



**St John the Divine Church,
Selsdon
Sunday 13th June 2021**

Second Sunday after Trinity

Welcome

Welcome back to St John's, we hope that you enjoy today's service. We welcome The Revd Michael Skinner and Revd Stephen Wright to take our service today.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU

Opening Prayer

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Psalm : 20

Anthem : "Teach me, O Lord" by Thomas Attwood.

First Reading

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians:

So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the Lord. For we live by believing and not by seeing. Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord. So, whether we are here in this body or away from this body, our goal is to please him.

For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body. Either way, Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life. He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them. So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view.

At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

Gospel

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Mark 4.26-36

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

Jonathan Aitken, Tano Grima, Ros Harley, Colin Perry, Margaret Rapp, Robin Sullivan

We pray for those who have died recently:

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

13th June	Kathleen Rippingale	(2016)
14th June	Gladys Birt	(1969)
	Alfred English	(1977)
15th June	William Prew	(1957)
16th June	Evelyn Shephard	(1984)
17th June	Peter Young	(1981)
18th June	Cyril Bertram Smith	(1955)
	Dorothy Frances Smith	(2001)
	David Jordan	(2019)
19th June	Lewis Martin	(1999)

If you'd like prayer either for yourself or for another, please 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 email Amanda on the above email.



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

Do you have any news you want to share ???
Please email Amanda in the the Parish Office and she can add to the
Notice sheet /Website / Facebook Page
Email: bookingsstjohns@gmail.com

The Parish Office

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

Tel: 0208 6579466

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St John's Website address is:

www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk

To find our Facebook page simply search
St John the Divine Selsdon

Sunday Services at 10 am

Could we remind everyone of the following:

Coronavirus is highly infectious. Older people and those with underlying health problems are at increased risk of severe illness and potentially death It is critical that we follow strict rules if we wish the church to remain open

- 1 Everyone must wear a mask properly unless they have a compelling reason not to do so and must sanitise on entry to and departure from church**
- 2 Spacing is critical, please do not huddle together and please keep 2m apart unless you are in a bubble, sit on chairs which have a green square on them**
- 3 Leave church in a measured way, not in a scrum and do not stand at the back of the church talking to others**
- 4 Windows need to be open, as does the back door**

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO KEEP THE CHURCH OPEN AND
PROTECTING OUR CONGREGATION

Father Michael's Diary



11 JUNE 2021

CATHOLIC AND REFORMED

The Church of England has always claimed to have a foot in both camps, catholic and reformed and for its distinctive spirituality arises out of the tension between them. It is easy in this age of religious pluralism to underestimate what a great upheaval the reformation was. In the west (i.e. Europe) there was up to the 16th century only one church which since the time of the Emperor Constantine (272-337) has ruled supreme in matters of faith and civic order, kings and emperors were subject to its authority. Now that authority was challenged and, in some cases, completely swept away. The invention of printing had made the scriptures widely available, and the church was replaced by various forms of Bible based religion much of which aimed to return to the practice of primitive church of the apostles. This was the aim of the puritans who aimed to return the church to what they saw as its original purity.

In general, the Church of England did not go down this route, instead it retained three salient features of the pre-reformation church: the creeds, the threefold order of bishops, priests and deacons and the dominical (established by our Lord) sacraments of baptism and the eucharist. This enabled the Church of England to claim as it does to this day that it is part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic church.

Of course, the reformation left its mark on the newly formed Church of England, with a much greater use of the Bible in its services and services in English, but especially in regard to the eucharist. At the time debate raged over what the eucharist was and in rejecting much of the traditional doctrine the Church of England did not have much to put in its place and ended up in its form in the final prayer book of 1662 with something which has always struck me as an ecclesiastical Burns' Supper - but dedicated to the immortal memory of Jesus Christ.

But of course, there is far more to the eucharist than that and gradually over the last 200 years a greater depth of meaning has been recovered while at the same time the rest of catholic Christendom has recovered the greater use of the Bible and moved to worshipping in English (and other languages) so these two parts of the catholic church have moved close together.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

SUNDAY 13 JUNE – Second Sunday after Trinity – Mark 4. 26-34 – what is the Kingdom of God like? – looking for signs of the kingdom.

MONDAY 14 JUNE – Matthew 5.38-42 – go also the second mile – the search for justice.

TUESDAY 15 JUNE – Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941 – 1 Corinthians 2.1-10 – the Spirit searches everything – spiritual directors

WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE – Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253 – John 21.15-19 – Christopher, Bishop of Southwark and Jonathan, Bishop of Croydon

THURSDAY 17 JUNE – Matthew 6.7-15 – the Lord's prayer – for an active payer life

FRIDAY 18 JUNE – Bernard Mizeki, Apostle to the Mashona, Martyr, 1896 – 2 Kings 2.9-14 – Elijah ascends to heaven – Christians in Zimbabwe.

