



**St John the Divine Church,
Selsdon
Sunday 16th May 2021
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Welcome

Welcome back to St John's, we hope that you enjoy today's service.
Today the service will welcome The Rt Revd David Atkinson Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Southwark to take our service.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU

Opening Prayer

God of power and might, in the mystery of the Ascension you have raised up and glorified your Son, and exalted our humanity at your right hand. Confirm the good news your Church proclaims, so that when Christ returns in glory, all nations may be gathered into the kingdom where he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Psalm : Psalm No 1

First Reading: One day there were about one hundred twenty of the Lord's followers meeting together, and Peter stood up to speak to them. He said: My friends, long ago by the power of the Holy Spirit, David said something about Judas, and what he said has now happened. Judas was one of us and had worked with us, but he brought the mob to arrest Jesus.

So we need someone else to help us tell others that Jesus has been raised from death. He must also be one of the men who was with us from the very beginning. He must have been with us from the time the Lord Jesus was baptized by John until the day he was taken to heaven.

Two men were suggested: One of them was Joseph Barsabbas, known as Justus, and the other was Matthias. Then they all prayed, “Lord, you know what everyone is like! Show us the one you have chosen to be an apostle and to serve in place of Judas, who got what he deserved.” They drew names, and Matthias was chosen to join the group of the eleven apostles.

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Gospel reading

You have given me some followers from this world, and I have shown them what you are like. They were yours, but you gave them to me, and they have obeyed you. They know that you gave me everything I have. I told my followers what you told me, and they accepted it. They know that I came from you, and they believe that you are the one who sent me. I am praying for them, but not for those who belong to this world. My followers belong to you, and I am praying for them. All that I have is yours, and all that you have is mine, and they will bring glory to me.

Holy Father, I am no longer in the world. I am coming to you, but my followers are still in the world. So keep them safe by the power of the name that you have given me. Then they will be one with each other, just as you and I are one. While I was with them, I kept them safe by the power you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost, except the one who had to be lost. This happened so that what the Scriptures say would come true.

I am on my way to you. But I say these things while I am still in the world, so that my followers will have the same complete joy that I do. I have told them your message. But the people of this world hate them, because they don't belong to this world, just as I don't.

Father, I don't ask you to take my followers out of the world, but keep them safe from the evil one. They don't belong to this world, and neither do I. Your word is the truth. So let this truth make them completely yours. I am sending them into the world, just as you sent me. I have given myself completely for their sake, so that they may belong completely to the truth.

John 17.6-19

For your prayers: Read by

We pray for God's love to surround:

Jonathan Aitken, Tano Grima, Margaret Rapp, Robin Sullivan

We pray for those who have died recently:

Wendy Horner

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

16th May	John Arthur Willis	(2006)
	Susan Ruskin	(2014)
	JD Albert	(2016)
18th May	Annie Elizabeth Thomas	(2016)
	Christopher Moore	(2016)
	Ivy Taylor	(2017)
19th may	Kate Inge	(1966)
	Kate Burton	(1972)
	John Medrow	(1980)
	Judith Duffelen	(1971)
	Renee Taylor	(2016)
20th May	Leslie Strevens	(1950)
21st May	Lilian Harmer	(1981)
	Mavis Debarbara	(1987)
	Pamela Fleming	(1989)
22nd May	Muriel Inge	(1974)
	Edward Roberts	(1983)
	Robert Luckett	(1987)
	Barry Richardson	(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.

Please give NOTICES for inclusion in the weekly service sheet to Amanda bookingsstjohns@gmail.com preferably by e-mail, or in writing. It would be helpful to receive this before * Tuesday * each week.

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

The Parish Office

Will be open Mon- Thur 9am -2pm

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email bookingsstjohns@gmail.com

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

THY KINGDOM COME

We are now in a novena – don't panic it's not another name for a pandemic! "Novena" means nine days of prayer. You can organise a novena at any time but the one we are in at present is a bit different because it is part of the Church calendar. These nine days run from Ascension Day (last Thursday) to Pentecost (next Sunday) and they are to be a time when we pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit. That seems obvious Pentecost (the fiftieth day after Easter) commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and others who made up the first Christian congregation in Jerusalem, it is the birthday of the church.

Surely, we do need a new gift of the Holy Spirit. The ongoing preoccupation with growth, as well as the theological and ethical issues confronting the church today all point to a crying need for new inspiration and new energy. But be careful, be careful what you ask for, because you might get it.

The challenge is that in praying for the gift of the Holy Spirit we are asking to be changed. After all, as S. Theresa said, God has no hands but ours, so if there is to be a revitalisation of the church the only way that can come about is by the revitalisation of us, each one of us. It is no good praying for someone else to do something if we are not prepared to do it ourselves.

As the story of the first Pentecost shows, a visitation of the Holy Spirit is a life changing event, afterwards the disciples were changed people, they became apostles, fearless ambassadors for Christ. Are you ready for a transformation like that?

The church has published a range of resources for these nine days of prayer you can find them at the Thy Kingdom Come website.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

16 May – 7th Sunday of Easter – John 17.6-19 – the high priestly of Jesus – for the gift of the Holy Spirit

17 May – Monday – John 16.29-end – "take courage; I have conquered the world" – that we may be fearless in proclaiming our faith.

