



**St John the Divine Church,  
Selsdon  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

## **Welcome**

Welcome to St John's, we hope that you enjoy today's service.  
Today's service will be taken by Reverend Younis

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

**Opening Prayer** Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

**Psalm:** Psalm 89

**Anthem:** "Brother James' Air" Arr Gordon Jacob

### **First Reading**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So, I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Jeremiah 23: 1 – 6*

## **Gospel**

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

*Mark 6: 30 - 34, 53 - end*

**For your prayers:**

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

Jonathan Aitken, Linda Gordon, 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:**

19th July	Leslie Stevens	(1981)
	Michael Sinclair	(2006)
20th July	Jim Card	(2019)
21st July	Blanch Connop	(1993)
22nd July	Patrick Simmonds	(2005)
	George Davenport	(2019)
23rd July	Roger Slade	(2008)
24th July	Janice Fixter	(2012)
	Pamela Lemondine	(2018)

***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.***



***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)

The logo for Churches Together in Selsdon and Addington. It features a black anchor with a red sunburst above it. Below the anchor, the words "CHURCHES TOGETHER" are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with "in SELSDON and ADDINGTON" in a smaller font below that.



## **Father Michael's Diary**

**16 JULY 2021**

### **HOLY WOMEN**

Next week we commemorate no less than five female saints.

**18 July** – St Elizabeth of Russia Martyr (1918). Originally from Germany Elizabeth was part of Russian nobility and was the sister-in-law of the last Tsar, Nicholas II. She was widowed in 1905 and thereafter founded the sisters of Love and Mercy who ran a hospital and other philanthropic projects. She was murdered as part of the Russian revolution the day after the Tsar and his family were assassinated. In 1984 she was recognised as a saint by the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad and by the Moscow Patriarchate in 1992. Her statue is one of the ten modern martyrs which adorn the west front of Westminster Abbey. (This commemoration is not observed this year as it falls on a Sunday)

**19 July** – St Macrina, Deaconess, Teacher of the Faith (379). Macrina, along with her brothers, Basil and Gregory (who is also commemorated today) were part of the group of theologians known as the Cappadocian fathers. It was Macrina who after the death of their parents converted the household into a sort of monastery on one of the family estates. The Cappadocian fathers were staunch defenders of the doctrine of the Trinity which was then being challenged and played a key role in its reaffirmation at the Council of Constantinople in 381

**20 July** – St. Margaret of Antioch (4<sup>th</sup> century) also called Marina gave her life during the Diocletian persecutions. Her preaching before her death is said to converted many to the Christian faith.

**22 July** – St. Mary Magdalene – All four gospels give Mary Magdalene a unique place among Jesus's followers. Probably from Magdala by the sea of Galilee, she is described as having been healed by Jesus before accompanying him during his ministry. Along with other faithful women, she stayed beside the Cross during the crucifixion and was the first disciple to discover the empty tomb on Easter morning. She was privileged with the first appearance of the risen Lord who sent her to take the good news of the Resurrection the other disciples. This commission earned her the title 'Apostle to the Apostles in the early church.

**23 July** – St Bridget of Sweden, Abbess of Vadstena (1373) was a noble woman who experienced mystical revelations from childhood. After her husband's death she founded a monastery at Vadstena in 1346, the home of the Brigettine order of which her daughter became the first abbess. Bridget spent the last years of her life as a pilgrim, adviser to rulers and church leaders and a minister to all in need.. On 1 October 1999 Pope John Paul II announced her as a patron of Europe.

## **READINGS AND PRAYERS**

18 July - Seventh Sunday after Trinity – Mark 6.30-34, 53-56 – Jesus had compassion on them - all Christians in Russia.

19 July – Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess, Teachers of the Faith (394 and 379) I Corinthians 2.9-13 – we speak of these things as ...taught by the Spirit – all theologians.

20 July – Margaret of Antioch, Martyr (4<sup>th</sup> century) Matthew 10.16-22 – those who suffer persecution today.

21 July – Bartolomé de las Casas – Apostle to the Indies (1566) – John 10.11-16 I have other sheep which do not belong to this fold – the evangelistic work of the Church.

22 July – Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles – John 20.1,2, 11-18 – those who doubt the Resurrection.

23 July – Bridget of Sweden, Abbess of Vadstena (1373) – John 15.1-8 – members of religious communities

24 July – Saturday – Matthew 13,24-30 – the weeds and the wheat – that we may work patiently for the coming of the Kingdom.

