

**St John the Divine Church, Selsdon**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2019**  
**The Eleventh 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 Barbara Goldsmith and Diana Withers - do come and say hello!

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

**The Opening Prayer:**

God and judge of all, you show us that the way to your kingdom is through humility and service. Keep us true to the path of justice and give us the reward promised to those who make a place for the rejected and the poor. We ask 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:**

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymns at the 10am service:**

First hymn:	855	I come with joy
Gradual hymn	901	My Lord you called my name
Offertory hymn:	891	Great Lord, your love has called us here
Communion hymn:	859	An upper room
Last hymn:	862	Christ you call us all to service

**Choir anthem today:** O thou the central Orb Wood

**Prayers today** are led by Ian Brentnall

## **First Reading** *read by Penny Cook*

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16*

## **Gospel**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable.

'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Luke 14.1,7-14

**For your prayers:**

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

David Crietzman

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

Harry King

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

1 <sup>st</sup> September	Doreen Brett	(2011)
	Michael Gravells	(2017)
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Beatrice Wennell	(1970)
	Florence Wright	(1980)
	Doreen Wanell	(2012)
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Maisie Grayton	(1994)
	Walter Hancox	(1996)
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Lewis Ward	(1980)
5 <sup>th</sup> September	Mabel Griffin	(1990)
6 <sup>th</sup> September	Ronald Mills	(1980)
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Maurice Stagg	(1990)
	Louise Ruhl	(1995)
	Kevin Ovenell	(1973)
	Gladstone McKintosh	(2003)

***If you'd like prayer either for yourself or for another, please contact Amanda in the parish office 0208 657 9466***

***email [bookingsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsstjohns@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 give details to Amanda.***

This is my last Sunday with you before I step back from the parish and go on sabbatical leave until 1st December. During that time I will have opportunities for prayer and reflection. So will you! As priest and people together it would make a real difference to me to know that we are praying intentionally for each other during this time apart.

So here is a prayer I will be using while I'm away. I'll be praying it for you and for me and I'd be grateful if you could pray it for me and for yourselves too.

Thank you! Jenny

*Heavenly Father, bless we pray the whole of our church family at St John's and the community we serve during this time of rest and reflection for Jenny. Guide and guard all of us. May we grow in friendship, in knowledge and in love for you and for each other; may we be refreshed and encouraged; and may we discover how we may continue to be a blessing to this church and our community through our worship and our service. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*



If you'd like to discuss arranging a baptism (christening), a wedding or a funeral, please call Amanda on 0208 6579466 or email [bookingsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsstjohns@gmail.com)



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

**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.



**The Parish Office** is usually open  
**Mon-Thur 9am-2pm**

**\*\*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)**

**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.

**A message from the Rector...**

**I will be away on sabbatical leave from 5<sup>th</sup> September until Advent Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. During this time life at St John's will continue with our Churchwardens Ian Harley and Robert Thornton in charge. I have arranged for a number of different visiting clergy to look after Sunday services, so hope you will enjoy welcoming some new (and not so new) faces while I am away.**

**For anything you would have asked me, including enquiries about baptisms, weddings and funerals please contact our parish administrator, Amanda at the parish office on 0208 6579466 or 07958 682103 you can also email her [bookingsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsstjohns@gmail.com). Amanda will usually be in the office Monday-Thursday from 9am-2pm.**

St John's Website

The website for our church can be found

***[www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk)***



## 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're taking a break during August –meeting again from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

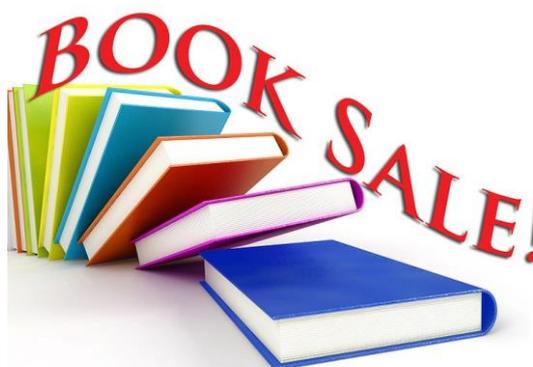


The next church breakfast will be on **This Morning !!!**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 8.45am in the Church hall.**



Come along for a lovely breakfast with great company to get your morning off to a great start.



Our next Book Sale on.....

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October** should see our total raised in the last 12 months to £300. This means we will have sold approximately 1200 books, DVDs and CDs --- that's a lot of satisfied customers !

If we find that some titles are not selling, we take them to a local charity shop where, hopefully, they continue to help to raise money for good causes. All the people who kindly donate their books to us can be sure that they are never wasted.

