



**St John the Divine Church,
Selsdon
Sunday 20th June 2021
Third Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome

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

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Psalm: Verses taken from Psalm 9

First Reading

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So, death is at work in us, but life in you.

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture— “I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off, we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

2 Corinthians 4.7 – 5.5

Gospel

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?”⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Mark 4:35-1

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:

21 st June	Margaret Dobson	(1983)
	Thomas Easman	(1985)
22 nd June	Ernest Bolingbroke	(1994)
	Nigel Leaves	(2015)
23 rd June	Eileen Spencer	(2014)
24 th June	Alan Dingley	(1971)
	Estelle Edie	(1984)
25 th June	Frank Giles	(1985)
	John Braden	(2014)
26 th June	Arthur Smith	(1987)
	Michael Prew	(1987)
	Pam Tagart	(2017)
	Mavis Greathead	(2018)
	Brian Chapman	(2018)

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)**

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www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk

To find our Facebook page simply search

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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



18 JUNE 2021

ENGLISH SPIRITUALITY

We saw last week how Anglicanism spans the divide between Catholic and Protestant there is something else which makes Anglicanism unique and that is the character of English spirituality. In his 1963 study the theologian Marin Thornton identified six characteristics which distinguish English Spirituality. They are:

1. a union of heart and head - prayer, worship and the whole of life must be grounded in sound theological teaching with little room for the ecstatic or the spectacular.
2. the unity of the church – the Book of Common Prayer was meant to be just that a form of worship suited equally to the parish church, a monastic basilica, a college chapel, and a family home.
3. humanism and optimism – the conviction that, in Julian of Norwich's words, all shall be well because whatever befalls us God will sustain us
4. a firm liturgical foundation – built of course on the Book of Common prayer and now on Common Worship.
5. the practice of habitual recollection – a continual awareness of Christ's presence in daily life unifying worship and work
6. spiritual direction – helping people to find God in their daily lives by responding to what life brings rather than applying some form of spiritual discipline.

English spirituality may seem rather difficult to pin down, it's more a question of you know it when you see it, but its expression is a vital characteristic of Anglicanism. It may strike you as rather dour and unemotional but that reflects the English character generally, but that is not the whole story. The spirituality of Julian of Norwich for instance is full of joy and love. This distinctive spirituality should inform and influence not only the worship but also the daily lives of all our people.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

SUNDAY 20 JUNE – THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY – Mark 4.35-41 – the stilling of the storm – that we may have confidence in God's love and care for us.

MONDAY 21 JUNE – Matthew 7.1-5 – do not judge - for fairmindedness.

TUESDAY 22 JUNE – Alban, First Martyr of Britain, c.250 – 2 Timothy 2.3-13 – a good soldier of Christ Jesus – that we may faithfully serve Christ.

WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE – Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, c.678 - Matthew 25.1-13 – keep awake – members of religious communities.

THURSDAY 24 JUNE- THE BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST – Luke 1.57-66, 80 – his name is John – for all who suffer for the faith.

FRIDAY 25 JUNE – Matthew 7.21 – end - the house on the rock – for Fr Younis our Rector designate.

SATURDAY 26 JUNE – 2 Kings 25.1-12 – the fall of Jerusalem - for the growth of the Kingdom of God

Love and Prayers

Michael



Singing hymns and spiritual songs...

Back to the green hymn book this week for a hymn to complement our Gospel reading from St. Mark. Jesus, asleep on board a boat crossing the Sea of Galilee is woken by his terrified disciples as they are caught in the grips of a sudden storm. Jesus' love and care for his friends in calming the storm and saving them must have been in the thoughts of a multitude of seafarers across the centuries as they faced the peril of a raging storm. The hymn "Eternal Father, strong to save" was written in 1860 by William Whiting (1825-1878) who was an English writer and poet. He was educated at Winchester College and eventually rose to become master of Winchester College Choristers' School. "Eternal Father" is his best-known hymn, inspired by the words of Psalm 107 (They that go down to the sea in ships) and is most frequently associated with Remembrance and the Royal Navy. The hymn has also been adopted by other branches of the armed services in the UK and the US and the text of the hymn has been adapted and extended accordingly. The tune most usually associated with this hymn is Melita by John Bacchus Dykes, a noted author and priest, remembered for having written over 300 hymn tunes including Dominus regit me, the tune set to the hymn "The King of love my shepherd is".

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bid'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, Whose voice the waters heard
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.

O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
Who bid'st its angry tumult cease,
And gavest light and life and peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
And ever let there rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.



Meeting God in silence

Monday evenings at 6 pm in the Garden Room

CTSA Spring Family Ramble



Sunday 27th June 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Come and join us for an easy, local walk-through woods and fields

Meet at St Mary's Addington in front of the church hall and bring your own bottle of water.

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.



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

St John's Garden Room



We are now starting to open a little bit more and have started to take bookings for the garden room again.

We can hold a small group in there so if you have a small group of up to 6 people from separate households who would like to meet for a coffee morning etc please get in contact with Amanda on 0208 6579466 or email bookingsstjohns@gmail.com who can let you know rates and availability.

We will be able to take larger bookings when covid restrictions are lifted so please do get in touch if you have a group that the Garden Room would be perfect for later on in the year.

Diary Dates

Mon 21st June – Thur 24th June 10 am- 1 pm

Church is open to the public for Private Prayer

Thursday 24th June

Thursday Morning Eucharist 10 am

Sunday 27th June

Fourth 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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