



**St John the Divine Church,
Selsdon
Sunday 5th September 2021
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

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, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth, 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 God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns:

Opening: **334** All people that on earth do dwell
Gradual: **324** Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old
Offertory: **378** Immortal love for ever full
Anthem: Be thou my vision - Chilcott
Communion: **306** Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands
Final: **466** Thou whose almighty word

First Reading

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.

Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Gospel

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So, she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.

Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Mark 7.24-37

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For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

Jonathan Aitken, Linda Gordon, Ros Harley, Chloe Lou, Michelle Lord, Colin Perry, Margaret Rapp

We pray for those who have died recently:

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

5th September	Mabel Griffin	(1990)
6th September	Ronald Mills	(1980)
8th September	Maurice Stagg	(1990)
	Louise Ruhl	(1995)
	Kevin Ovenell	(1973)
	Gladstone McIntosh	(2003)
9th September	Darnley Hunte	(2017)
11th September	Kathleen Todd	(2018)

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

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**
- **Singing will resume and the choir will resume in September**
- **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

Will be taking a break in August and will recommence
TOMORROW !!!!
Monday 6th September.

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.

Churches together in Selsdon and Addington are holding a

Quiet Morning

on Saturday 18th September from 10.30 am

at St. Mary's, Addington.

The morning will be led by Susan Oakes and will reflect on Silence and Peace. Everyone welcome.

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...

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:

- 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 with resume on Thursday 2nd September 2021 at 7.30pm in the Church

Kind regards Ian



Father Michael's Diary

3 SEPTEMBER 2021

NOT ANGLES BUT ANGELS

That was what St Gregory is reputed to have said when he encountered some fair-haired boys in the slave market. It is supposed to have inspired him send a mission to re-establish the English church by sending Augustine and 40 other monks to Kent in 595. There were Christians in England in Roman times (Lullingstone villa in Kent is the site of a place of Christian worship which dates back to these times) and indeed Bertha, the Queen of Kent, a Frankish princess, was already a Christian. So, Augustine received a ready welcome: the see of Canterbury was established in in 597 and Miletus and Justus were consecrated in 604 as bishops respectively of the East Angles (subsequently London) and Rochester.

St Gregory (whose feast day is today) was a man of many talents and is remembered for many other things besides sending Augustine and his monks to re-establish the English Church. He loved music and is credited with reforming the liturgical music of the church, the so-called Gregorian chant. His spirituality was animated by dynamic of love and desire for God, and he is sometimes known as the “Doctor of desire” and for him desire was a metaphor for the journey into God. St Gregory wrote: “Who am I? What kind of watchman am I? I do not stand on the pinnacle of achievement: I languish in the pit of my frailty. And yet although I am unworthy, the creator and redeemer of us all has given me grace to see life whole and an ability to speak effectively of it. It is for the love of God that I do not spare myself preaching him.”

But perhaps most significant of all it was Gregory as Pope styled himself “servant of the servants of God” – this typified his personality and ministry, but it also serves as a challenge to every Christian minister today.

Love and prayers

Michael

READINGS AND PRAYERS

5 SEPTEMBER- FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY – MARK 7.24-37 – the Syro-Phoenician woman – the mission of the Church to all people

6 SEPTEMBER – Monday – Colossians 1.24-2.3 – completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions – all who suffer for the faith today

7 SEPTEMBER – Tuesday – Luke 6 12-19 – Jesus chooses his disciples – all who lead the church today

8 SEPTEMBER – Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Matthew 1.18-23 –the birth of Jesus - the shrine of our Lady of Walsingham

9 SEPTEMBER – Charles Fuge Lowder – Priest, 1880 – John 10.11-16 – I am the good shepherd – all parish clergy

10 SEPTEMBER – Friday – Luke 6. 39-42 – the mote and the beam – for self knowledge

11 SEPTEMBER – Saturday - I Timothy 1.15-17 – Jesus Chrsit came into the world to save sinners – for the gift of repentance

Church Diary

(Sunday 5th Sept – Sun 12th Sept)

Sunday 5th	8am	Eucharist Service
	10am	Eucharist Service
Monday 6th	10am-1pm	Private Prayer
	6pm	Meeting God In Silence – Garden Room
	7.30pm	Lady Walsingham Service
Tuesday 7th	10am-1pm	Private Prayer
Wednesday 8 th	10am- 1pm	Private Prayer
Thursday 9th	10am	Eucharist Service
Sunday 12th	8 am	Eucharist Service
	10 am	Eucharist Service

The Parish Office

Will are normally open Mon- Thur 9am -2pm

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED FROM FRI 20TH AUG TO MON 6TH SEPT

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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

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