



**St John the Divine Church,
Selston
Sunday 3rd October 2021
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome

Welcome to St John's, we hope that you enjoy today's service. Martyn and Janet Brown will be serving refreshments in the church hall after the service please join us.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU

Opening Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**

Hymns:	Opening:	388	Jesus shall reign (T:i)
	Gradual:	341	Blest are the pure in heart
	Offertory:	239	Lord of all hopefulness
	Anthem:		Ubi caritas - Duruflé
	Communion:	74	O for a heart to praise my God
	Final:	134	The head that once was crowned with thorns

First Reading – A reading from the book Hebrews 1.1-4;2.5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word.

When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet.'

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

Gospel A reading from the book Mark 10.2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate. 'Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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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, Marjorie Tarlton

We pray for those who have died recently:

Edward Brisset, Ros Harley

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

3rd October Charles Denny (1965)

Jessie Sage

Pat Crooke (2020)

4th October Ted Brookes (2003)

Fred Fenton (2005)

5th October Barbara Domaingue (1981)

Joan Olive Lucus (1991)

6th October John Tompkins (2005)

7th October Kathleen Payne (1987)

Deirdre Lane (2020)

8th October Jessie Weeks (1981)

Ray Talks (2010)

9th October Audrey Pattinson (1995)

Pam Lawrence (2009)

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.



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

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**
- **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.



Breakfast Sunday 3rd October 9am

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

Thank you
The Breakfast Team

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



Singing hymns and spiritual songs...

For my choice of hymn this week I have taken the first hymn in our Sunday Eucharist: "The head that once was crowned with thorns", written by the Irish cleric Thomas Kelly (1769 – 1855). Kelly is credited with having written 765 hymns published over a period of 51 years. Another of his hymns still sung today is the Passiontide hymn "We sing the praise of him who died". Thomas Kelly studied Law at Trinity College, Dublin but gave up a career in the Law in favour of taking ordination. He and a fellow ex-student of Trinity began a preaching ministry focussing on the theme of Grace. This led to them being inhibited from preaching on doctrinal grounds by the Bishop of Dublin. Kelly went on to preach in unconsecrated locations and eventually founded a movement known as the Kellyites in 1802.

The tune to which we usually sing this hymn is St Magnus by Jeremiah Clarke c. 1674 – 1707. Clarke was one of the pupils of John Blow at St Paul's Cathedral and a chorister in 1685 at the Chapel Royal. Between 1692 and 1695 he was an organist at Winchester College, then between 1699 and 1704 he was an organist at St Paul's Cathedral. He later became an organist and 'Gentleman extraordinary' at the Chapel Royal, he shared that post with fellow composer and friend William Croft. They were succeeded by John Blow. Apart from several hymn tunes, Clarke is also remembered for the famous Trumpet Tune in D, the Prince of Denmark's March, which was at one time incorrectly attributed to the great Henry Purcell.

At last, it's time to Come and Sing!!

Due to overwhelming popular demand, I am delighted to announce the return of our Come and Sing Choir! We will resume our usual pattern of singing at the fourth Sunday morning Eucharist service each month, starting on 24th October. If you are interested in joining us, we will meet in the Choir Vestry at 9.30 am on 24th to take a look at the hymns and other service music. No previous singing experience is necessary, neither is it necessary to be able to read music. Simply bring with you an enthusiasm for singing and a cheerful smile! If you would like any further details, please speak to me after any service.

Dates For your diary :

9th October 2021 -

Choral Evensong at Rochester Cathedral

10th October, 6.00 pm –
include

Choral Evensong at St. John's The service will
music by Bairstow, Wood and Wesley.

14th November, 6.00 pm –

A service to remember the departed-on Remembrance
Sunday

20th November 2021

St. John's is providing the choir for the Diocesan
Confirmation Service at Southwark Cathedral

Sunday 28th November, 6.00 pm – Advent Carol Service

Sunday 19th December, 6.00 pm – Traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols

30th April 2022 -

Choral Evensong at Rochester Cathedral

26th November 2022 -

Choral Evensong at Southwark Cathedral.

Kind regards Ian



Father Michael's Diary

1 OCTOBER 2021 - THE FUEL IN YOUR TANK

How much fuel do you have in your tank? Did you manage to get to a garage and fill up your car before the current crisis hit? Were you perhaps one of those who filled up when you didn't need to and thus contributed to the current shortage?