Love and Prayers

Michael



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

This week in our Gospel we listen once again as St. Mark relates to us more stories of Christ's ministry to the sick. This part of our Lord's ministry has of course been brought into vivid focus since Covid 19 first reached our shores; the heart-wrenching stories of illness, hospitalisation and of those who have tragically succumbed to this terrible disease have never been out of the headlines. The hymn "Thine arm, O God, in days of old" reminds us of Jesus' healing ministry as his love for those who were broken by disease and disability made them whole once again. It is also a prayer that he will continue as our means of deliverance from suffering and that all people, "...whole and sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee evermore."

Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821 – 1891) was educated at Oxford where he achieved double firsts in Mathematics and Classics. He was ordained in 1847 and worked for 21 years on the staff at Kings College London. There he was recognised as having contributed to the development and expansion of education by introducing evening classes and promoting the higher education of women as a professor at Queen's College. He concurrently undertook clerical work as Rector of Pluckley in Kent and later Bickley (a church building I can see from my house!) before being made Dean of Wells in 1881. He was a prolific writer on the subject of scriptural interpretation as well as analysis and translation of the Classics. Plumptre also wrote several hymns, of which our hymn this week is one.

The tune usually set to our hymn is St Matthew by William Croft (1678 – 1727). Croft received his education at the Chapel Royal under John Blow. He was eventually made an organist and a "Gentleman Extraordinary" of the Chapels Royal, a post he shared with his friend Jeremiah Clarke (famed for his Trumpet Tune and for several hymn tunes sung regularly today). Croft took over from Clarke as Master of the Children of the Chapel Royal in 1707 and a year later took over from Blow as Organist at Westminster Abbey where he composed the music for the funeral of Queen Anne and the coronation of King George I. Croft's most famous hymn tune is St Anne, set to Isaac Watts' words "O God, our help in ages past".

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old  
was strong to heal and save;  
it triumphed o'er disease and death,  
o'er darkness and the grave.  
To thee they went, the blind, the dumb,  
the palsied, and the lame,  
the leper with his tainted life,  
the sick with fevered frame.

And lo! thy touch brought life and health,  
gave hearing, strength, and sight;  
and youth renewed and frenzy calmed  
owned thee, the Lord of light:  
and now, O Lord, be near to bless,  
almighty as of yore,  
in crowded street, by restless couch,  
as by Gennesaret's shore.

Be thou our great deliverer still,  
thou Lord of life and death;  
restore and quicken, soothe and bless,  
with thine almighty breath:  
to hands that work and eyes that see,  
give wisdom's heavenly lore,  
that whole and sick, and weak and strong,  
may praise thee evermore.

### **A return to singing in Church**

If all goes according to plan as at the time of writing, this Sunday will be the last during which we must endure the frustration of a said service! Soon we will be allowed to take up our little green hymn books once again and join our voices together in songful praise. Who would have thought all those months ago how much we would grow to miss singing with our fellow Christians in praise of our Lord?

Singing is an inherently physical thing and, like any physical activity we abstain from for an extended period of time, it takes a while to build up our strength. Don't be surprised if you find your voice weakens to begin with, this is only natural and even highly experienced singers have found the same. In the same way as a sprint runner would never expect to get up in the morning and immediately be able to run at their fastest, it is wise not to expect too much of your voice and all the muscles which support the activity of singing and take things gently. If you haven't done any singing for months, humming or singing a few notes of a favourite melody or hymn tune to "la" whilst doing the hoovering or during your next car journey would be a good way to start. In the shower is also particularly good for the voice. Begin small: a few notes quietly, then gradually build up. Remember to take a good deep breath before you start but above all, don't force it! When you come to sing hymns again if you find yourself getting tired or the voice becomes a bit croaky, it's better to take a verse off rather than strain things and possibly do some damage. If you are unsure or would like further advice, then you are most welcome to talk to me after any service.



# Welcome Revd Younis

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 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 now back at St John's**



**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)**

**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**

**Church Diary**  
**(Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Sun 25<sup>th</sup> July)**

<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	8am Eucharist Service 10am Eucharist Service
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	10am-1pm Private Prayer
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	10am- 1pm Private Prayer 7.30pm PCC meeting in the church
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	10am- 1pm Private Prayer
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	10am -1pm Private prayer
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Seventh Sunday after Trinity 8 am Eucharist Service 10 am Eucharist Service 11.45am Baptism service

**The Parish Office**

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

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