



**St John the Divine Church,
Selsdon
Sunday 15th August 2021
The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Welcome

Welcome to St John's, we hope that you enjoy today's All Age 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

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns:

185 Sing we of the blessed Mother
182 Her Virgin eyes saw God incarnate born
161 For Mary mother of our Lord
186 Tell out, my soul

First Reading

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61.10-11

Gospel

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ^{according} to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Luke 1.46-55

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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, Colin Perry, Margaret Rapp

We pray for those who have died recently:

John Kitchener

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

16th August	Janice Last	(1988)
	Charles Cook	(2008)
	Hilda Souter	(2009)
	Daniel Caldwell	(2015)
	Andre Aderemi	(2016)
17th August	Alice Murrell	(1957)
18th August	Rosalie Grimes	(2014)
19th August	John Willmington	(1996)

We pray for Cohen Tucker who will be baptized later today

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.

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**
- **Singing will resume and the choir will resume in September**
- **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

Will be taking a break in August and will recommence on Monday 6th September.

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.

Churches together in Selsdon and Addington are holding a

Quiet Morning

on Saturday 18th September from 10.30 am

at St. Mary's, Addington.

The morning will be led by Susan Oakes and will reflect on Silence and Peace. Everyone welcome.

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.

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



Father Michael's Diary

13AUGUST 2021

THEOTOKOS

There's a funny word its Greek actually θεοτόκος. A literal translation is "the one who gives birth to God" ; this title was bestowed on Mary by the Council of Ephesus in the year 431 and thus belongs to the Patristic stratum of Christian belief. "The one who gives birth to God" is hardly a catchy phrase and it is customary to translate it into English as "Mother of God", but that has emotional overtones which the original does not have. Perhaps that is why it is not widely used even though Ephesus is one of the six ecumenical councils recognised by the Anglican Communion. It was given to Mary not to enhance her status: but to clarify the doctrine of Christ (called Christology). The council's main aim was to affirm that Jesus Christ was God, God incarnate. If then Jesus was God and Mary was his mother then Mary was, in earthly terms, the Mother of God.

The title reminds both of the fulfilment of motherhood and of Mary's devotion to her son throughout his life, as the Gospels tell us. Mary occupies a unique place in the Gospel story and such a unique place merits a unique reward. This coming Sunday 15 August in the RCL calendar is the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This date has been associated with the ending of Mary's earthy life since the fourth century. Various legends became associated with this event such as that after her death her tomb was opened and found to be empty; but there is no historical evidence for that or any other legend. Nevertheless, without any further elaboration as with many other saints Mary's death may quite rightly be regarded as her heavenly birthday. As Bishop Ken's hymn puts it:

Heaven with transcendent joys her entrance graced,
Next to his throne her Son his Mother placed;
And here below, now she's of heaven possessed,
All generations are to call her blest. (NEH 182)

READINGS AND PRAYERS

- 15 AUGUST THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Luke 1.46-55 – thanksgiving for Mary**
- 16 AUGUST MONDAY – Matthew 19.16-22 –the spirit of generosity**
- 17 AUGUST TUESDAY – Judges 6.11-24 – for vocations**
- 18 AUGUST WEDNESDAY – Judges 9.6-15 – for the Queen**
- 19 AUGUST THURSDAY – Matthew 22.1-14 – for the gift of forgiveness**
- 20 AUGUST Bernard of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153 – Revelation 19.5-9 –members of religious communities**
- 21 AUGUST SATURDAY-Matthew 23.1-12 – for sincerity in our faith**



Singing hymns and spiritual songs...

John Raphael Peacey (1896-1971) was born in Hove, Sussex, the youngest of 10 children. He graduated from Selwyn College, Cambridge, in 1921 with an honors degree in Theology. He served as headmaster of a school in Calcutta, India, in the 1930s and remained there through the war years. Returning to England in 1945, he settled in Bristol on the staff of the Cathedral where he was appointed a Canon. During his lifetime, Peacey wrote 18 hymn texts which were published posthumously in 1991 under the title GO FORTH FOR GOD. Our Offertory hymn this morning “For Mary, mother of our Lord” was included in this collection, as was another well-known hymn by Peacey “Awake, awake, fling off the night”. The tune we usually set the words of our Offertory hymn this morning is St. Botolph written by Gordon Slater (1896 – 1979). Dr Slater was organist at St. Botolph’s Church, Boston (Lincs.) after which he named the tune. He went on to become organist at Leicester Cathedral and finally Lincoln Cathedral until he retired in 1966.

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 with resume on Thursday 2nd September 2021 at 7.30pm in the Church

Kind regards Ian

Church Diary

(Sunday 15th Aug – Sun 22nd Aug)

Sunday 15th	8am	Eucharist Service
	10am	Eucharist Service
	11.45am	Baptism of Cohen Tucker
Monday 16th	10am-1pm	Private Prayer
Tuesday 17th	11am	Funeral of the late George Simpson
Wednesday 18th	10am- 1pm	Private Prayer
Thursday 19th	10am	Eucharist Service
Saturday 20 th	2pm	Wedding Service
Sunday 22nd	8 am	Eucharist Service
	10 am	Eucharist Service

The Parish Office

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

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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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