



**St John the Divine Church,
Selsdon
Sunday 4th July 2021
Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome

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

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU

Opening Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Psalm: No 48

First Reading

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.

Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Gospel

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary^[a] and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense^[b] at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

Jonathan Aitken, Tano Grima, Ros Harley, Chloe Lou, Colin Perry, Margaret Rapp

We pray for those who have died recently:

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

4th July	Frances Goodison	(1972)
	William Ault	(1991)
5th July	Cyril Waynforth	(1978)
	Elsie Forster	(1978)
	Deborah Martin	(2010)
	Bob Robinson	(2017)
7th July	Mary Neale	(1997)
	Ken Todd	(2019)
8th July	Sidney Teare	(1993)
9th July	Fern Merdena Wilson	(2017)
10th July	Donald Cribben	(1987)
	Marjorie Baker	(1997)
	Rosalind Henner	(2017)
	Grace Wright	(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.



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 !



Meeting God in silence

**Monday evenings at 6 pm in the Garden Room
A time for silent reflection to ease you into the week.**



Talking & Listening

*An opportunity for 'Christians Together in
Selsdon and Addington' to reflect on our
experiences during the pandemic*

Time: 10am to 12noon

Date: Saturday 24th July

Location: The Lighthouse, St Francis
Church, Tedder Road, Monks Hill, Selsdon

For more information contact: trevormeill@selsdonbaptist.org.uk



Father Michael's Diary

2 JULY 2021

REAL PRESENCE



Writing on 11 June I said that the 1662 Prayer Book reduced the Eucharist to something like an ecclesiastical Burns' Supper – only entered on the immortal memory of Jesus Christ. I went to say that there was far more to the Eucharist than that, and its that “far More” I would like to explore a bit more today.

The theology of the Eucharist in the 1662 book, such as it is, is a reaction to the gross over-emphasis in the late Middle Ages on the physical suffering of Christ and the sacrificial aspect of Christ's death on the cross. The Eucharist, the Mass, came to be seen as a sacrifice additional to Calvary and the emphasis was laid on seeing the consecrated elements when the priest elevated them rather than on receiving them in Holy Communion. At the time of the Reformation the emphasis switched exclusively to the receiving of the Holy Communion to the exclusion of any other aspect of the service.

Over the following years theology continued to develop it came to be recognised that the offering of the sacrifice was a separate action from killing the victim and the patristic theory of the atonement (that Christ on the Cross was victorious over sin and death) was revived. The errors of the mediaeval approach were recognised, and a new theology of the Eucharist developed. This can be seen in Common Worship Especially in Eucharistic Prayer B which an updated version of a prayer which goes back to the early Fathers and prayers F and G which are derived from Orthodox sources.

The great issue was the manner in which Jesus is present in the consecrated bread and wine, the Blessed Sacrament. Again, there was a mediaeval over emphasis on the literal presence of Jesus. This resulted in 1662 in an affirmation that Jesus wasn't present at all. The middle way is to be found in the doctrine of the Real Presence. “Re-al” is an adjective derived from the Latin word for “thing” (“res”) so Real Presence means the presence of the thing signified. It affirms that in some way Christ is present in Blessed Sacrament – this is an objective presence, it doesn't depend on what we think or feel, nor on our understanding of how it might be but it is dependent on Christ's promise to be there when two or three are gathered in his name.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

SUNDAY 4 JULY - FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY – Mark 6.1-13 – they proclaimed [the Gospel] to all who would repent – the missionary work of the Church at home and abroad

MONDAY 5 JULY – Genesis 28.10-end - Jacob's ladder – for all those who have died recently and those who mourn them

TUESDAY 6 JULY Thomas More, Scholar and John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester
Reformation Martyrs, 1535 – Matthew 24.4-13 – the person who stands firm to the end will be saved – Fr Younis our new Rector.

WEDNESDAY 7 JULY – Matthew 10.11-7 – the appointment of the twelve apostles – Justin, our Archbishop, Christopher, our Bishop and Jonathan. Bishop of Croydon

THURSDAY 8 JULY – Genesis 45.1-5 – Joseph is reconciled to his brothers – all estranged families.

FRIDAY 9 JULY – Matthew 10.16-23 – be wise as serpents and innocent as doves –for integrity in our dealings with each other.

SATURDAY 10 JULY – Matthew 10.24-33 –those who suffer for the faith

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...

