



**St John the Divine Church,
Selsdon
Sunday 27th June 2021
Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome

Welcome to St John's, we hope that you enjoy today's service. There
We welcome the Revd Peter Wyatt to take our service today.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU

Opening Prayer

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong,
nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler
and guide we may so pass-through things temporal that we lose not our hold on
things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the
table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world
may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Psalm: 130

The Anthem: Litany to the Holy Spirit – Peter Hurford

First Reading

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the
Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.

David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered
that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the
Book of Jashar.) He said:

Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen! Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.

You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.

From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty.

Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle!

Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan, greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

Gospel

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had

endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Mark 5.21-43

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:

27th June	Annie Martin	(1981)
	Frances Hay	(1988)
28th June	Ada Hunter	(1979)
	Duncan Stiffle	(1998)
	Douglas Pullen	(2014)
	Ernest Arnold	(2016)
29th June	Elsie Brackfield	(1970)
30th June	Dorothy Chew	(1944)
	Frederick Wright	(1981)
1st July	Dorothy Baker	(1993)
2nd July	Charles Burstow	(1968)
	Joshua Ibironke	(2005)
3rd July	Ethel Starr	(1960)

We pray for the family of the Late Brian Hollands whose ashes will be laid to rest at 11.30 am this morning.

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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St John's Website address is:

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St John the Divine Selsdon**



We are not taking donations of books at the moment as we don't have the storage space and we have no dates for book sales planned at present.

Please do not leave donations at the church !

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**



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

Father Michael's Diary

23 JUNE 2021 PETER AND PAUL

Tuesday this week sees the festival of two of our leading saints: St Peter and St Paul. These two founding fathers of our faith are commemorated on the same day because they were martyred together in the Neronian persecution in AD64. In addition they each have a subsidiary festival: the Confession of St Peter (18th January) and the Conversion of St Paul (25th January) which bookend the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.



The two men were of vastly contrasting characters. Peter was a Galilean fisherman who Jesus called from his nets to be his disciple along with his brother Andrew and cousins James and John. The four formed the first of Jesus disciples. Peter was an outspoken character and the Gospels contain several accounts of his outbursts including the famous occasion when he declared that Jesus was the Messiah the Son of God. After the Resurrection Peter emerged as the leader of the little band of Jesus' followers. He was the spokesman for the group on the day of Pentecost; he baptised Cornelius, the first Gentile to be baptised. Paul had an orthodox Jewish upbringing and was also a Roman citizen, at first a persecutor of Christians he underwent a dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus and thereafter became one of the leading advocates of Christianity. He left behind a number of letters which provide the foundations for Christian theology show the spiritual stature and the transcendent qualities of his mind.

Both men appear to have ended up in Rome where they were martyred under the persecution instigated by the emperor Nero in AD64. St Peter is supposed to be buried under the High Altar in St Peter's Basilica, but no archaeological evidence has been found to substantiate this claim. St Paul is also buried in Rome in the Church of St Paul without the walls.

These two great saints personify the apostolic nature of our Church. As well as worshipping God (its principal function) the church is basically a missionary organisation aimed at spreading the good news of Jesus Christ throughout the world. As Archbishop Temple is supposed to have said "the Church is the only organisation which exists mainly for the benefit of non-members".

READINGS AND PRAYERS

SUNDAY 27 JUNE- Fourth Sunday after Trinity – Mark 5.21-43 – the woman with the issue of blood and Jairus' daughter

MONDAY 28 JUNE – Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, c.200 -2 Peter 1.16-end – a lamp shining in a dark place

TUESDAY 29 JUNE – Peter and Paul, Apostles – 2 Timothy 4.6-8,17,18 and 1 Peter 2.19-end – the cost of discipleship

WEDNESDAY 30 JUNE – Amos 5.14-15, 21-24 – seek good and not evil – for moral courage

THURSDAY 1 JULY – Matthew 9.1-8 – the healing of a paralytic – the healing ministry of the Church

FRIDAY 2 JULY – Matthew 9.9-13 – the call of Matthew – Fr Younis our Rector designate

SATURDAY 3 JULY – Thomas the Apostle – Habakkuk 2.1-4 – the righteous live by their faith – those being ordained to the priesthood today for service in our diocese

Love and Prayers

Michael



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.



Singing hymns and spiritual songs...

Today St Mark describes to us two events in Jesus' ministry which not only show our Lord's compassion for those enduring suffering as part of the human condition but also his desire that we should be made whole again physically as well as whole with God. We should have been singing hymns lustily during our service this morning (don't worry, it'll feel all the better once we eventually get there!) and when drafting the now redundant hymn list I had selected "There's a wideness in God's mercy" as our final hymn. Written by Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), he was a convert from Anglicanism to the Roman Church Faber, became an enthusiastic follower of John Henry Newman, the Oxford movement and was a friend of William Wordsworth. Despite being ordained as a priest in 1839 within the Anglican church, he gradually turned away from the Calvinistic beliefs traditionally held by his family and moved towards the Catholic Church. He was received into the Roman church in 1845. The tune we now sing the words of this hymn to is called "Corvedale" by Maurice Bevan (1921-2006) named after the River Corve in Shropshire where Bevan grew up. A long-time member of the Deller Consort and Vicar Choral at St. Paul's Cathedral, Bevan was a much noted bass-baritone in recordings and on the concert platform, as well as having left a legacy of many hymn tunes, choral works and important editorial work.

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in His justice,
which is more than liberty.

If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word,
And our lives would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow,
by false limits of our own,
and we magnify His strictness
with a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.

There is grace enough for thousands.
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.

Church Clean



We need your help to give the church a freshen up.

A team will get together on

Saturday 3rd July 10.30 am - 4.30 pm

If you would like to help please email

Catherine Sands catsands17@gmail.com

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 28th June – Thur 1st July 10 am- 1 pm

Church is open to the public for Private Prayer.

Thursday 1st July

Thursday Morning Eucharist 10 am

Sunday 4th July

Fifth 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

!!Sorry we no longer have any space for this service due to restrictions!!