



**St John the Divine Church,
Selsdon
Sunday 6th June 2021
First Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome

Welcome back to St John's, we hope that you enjoy today's service.
We welcome The Revd Nick Lang to take our service today.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU

Opening Prayer

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Psalm : 138

First Reading

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."

Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore, I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So, Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-Sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Samuel 3.1-10(11-20)

Gospel

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy!"

Who can forgive sins but God alone?” At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and take your mat and walk’? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— “I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.” And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

Mark 2: 1-12

For your prayers: Read by

We pray for God’s love to surround:

Jonathan Aitken, Tano Grima, Ros Harley, Margaret Rapp, Robin Sullivan

We pray for those who have died recently:

Wendy Horner

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

7th June	Barbara Shave	(1982)
	Louisa Holder	(1999)
	Christopher Walton	(2009)
9th June	Don Petty	(1974)
	Graham Carey	(2012)
	Claire Wilson	(2018)
11th June	Walter Stalley	(1983)
	Alan Ryde	(2010)
12th June	Lily Barratt	(1983)
	Jane Huggett	(2013)

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.

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



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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St John the Divine Selsdon**

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**

Database Update

I would like to get an up-to date contact list ready for when Younis our new Rector starts. If you have had any changes to your address, telephone number or email in the last two years please can you let me know so I can update my records. It may be, I already have the change but just to double check

You can either email me on bookingsstjohns@gmail.com or Telephone 0208 6579466 and leave a message if I am not available.

Many Thanks in advance Amanda

Father Michael's Diary



DIVINE COMPASSION

Next Friday Anglican Franciscans will be celebrating the Festival of the Divine Compassion of Christ. This feast has its foundation in the Roman Catholic feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus which falls on the same day. Devotion to the Sacred Heart which can be traced back to the Middle Ages, a reference to it can be found in Julian of Norwich's Revelations of Divine Love, was popularised following the visions of St Margaret Mary Alacoque a 17th century religious.

There is more to devotion to the Sacred Heart than religious sentimentality. In honouring Christ's love and compassion for humanity there is a call for social justice and a commitment to help the most marginalised members of the community. This is well expressed in the following prayer by Eric Milner White which forms the Anglican collect for the feast.

Almighty God, whose Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, was moved with compassion for all who had gone astray and with indignation for all who has suffered wrong, inflame our hearts with the burning fire of your love, that we may seek out the lost, have mercy on the fallen and stand for truth and righteousness.

With this in mind a group of men formed a Franciscan Community in Plaistow in East London, where Franciscans are still to be found today. They took the name of the Society of the Divine Compassion. The most well-known member of this community, and its superior throughout its existence, was Henry Hardy who as Father Andrew was highly regarded as a [confessor](#), spiritual guide and religious writer. (A bishop described him as a great man, such as God sends only once or twice in a generation.)

One of his many hymns was "O dearest Lord, thy sacred head" the last verse of which reads:

O dearest Lord thy sacred heart
with spear was pierced for me.
O pour thy Spirit in my heart.
that I may live for thee.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

SUNDAY 6 JUNE – FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY – MARK 3.20-35 - whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother – for Christian families

MONDAY 7 JUNE – MATTHEW 5.1-12 – the beatitudes – that we may accept the cost of discipleship.

TUESDAY 8 JUNE – 1 Kings 17.7-16 – the widow of Zarephath – for famine relief

WEDNESDAY 9 JUNE – COLUMBA, ABBOT OF IONA, MISSIONARY, 597 – LUKE 12,32-37 – be dressed for action – that we may be ready for the Lord's service.

THURSDAY 10 JUNE – MATTHEW 5,20-26 – for grace to love our enemies.

FRIDAY 11 JUNE – THE DIVINE COMPASSION OF CHRIST – JOHN 19.31- 37 – that we may be [reared to suffer for social justice.

SATURDAY 12 JUNE – 1 KINGS 19.19-end – the calling of Elisha – for our inheritance of faith

Love and prayers

Michael

ST JOHN'S CHURCH



MESSY GARDEN

If you collected a Flower Growing Kit at the 10am Service on Easter Sunday please note that the growing plants can be returned to St John's at the

All Age Service on Sunday 13th June 2021 at the 10am service

Planting will be in the Children's Garden immediately after the service

Please come along and plant your flowers!