We look forward to continuing these book sales as long as people want them and would like to thank everyone who has given so generously.

Thank you, Brenda and John

# **Harvest Lunch**

## **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

### **At 12.30pm**



Details and sign up sheet to follow

coffeemorning



Please do join us for our monthly coffee mornings a great chance to catch up and make new friends.

Our next coffee mornings will be held on:

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**  
**at 66 Farley Road**  
10.30am - 12noon

We will also have a special coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support on

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October in the Garden Room.**  
10.30am - 12noon



Please bring your friends along all welcome!

# ST JOHN'S SELSDON GARDEN ROOM

*We hope you like it! If you do, tell your friends, if not tell me!*

*The church and Church Hall are now fully accessible for everyone and available for use for the benefit of St John's and the wider community of Selsdon. If you'd like to enquire about using the hall or the Garden Room, please contact Amanda on*

*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)*

*The Garden Room project is supported by...*



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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.*

## **St John's Card – Autumn Edition.**



**St John's Autumn Brochure is at the back of church!**

**Thank you to everyone who has helped deliver these to roads in the parish. There are still some at the back of church so please take some away to share with friends and neighbours!**

**Thank you to everyone for helping with this important ministry of outreach!**

## **PLANT AND PRODUCE SALE**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**11am in the church hall**

**Any donations of plants, Jams, Cakes and Chutneys etc will be gratefully received if you can start to make and grow and we will ask for donations to be left in the parish office the week leading up to the sale.**



**All proceeds will go towards AV equipment for the Garden Room**



## **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Quiz night**

### **Details to follow**

We are very grateful to those who give so generously of their time, talents and money to support the mission and ministry of this church, as well as contribute to the cost of maintaining this wonderful building. Don't forget that if you are a UK taxpayer, the Church can reclaim the tax you have paid on any donation if you simply fill in your name and address on the yellow envelope provided, which makes your gift worth about a third more at no extra cost to you.

*If you're not (yet) part of the Planned Giving Scheme, or would like to know more about supporting this church on a regular basis through planned giving, please speak to:*

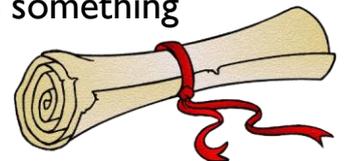
*Michael (Tel: 0208 651 2760) or to Jenny (Tel: 0208 657 2343)  
or e-mail [rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com)*

**And if you take the trouble to support St John's during your lifetime, why not consider continuing to support your church for future generations?**

### **ST JOHN'S LEGACY POLICY**

You may like to know that...

St John's has a Legacy Policy. This means that if you are kind enough to consider leaving a gift to your church in your will, you can be confident that the church will use your gift wisely to achieve or contribute to something significant, and with reference to any particular wishes or interests you have expressed.



The full policy can be seen in the folder at the back of church – or just ask Jenny for a copy. There are also leaflets at the back of church with information about leaving a legacy to your church (the green ones!) – please take one!

**The 16 Steps Youth Club are having  
their final reunion on**

**Sunday September 22nd 2019**

Who were or are the 16 Steps?



In the days before Colour television, Mobile Phones and Computers. The youth club was formed by a group of young people in 1957 and continued into 1960's they used to meet in the Church Hall after evensong.

The club got its name from the number of steps to the Morris Chapman Room, where the club usually held its meetings.

We have had many reunions over the past 60 years, but the time has come to meet for the last time as a group.

Were you a member in the 1950's and 60's or do you know someone who was?

A small group of us aim to attend the 10am service on 22<sup>nd</sup> September and join in coffee in the hall before we go for lunch at Farleigh Golf Course

If you would like more information please get in touch with Brian Sayers,

Email address?? [bcsayers@yahoo.com](mailto:bcsayers@yahoo.com)

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# SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

## 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019

### Monday

- 10.00am No Baby and Toddler group  
6.00pm No Meeting God in silence in the Lady Chapel  
7.30pm Eucharist in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham

### Tuesday

- 10.00am Rector's Coffee Hour in Costa on Selsdon High Street. If you'd like to pop in for a chat or even just to say hello, please do!

### Wednesday

- 10.30am Eucharist at Croham Place  
10.30am Meditation Prayer Group  
7.30pm Area Mission and Pastoral Committee meeting at the Area Office

### Thursday

- 10.00am No Baby and Toddler group  
10.15am Said Eucharist.

### Next Sunday The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language  
10.00am Parish Eucharist for All Ages  
6.00pm Choral evensong

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

Deuteronomy 30.15-20 or Philemon 1-21: Luke 14.25-33

**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)