SATURDAY 19 JUNE - 1 Corinthians 12.1-10 – my grace is sufficient for you – Fr Younis our rector designate.

Love and prayers

Michael

ST JOHN'S CHURCH



MESSY GARDEN

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!TODAY !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If you collected a Flower Growing Kit at the 10am Service on Easter Sunday please Wait at the end of the service to plant them in the Children's Garden

Refreshments will be provided

If you need any further information or help please contact

Gill Salter on 0208 405 9971



Singing hymns and spiritual songs...

For my hymn this week I'm diving into the resources offered by our 800 book. I find this an interesting collection of hymns and songs which fall into three broad categories: firstly worship songs originating from free and Pentecostal churches mostly written several decades ago; secondly, songs which through popularity have been adopted by the wider church and subsequently included in contemporary hymn books. Thirdly, contemporary hymns which follow the traditional format and are generally sung to well-known tunes. Some may say that the 800 book is well overdue for a re-vamp but that is a discussion for another day, one in which I will only participate in once I have donned full body armour and a tin hat!

Our Gospel reading this Sunday taken from St Mark's Gospel speaks to us about how we should think of the Kingdom of God and how faith of a seemingly tiny and insignificant proportion can grow into something far more substantial and meaningful. The hymn I have chosen falls into the third category I mentioned earlier: "For the fruits of his creation" by Fred Pratt Green (1903 – 2000). Fred Pratt Green was born in Lancashire, became a Methodist Minister and was awarded a CBE. He had written a few hymns during his ministry but it was not until he retired in 1969 that his output became prolific. He rejected fundamentalism and concerned himself greatly with social issues. Many of his hymns were written to provide for the liturgical needs of the modern church speaking to topics or appropriate for events for which there were few traditional hymns available. His obituary in *The Times* of 24 October 2000 quoted him on the subject of hymn singing as saying, "It's such a dangerous activity ... you get this glow which you can mistake for religious experience".

The tune we use for this is "All through the night", the traditional Welsh tune. However, where this hymn has been included in recent hymn books, Frances Jackson's great tune "East Acklam" is more frequently used. Dr Francis Jackson CBE (b. 1917) has a life-long association with Yorkshire, having been born in Malton, sung as a boy at York Minster under Sir Edward Bairstow and was himself organist and Master of the Choristers at the Minster from 1946 – 1982, succeeding Bairstow. He is a much loved figure in church music, having written a number of pieces for choir and for the organ. Happily, he is still with us and still living in his beloved Yorkshire.

For the fruits of His creation, thanks be to God;
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while men are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God!

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done;
In the hop we give our neighbour, God's will is done;
In our worldwide take of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests men are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of His Spirit, thanks be to God;
For the good all men inherit, thanks be to God;
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God!



Meeting God in silence

Monday evenings at 6 pm in the Garden Room

The Selsdon Centre

Thanks to some hard work behind the scenes by the staff to ensure all Covid rules are safely followed, the Centre is now able to start opening again. At the moment we are not open every day but to find out what is happening do phone the office on 0208 651 1111 and speak to Craig, Jane or Sarah to get up to date details.

Everyone is looking forward to hopefully getting back the “more normal” routines in the near future. And if you have an hour or two spare to volunteer, the staff would love to hear from you.

Please remember in your prayers David Chance on the occasion of his Golden jubilee of ordination to the priesthood at Canterbury Cathedral by Michael Ramsay on Sunday 27th June 1971.

David will preside and preach on Sunday 27th June 2021 at 9.30am at St James' Church Swimbridge, North Devon

David served his title curacy at St John's between 1970 and 1973

We wish him well and congratulate him on this great milestone.



**WE INVITE YOU TO THE INDUCTION AND
COLLATION OF REVD CANON YOUNIS FRANCIS
AT ST JOHN'S
ON TUESDAY 6TH JULY AT 7.30PM**

Join us when we welcome Younis to St John's

If you would like to attend the service, please place
your name on the list on the table at the back of
church.

Church Clean



We need your help to give the church a freshen up.

A team will get together on

Friday 2nd July 12 noon - 5 pm

Saturday 3rd July 10.30 am - 4.30 pm

If you would like to help please email

Catherine Sands catsands17@gmail.com

and let her know when you will be available on either of those days.

Many Hands Make Light Work

Diary Dates

Mon 14th June – Thur 17th June 10 am- 1 pm

Church is open to the public for Private Prayer

Thursday 17th June

Thursday Morning Eucharist 10 am

Sunday 20th June

Third Sunday after Trinity Eucharist Service 10 am

Coming Up

Dates to pop in your diary

Tuesday 6th July 7.30 pm

Induction of Revd Cannon Younis Francis at St John's

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