Refreshments will be provided

If you need any further information or help please contact

Gill Salter on 0208 405 9971

Thank you for all your support !!!

Christian Aid Raffle

Our raffle was well supported, and we will be sending £300 to Christian Aid thank you for all your ticket purchases.

Plant Sale

Many thanks for the donations of plants and preserves. The sale was well supported, we raised the magnificent sum of £440.04 towards church funds. There is chutney for sale at the back of the church and there are plants behind the garden room at the back of church- please have a look. Donations Welcome

Thanks again for your support and generosity.





Singing hymns and spiritual songs...

This is the first Sunday after Trinity and stretching before us into the far distance are six months of what are referred to as “Ordinary Time”, in other words a time in the church’s year which fall outside events relating to Christmas and Easter together with their preparatory periods of Advent and Lent. Not a lot happens during Ordinary Time and, as a church musicians tasked with planning choir music lists, we often regarded as “open season” where anything goes, as there are few liturgical or ecclesiastical pegs upon which to hang one’s musical hat! One of the few notable festivals is that of Corpus Christi which take place each year on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. It is otherwise known as the Day of Thanksgiving for the Holy Communion. You may have noticed that we celebrated the institution of the Holy communion on Maundy Thursday, but this was of course within the context of the events of Holy Week and was hardly a celebration. St. Thomas Aquinas first proposed a festival focussing solely on celebrating the Eucharist and this was adopted by the church in 1264.

For my choice of hymn this week I’m delving into one of the dustier corners of the hymn book that rarely sees the light of day. “Of the glorious body telling” is a hymn written in Latin by St. Thomas Aquinas (1227 – 1274) (*Pange lingua gloriosi corporis mysterium*) translated by the priest and scholar John Mason Neale. St. Thomas Aquinas is considered as being one of the Roman Catholic church’s greatest theologians and philosophers whose influence is still felt in the teaching of the church and more generally in western thought to this day. The tune we would usually set to these words is another plainsong melody, based on Mode iii called Pange Lingua after the first line of the hymn in Latin.

Of the glorious Body telling,
O my tongue, its mysteries sing,
And the Blood, all price excelling,
Which the world’s eternal King,
In a noble womb once dwelling,
Shed for this world’s ransoming.

Given for us, for us descending,
Of a Virgin to proceed,
Man with man in converse blending,
Scattered he the Gospel seed,
Till his sojourn drew to ending,
Which he closed in wondrous deed.

At the last great Supper lying
Cirled by his brethren’s band,
Meekly with the law complying,
First he finished its command,
Then, immortal Food supplying,
Gave himself with his own hand.

Word made Flesh, by word he maketh
Very bread his Flesh to be;
Man in wine Christ's Blood partaketh:
And if senses fail to see,
Faith alone the true heart waketh
To behold the mystery.

Part 2. Tantum ergo.
Therefore we, before him bending,
This great Sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing
To the Father and the Son;
Honour, might, and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing,
Who, from both, with both is one. Amen.



Meeting God in silence

Monday evenings at 6 pm in the Garden Room

The Selsdon Centre

Thanks to some hard work behind the scenes by the staff to ensure all Covid rules are safely followed, the Centre is now able to start opening again. At the moment we are not open every day but to find out what is happening do phone the office on 0208 651 1111 and speak to Craig, Jen or Sarah to get up to date details.

Everyone is looking forward to hopefully getting back the “more normal” routines in the near future. And if you have an hour or two spare to volunteer, the staff would love to hear from you.

**WE INVITE YOU TO THE INDUCTION AND
COLLATION OF REVD CANON YOUNIS FRANCIS
AT ST JOHN'S
ON TUESDAY 6TH JULY AT 7.30PM**

Join us when we welcome Younis to St John's

If you would like to attend the service, please place your name on the list on the table at the back of church.

Diary Dates

Mon 7th June – Thur 10th June 10 am- 1 pm

Private Prayer

Thursday 10th June

Thursday Morning Eucharist 10 am

Sunday 13th June

Second Sunday after Trinity Eucharist Service 10 am
Followed by planting in the children's garden don't forget
your plants !!!!!

Coming Up

Dates to pop in your diary

Sunday 13th June 10.00 am-

Planting in the children's Garden

Tuesday 6th July 7.30 pm

Induction of Revd Cannon Younis Francis at St John's

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