churches

At

St Mary's Addington

Addington Village Rd, Croydon CR0 5AS



Saturday 18th September

**From 10.00 am to 12.30 pm. Please join us for coffee
from 10.00 am and we will start at 10.30**

The morning will offer an opportunity to step aside from busyness, to reflect, and to be still.

It will be led by Susan Oakes, a spiritual director who leads silent retreats (at Penhurst retreat centre), quiet days and was formerly part of the Ways into Prayer group, an ecumenical group set up by the Anglican Diocese of Southwark.

She currently offers silent prayer on Monday evenings at St John's Selsdon

You do not need to book, but please do contact Susan if you are interested in joining so that we have an idea of numbers –

susanoakes@hotmail.co.uk 07941 937979

Church Diary

(Sunday 12th Sept – Sun 19th Sept)

Sunday 12th	8am	Eucharist Service
	10am	Eucharist Service
	6pm	Choral Evensong
Monday 13th	10am-1pm	Private Prayer
	6pm	Meeting God In Silence – Garden Room
Tuesday 14th	10am-1pm	Private Prayer
	7.30pm	Wives opening service
Wednesday 15 th	10am- 1pm	Private Prayer
Thursday 16th	10am	Eucharist Service
Sunday 19th	8 am	Eucharist Service
	10 am	Eucharist Service

The Parish Office

Will be normally open Mon- Thur 9am -2pm

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

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

Please call Revd Younis on

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email revd.younis@gmail.com