



**St John the Divine Church,
Selsdon
Sunday 8th August 2021
Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome

Welcome to St John's, we hope that you enjoy today's All Age 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

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants: and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns:

374 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

The Gloria will be sung.

77 The God of love my Shepherd is

271 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

The Sanctus and Benedictus will be sung

461 There's a wideness in God's mercy

First Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians:

So stop telling lies.

Let us tell our neighbours the truth, for we are all parts of the same body.

And "don't sin by letting anger control you."

Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry,
for anger gives a foothold to the devil.

If you are a thief, quit stealing.
Instead, use your hands for good hard work,
and then give generously to others in need.

Don't use foul or abusive language.
Let everything you say be good and helpful,
so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live.
Remember, he has identified you as his own,
guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.

Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander,
as well as all types of evil behaviour.

Instead, be kind to each other, tender-hearted, forgiving one another,
just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do because you are his dear children.
Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ.

He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.'

Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life.

Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

John 6: 35, 41 – 51

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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:

Roger Allen

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

8th August	John Geddes	(1974)
9th August	Martin White	(1961)
	Molly Brown	(2014)
10th August	Dorothy Beaumont	(2014)
11th August	Catherine Reynolds	(2003)
	Phyllis Nunn	(2007)
12th August	Gwen Bothamley	(1983)
	Terence Dennison	(2009)
13th August	Thomas Goodison	(1965)
	Tom Carter	(1960)
14th August	Richard Harrison	(2005)

We pray for the family and friends of the late Derek Walker whose ashes will be laid to rest later this morning

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.

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 on 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.



Welcome back to the early risers!

The 8am Eucharist Services now back at St John's



Father Michael's Diary

6 AUGUST 2021

DESTROYER OF WORLDS

Today the Church keeps the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord, but it also marks a much grimmer anniversary - the dropping of the atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima in 1945. The Hiroshima bomb which killed up to 80,000 people, 30% of the population of Hiroshima and injured a further 70,000 was followed on 9 August by an attack on Nagasaki which killed 35-40, 000 people and injured a further 60,000. By 1953 the hydrogen bomb, hundreds or even thousands of times as powerful as the atomic bomb had been tested.

The development of these terrible weapons had been spurred on by the need first to bring the war against Japan to a close and then by the escalating Cold War between Russia and the west. The power of these weapons daunted the scientists who developed them. On witnessing the first test of an atomic bomb Robert J Oppenheimer one of those involved later recalled:

“We knew the world would not be the same. a few people laughed, a few people cried, most people were silent. I remembered the line from the Hindu scripture, the Bhagavad-Gita. Vishnu is trying to persuade the prince that he should do his duty and to impress him takes on his multi-armed form and says, “Now, I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds.” I suppose we all thought that one way or another.”

Indeed, the world would never be the same: once something has been invented you can't turn back the clock you simply have to live with your new capability and to live with it constructively. So far, for the last 68 years, we have mostly managed to do that. At any rate we are still here to tell the tale.

But the existence of this terrible power is a constant challenge to those in positions of authority across the world. Thankfully we seem to be making some progress: a second round of disarmament talks between the USA and Russia is due to start about now. Let us pray for all those involved and for their success.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

8 AUGUST – TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - John 6.35, 41-51 – no one can come to me unless drawn by my Father – for all evangelistic work

9 AUGUST – MARY SUMNER, Founder of the Mothers' Union (1921) – Hebrews 13.1-5 – show hospitality to strangers – for all members of the Mothers' Union throughout the world

10 AUGUST – LAURENCE, Deacon at Rome, Martyr (258) – II Corinthians 9.6-10 – the one who sows bountifully will reap bountifully – for all who suffer for the faith today

11 AUGUST- CLARE OF ASSISI, Founder of the Minoresses (1253) – John 15.4-10 – abide in my love – for the members of all religious orders

12 AUGUST – THURSDAY- Matthew 18.21-19.1 – forgive your brother and sister from your heart – for the gift of forgiveness

13 AUGUST – JEREMY TAYLOR, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith (1667) – Titus 2.7,8,11-14 – for holy living and dying

14 AUGUST – MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE, Friar, Martyr (1941) – I John 3.14-18 – we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters – for the gift of self-sacrifice

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



Singing hymns and spiritual songs...

William Chatterton Dix (14 June 1837 – 9 September 1898) was an English writer of hymns and carols. He was born in Bristol, the son of John Dix, a local surgeon, who wrote *The Life of Chatterton* the poet, a book of *Pen Pictures of Popular English Preachers* and other works. His father gave him his middle name in honour of Thomas Chatterton, a poet about whom he had written a biography. William Chatterton Dix was educated at the Grammar School, Bristol, for a mercantile career, and became manager of a maritime insurance company in Glasgow where he spent most of his life. His hymns and carols also include *As with Gladness Men of Old*, *What Child Is This?*, *To You, O Lord, Our Hearts We Raise*, as well as *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* which is our Offertory hymn this morning.

Hyfrydol (meaning among other things "melodious") is a Welsh hymn tune that appears in a number of contemporary hymnals in various arrangements. Composed by Rowland Prichard (1811 – 1887), it was originally published in the composer's handbook to the children's songbook *Cyfaill y Cantorion* ("The Singers' Friend") in 1844. Prichard composed the tune before he was twenty years old. This tune is set for our Offertory hymn *Alleluia, sing to Jesus this morning*.

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.

Kind regards
Ian

STJOHN'S CHURCH HALL



**We are open and taking bookings for parties
on**

**Saturdays (between 12.30pm and 7pm) and
Sundays (between 12.30pm and 4.30pm)**

**If you would like to get more info please call
0208 6579466 and speak to Amanda**

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH,
UPPER SELSDON ROAD,
SOUTH CROYDON ,CR2 8DD**

St John's Garden Room

Our garden room is taking bookings !!

The perfect space for:

- Coffee mornings
- Working in a quiet space
 - Small groups
- Counselling sessions
- One to one teaching

The room can hold up to 20 people depending on use and has kitchen and toilet facilities. The room has full disabled access and baby change facilities.

Why not contact us and see if the room would be suitable for you!

Please call Amanda on 0208 657 9466 or email bookingsstjohns@gmail.com



Church Diary

(Sunday 8th Aug – Sun 15th Aug)

Sunday 8th	8am	Eucharist Service
	10am	Eucharist Service
	12noon	Ashes service for the late Derek Walker
Monday 9th	10am-1pm	Private Prayer
Tuesday 10th	10am- 1pm	Private Prayer
Wednesday 11th	10am- 1pm	Private Prayer
Thursday 12th	10am	Eucharist Service
Sunday 15th	8 am	Eucharist Service
	10 am	Eucharist Service
	11.45am	Baptism of Cohen Tucker

The Parish Office

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

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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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