

DEFINING TRUE GREATNESS



MARK 9:30-37

**St John the Divine Church,
Selston
Sunday 19th September 2021
Sixteenth 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

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymns:	Opening:	15	The Lord will come and not be slow
	Gradual:	431	O Thou who camest from above
	Offertory:	439	Praise to the holiest in the height
	Anthem:		Love Divine- Goodall
	Communion	320	O perfect love (T:ii)
	Final:	377	Immortal, invisible

First Reading

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so, you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so, you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

James 3.13-4.3,7-8a

Gospel

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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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:

19th September Lucy Smith (1974)

Bill Purvis (1979)

David Dobson (1984)

Florence Robbins (1996)

20th September Wai Ming Leung (1984)

Harold Gayton (1994)

22nd September Marina Chew (2000)

Christobel Orchard (2000)

Eileen Goodison (2008)

23rd September Tony Webb (2018)

24th September Elisabeth Cook (1988)

Anthony Carey (1998)

25th September Bertram Sheen (1990)

Richard Hay (2003)

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.

Inside Out: The Croydon Area Lay Conference

Saturday 6 November 2021
10.00am – 3.30pm
Zoom



A day to celebrate all that lay people do beyond the walls of their churches. The keynote speaker is broadcaster and writer Andrew Graystone, author of the bestselling *Faith, Hope and Mischief*.

With worship and workshops including serving refugees, the environment, teenagers, grandparenting, the digital world, Black Lives Matter, art and generous living.

For more information and to register for this free online event, visit croydonlayconference2021.eventbrite.co.uk. Bookings close on 25 October.



**We need your help to
restart
Sunday School!!!**

Katie and Nancy would love to get together a rota of helpers who would be willing to help them re-start the Sunday school. Are you good with children and would like to make church fun for the little ones??

If you would be interested, please speak to Katie or Nancy



Toddler Group to returns to St John's

**We will open on Monday mornings from
Monday 27th September at 10am- 11.45**

**The group will be restricted to 40 children and adults and the
doors will close at 10.20am so please be there before then.
Please spread the word among your family and friends and
hope to see you soon!**



DSM foundation
The drug education charity

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...



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:

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| 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

17 SEPTEMBER 2021

WHAT ARE SAINTS FOR?

Each week our church calendar commemorates a number of men and women as saints, some are well known like Matthew, although we know very little of his life; others are of more specialised interest like Hildegard of Bingen or Lancelot Andrewes, some indeed may not have actually existed at all like Michael the Archangel. In each case the same question arises why do we remember them – what are saints for?

First the lives of the saints often mark turning points in the church's history: Ninian was a 5th century bishop who brought the Gospel to the Picts, Edward Pusey was one of the leaders in the Catholic revival in the church of England in the 19th century and in between those two there are a whole lot of men and women who changed the course of church history.

Second, the saints give us examples of the Christian life lived to the full: martyrs like Cyprian of Carthage (258), John Coleridge Patteson (1871) the martyrs of Papua New Guinea (1942) and Janani Luwum (1977) all gave their lives for the faith while Gregory the Great (604), Charles Lowder (1880) and George Bell (1958) lived it to the full. Collectively their lives set a standard for the Christian life most of us find it hard to equal.

Third, the saints make up with us a community of worship and prayer. The Church extends not only through space, to every corner of the earth, but also through time as well. The Puritan divine Richard Baxter expresses this well in his hymn "He wants not friends that hath thy love" (NEH371):

Still we are centred all in thee
Members, though distant of one Head;
In the same family we be,
By the same faith and spirit led.

Before thy throne we daily meet
As joint-petitioners to thee...

Or as the well-known Marian hymn (NEH 183) puts It
Let us weave our supplications
She with us and we with her.....

READINGS AND PRAYERS

19 SEPTEMBER – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity – Mark 9.30-37 – that we may treat every person as of infinite worth in the sight of God

20 SEPTEMBER – John Coleridge Patteson, First Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1971 – Acts 7.55-end – all who suffer for the Faith

21 SEPTEMBER – MATTHEW, Apostle and Evangelist – Matthew 9.9-13 – that we may steadfastly follow Christ

22 SEPTEMBER – Wednesday – Ezra 9.5-9 – thanksgiving for God's providence

23 SEPTEMBER – Thursday – Haggai 1.3-8 – for all who care for our church building

24 SEPTEMBER – Friday – Luke .43b – 45 – for the gift of faith

25 SEPTEMBER – Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626 – Isaiah 6.1-8 – for the gift of spiritual vision

Love and prayers Michael

Saturday 2nd October 2021

Family Ramble

**Churches Together in Selsdon and
Addington combined with Churches
Together in Warlingham**



Starting and ending at St Christopher's, Warlingham

(Chelsham Road, CR6 9EQ - near Sainsbury's)

Come and see inside these historic churches at

St Leonard's, Chelsham; St Mary's, Farleigh;

and All Saints', Warlingham

This circular walk is about 7 miles long through the beautiful Surrey countryside but you could join us for any part, for a length to suit you - see below. The section to All Saints' after lunch includes a valley with a hill both down and up.

10:00 - 11:15 - St Christopher's (Warlingham) to St Leonard's (Chelsham)

11:30 - 12:30 - St Leonard's to St Mary's (Farleigh)

12:45 - 1:30 - St Mary's to The Harrow

1:30 - 2:30 - Lunch at The Harrow

2:30 - 3:30 - The Harrow to All Saints' (Warlingham)

3:30 - 4:00 - All Saints' to St Christopher's.

NB All timings after the 10 am start are approximate (depending on the number of walkers), but we will not leave any place before the stated time.

**Come and go as you please -
join us for the whole day or for any part of the
walk**

Queries - Gayle Costello, St Francis

020 8651 5947

or Nigel Poulter, St
Christopher's

07951 701692



Harvest Festival

Sunday 26th September

Please come and join us for

Harvest Festival

Services at

8am and 10am

Harvest Lunch 12 noon

Tickets for lunch are £10pp please pay on the day.
Please see the back of the church for details of the menu and
sign up sheet.

If you would like any further info you can email Younis
revd.younis@gmail.com

In the morning services we will be collecting important resources for the
refugee centre in Croydon we would be very grateful of the following
items which can be brought along to the services:

- Rice
- Lentils
- Tinned tuna
- Tinned sardines
- Tinned corn beef
- Tinned kidney beans
- Tinned chickpeas
- Tea
- Sugar
- Toothpaste
- Bar soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Roll on deodorant

Church Diary

(Sunday 19th Sept – Sun 26th Sept)

Sunday 19th	8am	Eucharist Service
	10am	Eucharist Service
Monday 20th	10am-1pm	Private Prayer
	6pm	Meeting God In Silence – Garden Room
Tuesday 21st	10am-1pm	Private Prayer
Wed 22nd	10am- 1pm	Private Prayer
Thursday 23rd	10am	Eucharist Service
Sunday 26 th		HARVEST FESTIVAL
	8 am	Eucharist Service
	10 am	Eucharist Service (Coffee in the Garden room)
	12Noon	Harvest Lunch in the hall

The Parish Office

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

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St John's Website address is:

www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk

To find our **Facebook** page simply search

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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

Tel: 0208 6572343 / 07504 721 294

email revd.younis@gmail.com