The anxiety many people feel when there is a shortage of some essential is understandable after all without them, including petrol and diesel, the life we have become accustomed to would be impossible. But we don't only need the sort of essentials I've been referring to; our souls need fuel too.

Fuel for our souls, the grace of God, is inexhaustible, it is not rationed, it cannot run short, our demands cannot diminish it, there is enough and more for all, there is plenty for everybody. But for all that our souls can starve, we can go short of spiritual nourishment. There may be two reasons for this: we have not got ourselves enough spiritual nourishment or the nourishment available may be insufficient for our needs.

Worship in church has two functions: to give glory to God and to nourish the worshippers, both are equally important. Those arranging services need to bear this always in mind. I have been to services, not here at St John's, which have either been so formal or so poorly conducted that I have got nothing out of them. There are of course many other ways of obtaining spiritual nourishment, reading (including lectio divina), private prayer and meditation are all well-tried methods, some of which I have outlined in earlier diaries. But it's each person's individual responsibility to see they get the spiritual nourishment they need. Our attitude of mind is also important; what do you look for when you come to church? a warm comfort blanket to shield you from the changes and chances of this fleeting world or for the Holy Spirit to inspire you to go out and change it?

Our spirits can't run on empty any more than our cars can, at times like this we may be prepared to go to great lengths to keep our car topped up shouldn't make the same effort on behalf of our spirit.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

3 OCTOBER – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY – Mark 10.2-16 –let the children come to me – for the children in our congregation

4 OCTOBER – FRANCIS OF ASSISI , DEACON, FOUNDER OF THE FRIARS MINOR, 1226 – Luke 12.22-34 – for all religious communities

5 OCTOBER – Tuesday – Jonah 3 – for true repentance

6 OCTOBER – William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536 – 2 Timothy 3.12-end – those who suffer for the faith

7 OCTOBER – Thursday – Luke 11 5-15 – for persistence in prayer

8 OCTOBER – Friday – Luke 11.15-26 – our pilgrimage to Walsingham

9 OCTOBER = Saturday – Joel 3.12-end – for the Diocesan Spirituality Day

BOOK SALE



“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

Thank you



To everyone who attended the Harvest Lunch and to all those who helped on the day to make it such an enjoyable occasion.
£466.97 was raised which will go towards the Project Warm Church Fund.



We were very sad to hear of the passing of Ros Harley who has been a member of St John's for many years. She will be sadly missed by all. Her funeral will take place at St John's on Monday 11th October at 1pm followed by refreshments in the church hall.

Ian and the family have set up a tribute page where you can look at photographs and share memories of Ros.

www.rosalindharley.muchloved.com

The family have requested no flowers for the service and would prefer a donation to the PSP Association (PSPA), a national charity providing support and information to people living with PSP, whilst funding research into treatments and, ultimately, a cure.



"Bible Questions"

Understanding the Bible: an overview

Join us
at St John's Church Selsdon

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

Everyone is Welcome

St John's Church Presents

Curry & Quiz Night



FRIDAY 15TH OCTOBER 7.30PM

Join us for Fun, Food and Fellowship

The evening will include: a
Quiz, Raffle and Indian Buffet

(non curry items and vegetarian options also available)

Tickets are £10 per person

(under 12's are free)

8 people to a team.

Bring your own refreshments and glasses.

To book please see the sign up sheet at the back of church
or email : bookingsstjohns@gmail.com

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Church Diary

(Sun 3rd Oct – Sun 10th October)

Sunday 3 rd	8am	Eucharist Service
	10am	Eucharist Service
Monday 4 th	10am-1pm	Private Prayer
	6pm	Meeting God In Silence – Garden Room
Tuesday 5 th	10am-1pm	Private Prayer
Wed 6 th	10am- 1pm	Private Prayer
Thursday 7 th	10am	Eucharist Service
Saturday 9 th		Pilgrimage to Walsingham Sat and Sun
Sunday 10 th	8 am	Eucharist Service
	10 am	Eucharist Service
	6pm	Evensong

Coming Soon....

Friday 15th October 7.30pm in the hall

Quiz and Curry Night

Sunday 24th October

Patronal Festival 10am in Church

Sunday 7th November

All Saints Service 8am and 10am

All Souls Service 6pm

Contact Us

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