18 May – Tuesday – John 17.1-11 – that they may be one as we are one – for Christian unity

19 May - Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988 – Matthew 24.42-46 – the faithful servant – Justin our Archbishop

20 May – Thursday – John 17.20-end – so that the world may know – for Fr Younis our Rector designate

21 May – Friday – John 21.15-19 – the martyrdom of S. Peter foretold – for all who suffer for the faith today

22 May – Saturday – John 21.20 –end – the testimony of John – that we may be faithful witnesses to Christ

**WE WELCOME OUR NEW RECTOR
YOUNIS FRANCIS TO
ST JOHN'S IN THE SUMMER UNTIL THEN
HERE IS A LITTLE INFO ON YOUNIS**

Revd Canon Younis Francis was born in Pakistan in 1966. He pursued theological studies first at Christ the King Seminary, Karachi, the University of Malta and the Pontific Selesian University, Rome, Italy.

Younis was ordained as priest in 1995. He worked as Assistant Parish Priest and Director of Formation in Pakistan. After 4 years of ministry as a Catholic Priest, he went to Malta in search of a different career before moving to the UK in 2001.

Younis joined the Anglican Church in 2005. After two years of Theological training at South-East Institute of Theological Education and the University of Kent, he served his curacy at St Mary's, Addington. Before his appointment at St Philip's in 2016, he worked as a Team Vicar in the Cheam Team Ministry from 2011 to 2016.

Father Younis was made an Honorary Canon of Southwark Cathedral in 2017.

Father Younis is married to Nancy and they have a son Zeron. In his spare time, Younis is interested in Cricket, Football, reading and listening to music.

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Monica has raised £595 for Macmillan Cancer Care by walking 65 miles with her grandson KB. This was way over her target in miles and donations. Thank you to everyone who donated Monica is really grateful.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH



MESSY GARDEN

If you collected a Flower Growing Kit at the 10am Service on Easter Sunday please note that the growing plants can be returned to St John's at the

All Age Service on Sunday 13th June 2021 at the 10am service

Planting will be in the Children's Garden immediately after the service

Please come along and plant your flowers!

Refreshments will be provided

If you need any further information or help please contact

Gill Salter on 0208 405 9971

Database Update

I would like to get an up-to date contact list ready for when Younis our new Rector starts. If you have had any changes to your address, telephone number or email in the last two years please can you let me know so I can update my records. It may be, I already have the change but just to double check

You can either email me on bookingsstjohns@gmail.com or Telephone 0208 6579466 and leave a message if I am not available.

Many Thanks in advance Amanda



Singing hymns and spiritual songs...

A weekly round up by Ian Brentnall our Choir Master

Today is the Sunday after Ascension For my choice of hymn this week I have chosen “The head that once was crowned with thorns”, written by the Irish cleric Thomas Kelly (1769 – 1855). Kelly is credited with having written 765 hymns published over a period of 51 years. Another of his hymns still sung today is the Passiontide hymn “We sing the praise of him who died”. Thomas Kelly studied Law at Trinity College, Dublin but gave up a career in the Law in favour of taking ordination. He and a fellow ex-student of Trinity began a preaching ministry focussing on the theme of Grace. This led to them being inhibited from preaching on doctrinal grounds by the Bishop of Dublin. Kelly went on to preach in un-consecrated locations and eventually founded a movement known as the Kellyites in 1802.

The tune to which we usually sing this hymn is St Magnus by Jeremiah Clarke c. 1674 – 1707. Clarke was one of the pupils of John Blow at St Paul's Cathedral and a chorister in 1685 at the Chapel Royal. Between 1692 and 1695 he was an organist at Winchester College, then between 1699 and 1704 he was an organist at St Paul's Cathedral. He later became an organist and 'Gentleman extraordinary' at the Chapel Royal, he shared that post with fellow composer William Croft, his friend. They were succeeded by John Blow. Apart from several hymn tunes, Clarke is also remembered for the famous Trumpet Tune in D, the Prince of Denmark's March, incorrectly attributed to Purcell in times gone by.

1. The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.

6. The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him,
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

2. The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal Light;

3. The joy all of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his Name to know.

4. To them the cross with all its shame,
with all its grace is given;
their name, an everlasting name;
their joy, the joy of heaven.

5. They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.

Grand Raffle

Christian Aid Week

10th - 16th
May 2021

We will be holding a raffle to be drawn on Sunday
16th May after the 10 am service
You can get your tickets from
this Sunday (9th May) after the 10 am service
and also in the parish office
Mon- Thur 9 am -2 pm

All proceeds will go to Christian Aid



Meeting God in silence

will return on

**Monday evenings at 6 pm in the Garden Room
from Monday 17th May 2021**



SUNDAY 23RD MAY
AFTER THE 10 AM SERVICE

We will be offering a range of plants, chutneys, marmalades, cakes and candles please pop along to our outdoor sale all profits go towards St John's.

With this in mind, please sow an extra seed or two, or pot up any spare plants from your garden. Maybe make an extra pot or two of marmalade or put an extra cake in the freezer to sell on the day.

Thank you





Greetings from Selsdon Baptist Church.

I am writing to let you know that we will be running another Bereavement Support Group starting on **Wednesday 21 April 2021 from 2pm until 3.30pm.**

It will run for 5 weeks until 19 May and will be held at Selsdon Baptist church in the Coffee Lounge.

This will be a small and friendly group and is suitable for anyone who has been bereaved. For more information and/or to book a place, please call Jane on 07561 869620 or Dawn on 07718 189033

Or email: bereavement@selsdonbaptist.org.uk

COVID Government Guidelines will be followed.

Blessings Jane white

Coming Up

Dates for you to pop in your diary

Sunday 23rd May 10.00 am – Pentecost Service

11.00 am - Plant Sale at St John' s

Sunday 13th June 10.00 am- Planting in the children's garden

Diary Dates

Thursday 20th May

Thursday Morning Eucharist 10 am

Sunday 23rd May

Pentecost Service 10 am

Spring Plant Sale 11 am

Don't Forget !!

The church is open for private prayer

Mondays- Thursdays 10am - 1pm

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