This week we continue to follow the life of our Lord through the words of St. Mark's Gospel. We hear again the familiar story of Jesus being rejected by the people of his home town, followed by the sending out of his Disciples to preach repentance, to heal the sick and make the broken whole again. We are also under a similar commission to go and make the whole world believers. One of my favourite hymns which reflect this message is "We have a gospel to proclaim" by Edward Joseph Burns (b. 1938). Burns was born in Nelson, Lancashire and received his education in Liverpool and Oxford. He is a priest and served the people of his native Lancashire during his entire career. This hymn, written only in 1968, became known very quickly and appears in virtually all major British hymn books. Burns produced it for a 'Call to Mission' in the Blackburn Diocese, verses 2-5 encapsulating the themes of the event (Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection, Pentecost).

The tune we use to the words of this hymn is "Fulda", published in *Sacred Melodies* dated 1815 by William Gardiner (1770-1853), who worked in the hosiery trade but was also a keen amateur musician of some consequence who claimed to have introduced the music of Beethoven to Britain. He knew many leading musicians of his day and was said to have sent Haydn a pair of his stockings interwoven with the opening bars of his tune (we know as) 'Austria'. Fulda is a great tune that does everything you would expect a Long Metre tune to do (for Long Metre see "Trivia" below): an easily sung and memorable melody, it modulates to the Dominant key at the mid-point, has a strong step-wise sequence taking us away from the home key and a satisfying cadence to bring us back home again at the end.

We have a gospel to proclaim
Good news for men in all the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,
Hated by those He came to save;
In lonely suffering on the cross
For all He loved, His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
Empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified;
He sends His Spirit on His Church
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Trivia section:

Those of you who were with us in church last week will recall that we were joined by (the government permitted maximum) members of the choir. During our rehearsal I asked them a technical question about hymn tunes and only one of their number (naming no names) came close to the answer. This set me thinking and I thought I'd share a little "insider knowledge" with you. Have you ever wondered how we go about choosing which tune to use with a hymn? After all, hymns come in all shapes and sizes with different numbers of words per line, various numbers of lines per verse and sometimes no regular pattern at all. So, how do we do it? Well, it's quite simple really: it's all about the metre of each line, literally how many syllables there are in the text. For example, the hymn choice this week "We have a Gospel to proclaim" has eight syllables in each line and four lines per verse, so we would describe this as having a metre of 8 8 8 8. Very conveniently for those of us who are not blessed with a brain the size of a planet, there is a metrical index of tunes in the hymn book which enables us to match words with appropriate tunes. Each tune in the book is marked with its metre, some of the most common metres have been given abbreviations like Common Metre (CM) 8 6 8 6, Long Metre (LM) 8 8 8 8 and for eight line versions of these we refer to them as Double, so Double Common Metre (DCM) 8 6 8 6 8 6 8 6, etc. Sometimes there is no regularity and the metre changes from one verse to another. Probably most famously example is the tune Benson set to the hymn "God is working his purpose out", in which it is notoriously difficult to make the words fit the tune! Incidentally, this is the main reason why so many worship songs are hard to sing, the metre is irregular and we often find ourselves tripping over the melody or elongating the text. So, now you know!



Christian Family Concern runs a well-established supported housing scheme in South Croydon, for young single mothers and pregnant young women.

We liaise with local authorities and other agencies and are supported by local churches.

We are currently looking for a HOUSING SUPPORT WORKER

**35 hours per week, Monday to Friday Salary £22,022 per annum
(£12.10 per hour)**

The successful candidate will join our housing team in supporting the young mothers who live in our accommodation.

An Enhanced DBS check will be required

For an application pack contact: heather@christianfamilyconcern.org.uk

**Alternatively, you can download the documents from our website:
www.christianfamilyconcern.org.uk**

**The CLOSING DATE for returned application forms is
12 noon on Friday 9th July 2021**

Christian Family Concern is a Registered Charity: 279962

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.



Welcome back to the early risers!

**The 8am Eucharist Services will resume from next
Sunday 11th July.
Father Younis would love you to join him at his first
service at St John's**



Can you help ??

We need a few more helpers to help set up
and serve coffee on a Sunday morning.

I have emailed all the usual helpers but if you are not on email and
would like me to put your name on the rota, we would be very
grateful.

Please either call or email Amanda on 0208 6579466 or
bookingsstjohns@gmail.com to add your name to the list.

Church Diary (Sunday 4th July – Sun 11th July)

Sunday 4th	Eucharist Service
Monday 5th	10am-1pm Private Prayer
Tuesday 6th	10am- 1pm Private Prayer
Wednesday 7th	Church Closed.
Thursday 8th	10 am Eucharist Service
Sunday 11th	Sixth Sunday after Trinity Eucharist Service 8 am Eucharist Service 10 am



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

The Parish Office

**Will are normally open Mon- Thur 9am -2pm
(Times may vary in School Holidays)**

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