



**St John the Divine Church,  
Selsdon  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Welcome**

Welcome back to St John's it is so lovely to have the congregation back in the church. We hope that you enjoy today's service. Today the service will be taken by The Revd Canon Wendy Robins – Canon Chancellor at Southwark Cathedral. Today we will also be holding the APCM after the service.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU**

**Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Psalm :** Psalm 23

**First Reading:** Hilary Richardson

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

This Jesus is “the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.”

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

*Acts 4.5-12*

## **Gospel**

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

*John 10.11-18*

**For your prayers: Read by Sue Tilley**

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

Jonathan Aitken, Tano Grima, Margaret Rapp, Robin Sullivan

**We pray for those who have died recently:**

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

25th April	Kitty Bartlett	(1987)
	Ronald Neal	(1988)
	Leonard Thomas	(1995)
	Lily Naisbett	(2009)
26th April	Edward Mills	(1960)
	Ada French	(1980)
	Russell Lloyd	(1987)
	Alice English	(1988)
	Barbara Barker	(2019)
27th April	Frank Brackfield	(1985)
28th April	Ronald Yeatman	(2001)
	Marjorie Underwood	(2005)
29th April	Shirley Waynforth	(1966)
	Paul Condon	(2014)
	Betty Ward	(2015)
30th April	Frank Staples	(1983)
	Margaret Mercer	(1986)
	Hilda McNeil	(2012)

***If you'd like prayer either for yourself or for another, please email [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 email Amanda on the above email.***

***Please give NOTICES for inclusion in the weekly service sheet to Amanda [bookingsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com)**

# **The Parish Office**

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**[www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk](http://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**

23 APRIL 2021

### LIVING THE RESURRECTION

“When you walk through the storm,  
Hold your head up high,  
And don't be afraid of the dark....”

Many of you will be familiar with the lyrics of this ballad, the anthem of Liverpool FC. The anthem which sustained Liverpool's supporters throughout their battle to obtain justice for the 96 fans who were crushed to death in Hillsborough Stadium on 15 April 1989, a fight which continues to this day.

But it is also a summary of resurrection living. In our lives there is bound to be a great deal of darkness, not only the death of our loved ones but also a whole host of “little deaths”: failures, mistakes, disappointments, injustices, abuses, unfairness and all the rest, all part of living in a fallen, less than perfect world. Indeed, it would be all too easy to let the darkness overwhelm us and lead lives of sadness, bitterness and disillusionment.

To all this our resurrection faith says “no” for our resurrection faith teaches us that death in any of its forms is never, can never be, the end. Beyond death there is resurrection, new life, bigger and better than what went before. The song's lyrics speak of “a golden sky and their sweet silver song of a lark” but that is a mere shadow of the glory of resurrection. If we can hold on to that resurrection faith then we can pass through these temporal sufferings and find beyond them that our lives have been transformed, with the discovery of different perspective, a different set of values. In the midst of this fallen world, we have discovered eternal life.

Resurrection faith gives us the courage to face whatever death, great or small, that confronts us. The lyrics say “walk on walk on with hope in your heart and you'll never walk alone”. If indeed that hope is the hope of resurrection, then as we walk through the storms of life we certainly won't walk alone because our resurrected, risen Lord, Jesus Christ, will be walking beside us. His pierced feet will walk beside ours and his pierced hands will guide us to the realm of truth and peace and eternal life.

## **READINGS AND PRAYERS**

**25 APRIL – Fourth Sunday of Easter** – John 10.11-18 – the good Shepherd – for vocations

**26 APRIL** – St Mark, Evangelist (transferred) – Mark 13.5-13 – stand fast – for a firm faith

**27 APRIL – Tuesday** – John 10.22-30 – my sheep hear my voice – that may be attentive to the voice of God.

**28 APRIL - Wednesday**- Act 12.24-13.5 – Paul Barnabas set out on a missionary journey – for the mission of the Church

**29 APRIL** – St Catherine of Siena – Proverbs 8.1-11 – wisdom is better than jewels – for the gift of wisdom.

**30 APRIL** – Friday – Acts 13.26-33 – God raised Christ from the dead – for the faithful departed.

**1 May** – St Philip and St James, Apostles – John 14.1-14 – the way the truth and the life – the way we may be faithful to our Christian discipleship.

**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.

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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

Monica Turton is raising funds for Macmillan by walking over 40 miles in April. She has already raised £270 smashing her target. She would be grateful for any help in raising as much as possible for a great charity. She is walking with her grandson KB and helping the charity on behalf of Alan White and Ruth Joy who are friends of Monica and have had the support of Macmillan.

If you would like to donate you can either using this link

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/monica-turton>

or you can see Monica when she is church on Sundays.

Well Done Monica !!!!

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**





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

A weekly round up by Ian Brentnall our Choir Master

Christ the good shepherd is an image we will hear described in our Gospel reading this morning, a theme also reflected in our Psalm for the morning, being Psalm 23. There are a number of paraphrased versions of Psalm 23 set to music which have won a place in the hearts many who have faced difficult and troubling times; the versions set to the tune "Crimond" and Brother James' Air to name but two. One sung less often but of which I was always fond is "The King of love my shepherd is", written by Sir Henry Williams Baker (1821 – 1877). Sir Henry was educated at Cambridge University after which took Holy Orders and moved to Durham. He became a noted author, hymn writer and is also remembered for his role as promotor and editor of Hymns Ancient and Modern. The tune most usually associated with this hymn is Dominus regit me by John Bacchus Dykes, another noted author and priest, remembered for having written over 300 hymn tunes including Melita, the tune set to the hymn "Eternal Father, strong to save".

The King of love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul he leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love he sought me,  
And on his shoulder gently laid,  
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:  
And O what transport of delight  
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
Within thy house for ever.



**SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> 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](mailto:bereavement@selsdonbaptist.org.uk)

COVID Government Guidelines will be followed.

Blessings Jane white

### ***Coming Up .....***

### ***Dates for you to pop in your diary***

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 11.00 am - Plant Sale at St John's

THURSDAY 13 MAY - ASCENSION DAY

10.00 a.m. Eucharist at St John's

7.30 p.m. DEANERY EUCHARIST at St Edward New Addington (preacher: The Ven Dr Rosemarie Mallet, Archdeacon of Croydon)

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 10.00 am - Pentecost Service

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 am- Planting in the children's garden

## **Diary Dates**

### **Thursday 29th April**

Thursday Morning Eucharist 10 am

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Fifth Sunday of Easter Eucharist Service 10 am

**Don't Forget !!**

**The church is open for private prayer  
Mondays- Thursdays 10am - 1pm**

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