



**St John the Divine Church, Selsdon**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019**  
**The First Sunday after Trinity**

**Welcome to St John's!**

Welcome to everyone! If you're a newcomer or a visitor to St John's we have great pleasure in welcoming you today. All you need for this service is contained in the service booklet you have been given and below are details of the hymns, readings and prayers we'll be using – we'll sing the hymns from the hymn books you have been given. **Hymns numbered 1-799 can be found in the green hymnbook. Hymns numbered 800 and above can be found in the blue books.** We hope you enjoy worshipping here. After the 10am service, tea and coffee are served in the church hall, to which you are warmly invited. Hosts today to welcome you are Michael Lishmund and members of St John's Gardening Team - do come and say hello!

**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!**

**The Opening Prayer:**

O God, whose Son, our Messiah and Lord, did not turn aside from the path of suffering nor spare his disciples the prospect of rejection, pour out your Spirit upon this assembly, that we may abandon the security of the easy way and follow in Christ's footsteps towards the cross and true life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and 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.**

**Hymns at the 10am service:**

First hymn	829 I will sing the wondrous story
Gradual hymn:	874 Be still and know that I am God
Offertory hymn:	837 I cannot tell
Communion hymn:	898 We cannot measure how you heal
Last hymn:	873 Lord for the years

***We are delighted to welcome our Come and Sing Choir to help lead our worship today***

**Prayers today** are led by Suki Puttock

## **First Reading** *read by Margaret Pittard*

Before faith in Jesus Christ came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

*Galatians 3.23-29*

## **Gospel**

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' – for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

*Luke 8.26-39*

**For your prayers:**

**We pray for God's love to surround:**

Trevor Huggett, Glenn Hurstfield, Harry King

**We pray for those who have died recently:**

David Jordan

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

23<sup>rd</sup> June Eileen Spencer (2014)

24<sup>th</sup> June Alan Dingley (1971)

Estelle Edie (1984)

25<sup>th</sup> June Frank Giles (1985)

John Braden (2014)

26<sup>th</sup> June Arthur Smith (1987)

Michael Prew (1987)

Pam Tagart (2017)

Mavis Greathead (2018)

Brian Chapman (2018)

27<sup>th</sup> June Annie Martin (1981)

Frances Hay (1988)

28<sup>th</sup> June Ada Hunter (1979)

Duncan Stiffle (1998)

Douglas Pullen (2014)

Ernest Arnold (2016)

29<sup>th</sup> June Elsie Brackfield (1970)

***If you'd like prayer either for yourself or for another, please contact Jenny at [rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com) or 0208 657 2343. 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 give details to Jenny.***



**If you'd like to discuss arranging a baptism (christening), a wedding or a funeral, please call**

**Jenny on 0208 657 2343.**

***Please give NOTICES for inclusion in the weekly service sheet to Jenny ([jennyrowley@waitrose.com](mailto:jennyrowley@waitrose.com)) preferably by e-mail, or in writing. It would be helpful to receive these before **\* Tuesday \*** each week.***

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\*\*\*\*Please note Jenny's email address

[rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com)

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**We want to look after everyone in church today!** Parents and carers can help by supervising their children at all times.

**Please help us to keep everyone safe in church!** Small children running around can so easily trip or tip something over and hurt themselves or others. Please try to keep children out of the sanctuary area (where the altar is) during the service and out of reach of the candles!

**We hope you enjoy using our Children's Area** – a special part of the church where parents/carers and children can share the service together, perhaps using the toys, books and puzzle sheets provided. If you have any suggestions on how we can make it even better, or help you enjoy the service more with your child, please let Jenny know.



### St John's Website

The website for our church can be found [www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk)

## The Parish Office is open

Mon-Thur 9am-2pm Please call Amanda on to help with:

**\*\*Parish admin or queries \*\*Hall Bookings\*\*Publicity for the church or hall**

Please call 0208 6579466 / 07958 682103 Or email

[bookingsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsstjohns@gmail.com)



## Meeting God in Silence

**Mondays 6pm-6.30pm**

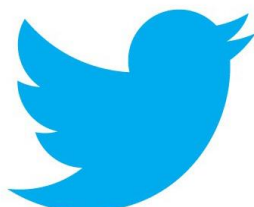
*An opportunity to share a time of quiet in the Lady Chapel.*

*Led by Susan Oakes and friends*

**All Welcome!**



***We are now on twitter under the name St John's Selsdon. Please join us and look out for further news events etc.***



### CHILDREN AND HOLY COMMUNION

Children are welcome at God's table – if you are baptised, but do not receive the bread and wine, but think you might like to, you could consider asking to be admitted to Communion.

If you think you might be ready to make this next step in your Christian journey, and would like to receive the bread and wine at our services, or just want to find out more, please speak to Jenny.

If you are a grown-up and want to know more about this important development in our life together, please pick up a leaflet from the back of church.

