



**St John the Divine Church,
Selsdon
Sunday 26th September 2021
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Festival**

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

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns:	Opening:	234	Christ, whose glory fills the skies
	Gradual:	357	Father hear the prayer we offer
	Offertory:	358	Father of heaven, whose love profound (T:ii)
	Anthem:		Come and sing choir
	Communion:	407	Lord thy word abideth
	Final:	467	Through all the changing scenes of life

First Reading

A reading from the first letter of Timothy

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.

This is good and pleases God our Saviour, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. For, there is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity — the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time. And I have been chosen as a preacher and apostle to teach the Gentiles this message about faith and truth.

I'm not exaggerating—just telling the truth.

This is the Word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

Mark 9.38-50

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For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

Jonathan Aitken, Linda Gordon, Chloe Lou, Michelle Lord,
Margaret Rapp

We pray for those who have died recently:

Edward Brisset, Ros Harley

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

27th September Jill Sadler (1994)

George Henry Smith (1999)

28th September Sally Stewart (2018)

29th September Ethel Robinson (1980)

Eileen Lamprell (2012)

Judy Prew (2017)

30th September Terry Francis (1980)

Edith Wilcox (1968)

Pat Holton (2010)

David Lyell (2011)

Christopher Deru (2014)

1st October Arthur Mears (1979)

Christine Barry (2018)

2nd October George Horton (1987)

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



Please note that coffee will be in the garden room this morning after the service.

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.

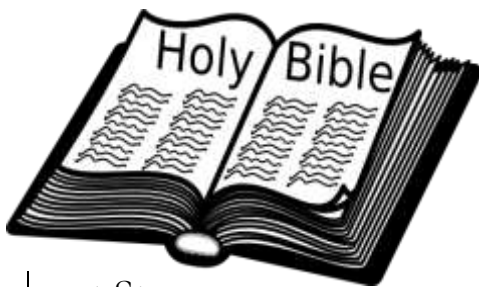
The Croydon Refugee Centre is in desperate need of :

- **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**
- **Saucepans**



All items need to be clean and in reasonably good condition.

Please rummage in your cupboards and donate any unwanted items to Debbie Brown.



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"Bible Questions"

Understanding the Bible: an overview

Join us
John's Church Selsdon

6th October - 17th November 2021
Wednesdays 10.00am - 11.30am

Everyone is Welcome

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



Breakfast Sunday 3rd October **9am**

We look forward to seeing you all next Sunday at 9am a hopefully on the first Sundays in November and December.

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

24 SEPTEMBER 2021

A COMPANY OF ANGELS

Next Wednesday is Michaelmas, the feast of Michael and All Angels. It marks the anniversary of the dedication of church near Rome in the fifth century in honour of the archangel. When the Prayer Book calendar was compiled "all angels" were added; in the Roman Catholic Calendar the names of two other archangels, Gabriel and Raphael were added.

Angels came into Jewish theology during the exile in Babylon. As ideas about God expanded and the idea of God increased in magnitude and therefore remoteness angels came to bridge the ever-widening gap between God and humankind. They were seen as God's messengers and as the protectors of the faithful. In the Old Testament they first appear as the three men who visit Abraham and foretell both the birth of Isaac and the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. (Genesis 18). Angels call Gideon (Judges 6) and foretell the birth of Samson (Judges 13). Later some angels were given specific functions and names. In Daniel, written at the time of the Maccabees (2nd century BCE) nations had their guardian angels and one of the chief angels is named as Michael There is of course Gabriel who tells Mary she is to be the mother of Jesus and Zaccheus that he is to be the father of John Baptist. In the book of Tobit in the apocrypha we meet another archangel Raphael, who brings God's healing and appears as a man to Tobit and his son Tobias. Finally in Revelation it is Michael again who commands the heavenly army which defeats Satan (conceived as a fallen angel).

So, from a simple idea, the need to conceive of intermediaries between God and humankind an elaborate scheme of angelology developed with the angelic host divided into nine orders as Athelstan Riley puts (NEH xxx)

Ye [watchers](#) and ye [holy ones](#),
Bright [Seraphs](#), [Cherubim](#) and [Thrones](#),
Raise the glad strain, [Alleluya!](#)
Cry out, [Dominions](#), [Princedoms](#), [Powers](#),
[Virtues](#), [Archangels](#), [Angels' choirs](#),
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!

Such elaboration, although strikingly poetic probably seems unnecessarily complicated speculation but at its heart lies the valuable idea God is involved in creation loves creation and seeks to preserve it and all life within it. As the Michaelmas collect says.

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and men in a wonderful order:
Grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,
So, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

26 SEPTEMBER – 17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY – Mark 9.38-50 – have salt in yourselves – for self-knowledge

27 SEPTEMBER - Vincent de Paul – Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (1660) – 1 Corinthians 1.25-end – God chose what is foolish – all who minister to those on the fringes of society

28 SEPTEMBER – Tuesday – Zechariah 8.20-end – let us seek the Lord – the missionary work of the Church

29 SEPTEMBER - Michael and All Angels – Hebrews 1.5-end – may we join with the angels in worship

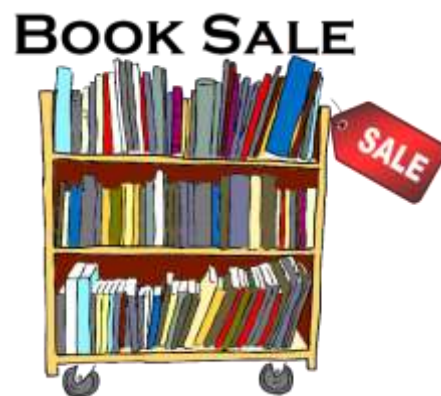
30 SEPTEMBER – Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, 1392 – Matthew 13. 37-52 – the dragnet- for the Bible Reading Fellowship

1 OCTOBER – Teresa of Lisieux, Teacher of the Faith (1897) – Matthew 18.1-5 – you must become like little children – for the members of religious communities

2 OCTOBER – The Guardian Angels - Exodus 23. 20-23 – that God may protect us

“THE RETURN OF THE SUNDAY BOOK/DVD/SALES”

After 18 months since the last book sale, we are delighted to let you know that we are holding two forthcoming sales, after the 10am Church Service in the Church Hall on...



SUNDAY, 17th OCTOBER and SUNDAY, 14th NOVEMBER

Please leave donations of good quality

*Paperback books *DVDs *Childrens books *Games at:-

The Parish Office Mon -Thur 9am -2pm *OR* In the Church Lobby on a Sunday before or after the service.

Unfortunately, please note, ..we cannot take CDs; hardback autobiographys/novels; or large heavy hardback books.

Brenda and John Williams

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

!!!!TODAY!!!!

**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 26th Sept – Sun 3 October)

Sunday 26th		HARVEST FESTIVAL
	8am	Eucharist Service
	10am	Eucharist Service
Monday 27th	10am-1pm	Private Prayer
	6pm	Meeting God In Silence – Garden Room
Tuesday 28th	10am-1pm	Private Prayer
Wed 29th	10am- 1pm	Private Prayer
Thursday 30th	10am	Eucharist Service
Friday 1 st	11am	Ashes Service Dennis Carter
Saturday 2 nd	10am	Southwark Cursillo Ultreya and AGM
Sunday 3rd	8 am	Eucharist Service
	9 am	Breakfast in the Church Hall
	10 am	Eucharist Service (Coffee in the Garden room)

The Parish Office

Will be 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