## ST JOHN'S SELSDON GARDEN ROOM

*THANK YOU to everyone who came and helped celebrate the official opening of The Garden Room last Sunday. What a wonderful occasion in the life of St John's. Huge thanks to everyone who helped make it such a special day – to our choir and musicians for giving such enthusiasm to our Songs of Praise, to Gill, Ann and her team for refreshing us with tea, cake and bubbles, to Peter for all his help in getting the room as ready as possible.*

*Work continues over the next few weeks... won't be long now before we can bring this fantastic new facility into use for the benefit of St John's and the wider community of Selsdon.*

*Although we've done really well with fundraising, and securing funds from external sources, we do still need to raise a bit more to cover all our costs. So our fundraising continues – please continue to support events which will raise much-needed funds for the project*

*If you would like to **make a donation** towards the building of the garden room, perhaps in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for an event eg. an anniversary or significant birthday, or in celebration of an achievement, please take a "brick donation" pack from the back of the church.*

*If you would like any further information please contact Gill Salter at  
21 Rylandes Road, South Croydon CR2 8EB 0208 4059971 OR*

[salterg@outlook.com](mailto:salterg@outlook.com)

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### ***Garden Room Planned Giving***

*We have received requests for a planned giving form to enable direct donations to be made to the Garden Room project.*



*A standing order mandate form has been produced and will provide the means to make planned donations as a one-off payment or several payments over a period of time to be determined by the donor, making this a convenient way to be part of the Garden Room Project as it grows.*

*Forms are available at the back of church. Please contact Gill Salter on 0208 405 9971 or [salterg@outlook.com](mailto:salterg@outlook.com) if you need any further information or help*

### **!!!! HELP NEEDED!!!!**

We are looking for someone, or perhaps a couple of friends, to come along and sit at the craft table while the children do their making.

Thursdays 10am – 11.30am – as many or as few sessions as suit you.

**Please speak to Amanda or to Jenny if you could help!**



THANK YOU to Helen for walking her socks off in aid of the Garden Room. If you sponsored her for the Rotary Club Ramble, Helen would love to see you!

Thank you for your support!

Afternoon



Tea

next Sunday afternoon

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 4.00 pm**

**\*Traditionally cut sandwiches (three varieties)**

**\*A choice of small homemade cakes**

**\*Homemade Scone, clotted-cream and strawberry jam**

**\*Lashings of tea! (Breakfast or Earl Grey)**

**£8.00 Per head**

Please join Ian Brentnall for an afternoon to help raise funds for the Garden Room project

There will also be a raffle and live entertainment.

Please see sign up sheet at back of hall limited places!!!





**THIS AFTERNOON**  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

**2.30pm - 4.30pm**

**In the Church Hall**

**Come along and bring all the family.**

**The session will be about**

**‘The Prodigal Son’**

**We let the kids get messy and give them a  
snack. We even tidy up too!!!!**





**Invitation**  
**Butterfly Service**  
**30th June 2019**



**Venue: St Barnabas Worship Centre out side  
Woodcroft Entrance  
Croydon University Hospital  
530 London Road CR7 7YE  
Stating at 3pm**



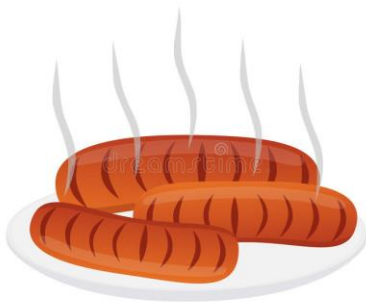
**All are welcome with family and friends**

# Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July

a busy day at the Church  
Start off with



**A Wimbledon Theme  
Breakfast  
At 8.45am in the Church  
Hall**



**Followed by**

**The Church BBQ at  
12 noon in the  
Church Grounds  
incl Fun Tennis, Molky,  
Strawberries and cream and  
Pimms**

**Please see sign up sheet at the back  
of the Church**





**Thank you for your ongoing support for The Vine foodbank. We have received another couple of large donations lately which have been very gratefully received.**

**Currently, the following items are in short supply:**

**Tinned fruit and vegetables  
Tinned meats (corned beef, ham) and meat meals (meat pies,  
stewed steak, hot dogs, meatballs)  
Instant coffee  
Sugar  
Squash/long life fruit juice  
Custard/rice pudding  
Long life milk  
Toiletries (ladies deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, sanitary  
towels)  
Laundry tablets  
Cleaning products**

**We are so grateful for your ongoing support. If you know of any other churches or groups who are looking to donate to a foodbank, do please feel free to point them in our direction.**

**Best regards  
Lesley**

**Lesley Holland  
Community Services Coordinator  
New Addington Salvation Army Church  
Mobile: 07906 097473**

**Please note my usual working days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday**

## SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

### 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

#### Sunday

2.30pm – 4.30pm MESSY CHURCH in the hall “The Prodigal Son” –  
**ALL WELCOME!**

#### Monday

10.00am Baby and Toddler group  
3.00pm Strategy Group meeting at 21 Rylandes Road  
6.00pm Meeting God in silence in the Lady Chapel

#### Tuesday

8.00pm St John’s Wives: The way of a Mayor –  
talk by former Mayor Mrs Margaret Mead in the hall

#### Wednesday

10.30am Meditation Prayer group

#### Thursday

10.00am Baby and Toddler group  
10.15am Said Eucharist.

#### Next Sunday The Second Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language  
10.00am Parish Eucharist  
4.00pm Ian’s Afternoon Tea in the hall

#### **Readings next Sunday at 10am:**

I Kings 19.15-16, 19-end or Galatians 5.1,13-25; Luke 9.51-end

**Morning Prayer is usually said** in Church each weekday (except Friday) between 9.00am and 9.30am. You are welcome to join any of these services.

If there’s something on your mind and you’d like to talk it over with someone, or if you’d like to make your confession, Jenny will be happy to see anyone at any time by appointment. She can be contacted on:  
0208 657 2343 or [rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com)