

St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
8th Sept 2019
The Twelfth 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. We welcome Hilary Fife to preach for us today please give her a warm welcome. 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 Lewine Rush and Janice White - do come and say hello!

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer:

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer:

God of all mercy, in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymns at the 10am service:

First hymn:	285	For the beauty of the earth
Gradual hymn	76	Take up thy cross
Offertory hymn:	420	O Jesus I have promised
Communion hymn:	902	All that I am
Last hymn:	873	Lord for the years

Choir anthem today: Bread of the World *Brentnall*

Prayers today are led by *Emily Richardson*

First Reading *read by James Parsons*

From Paul, who is in jail for serving Christ Jesus, and from Timothy, who is like a brother because of our faith. Philemon, you work with us and are very dear to us. This letter is to you and to the church that meets in your home. It is also to our dear friend Apphia and to Archippus, who serves the Lord as we do.

I pray that God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ will be kind to you and will bless you with peace!

Philemon, each time I mention you in my prayers, I thank God. I hear about your faith in our Lord Jesus and about your love for all of God's people. As you share your faith with others, I pray that they may come to know all the blessings Christ has given us. My friend, your love has made me happy and has greatly encouraged me. It has also cheered the hearts of God's people.

Christ gives me the courage to tell you what to do. But I would rather ask you to do it simply because of love. Yes, as someone in jail for Christ, I beg you to help Onesimus! He is like a son to me because I led him to Christ here in jail. Before this, he was useless to you, but now he is useful both to you and to me.

Sending Onesimus back to you makes me very sad. I would like to keep him here with me, where he could take your place in helping me while I am here in prison for preaching the good news. But I won't do anything unless you agree to it first. I want your act of kindness to come from your heart, and not be something you feel forced to do.

Perhaps Onesimus was taken from you for a little while so that you could have him back for good, but not as a slave. Onesimus is much more than a slave. To me he is a dear friend, but to you he is even more, both as a person and as a follower of the Lord.

If you consider me a friend because of Christ, then welcome Onesimus as you would welcome me. If he has cheated you or owes you anything, charge it to my account. With my own hand I write: I, PAUL, WILL PAY YOU BACK. But don't forget that you owe me your life. My dear friend and follower of Christ our Lord, please cheer me up by doing this for me.

I am sure you will do all I have asked, and even more. Please get a room ready for me. I hope your prayers will be answered, and I can visit you.

Philemon 1-21

Gospel

Large crowds were walking along with Jesus, when he turned and said:

You cannot be my disciple, unless you love me more than you love your father and mother, your wife and children, and your brothers and sisters. You cannot come with me unless you love me more than you love your own life.

You cannot be my disciple unless you carry your own cross and come with me.

Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. What is the first thing you will do?

Won't you sit down and figure out how much it will cost and if you have enough money to pay for it? Otherwise, you will start building the tower, but not be able to finish. Then everyone who sees what is happening will laugh at you. They will say, "You started building, but could not finish the job."

What will a king do if he has only ten thousand soldiers to defend himself against a king who is about to attack him with twenty thousand soldiers? Before he goes out to battle, won't he first sit down and decide if he can win? If he thinks he won't be able to defend himself, he will send messengers and ask for peace while the other king is still a long way off. So then, you cannot be my disciple unless you give away everything you own.

Luke 14.25-33

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

David Crietzman

We pray for those who have died recently:

Stephen Clayton, Harry King

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

9th September Darnley Hunte (2017)

11th September Kathleen Todd (2018)

12th September Winnie Williams (1981)

Tony Hughes (1991)

Stephen Monahan (2017)

13th September Phillip Allen (1976)

14th Sept Tommy Ward (1981)

15th September Florence Crump (1983)

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

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.

I am now away from the parish 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



Please give NOTICES for inclusion in the weekly service sheet to Amanda 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.

OFFICE
HOURS



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

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 Website

The website for our church can be found

www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk



A message from the Rector...

I am away on sabbatical leave from 5th September until Advent Sunday 1st 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. Amanda will usually be in the office Monday-Thursday from 9am-2pm.

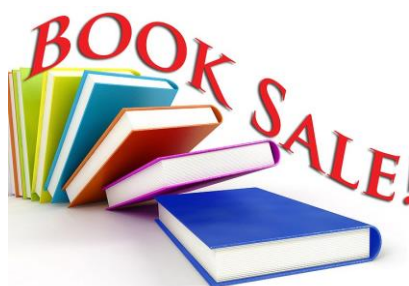
Meeting God in Silence Mondays 6pm-6.30pm

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

Led by Susan Oakes and friends

All Welcome!

Meeting again from Monday 9th September !!



Our next Book Sale on.....

Sunday 13th 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.

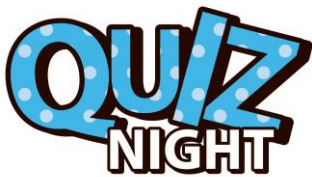
We look forward to continuing these book sales as long as people want them and would like to thank everyone who has given so generously.

Thank you, Brenda and John



Harvest Lunch
Sunday 29th
September
At 12.30pm

This year we will be having a 'Bring and Share' event please see details at the back of the church.



Saturday 19th October – Quiz
night
Details 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 11th 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 9th October in the Garden Room.

10.30am - 12noon

Please bring your friends along all welcome!



Churches Together in Selsdon and Addington: CTSA

Saturday 14th September 10.00 - 12.30am at St Mary's Farleigh

Mini-Retreat/Quiet Morning. - 'The Woman at the Well'

Take time out, away from your routine, to just gather with us in this calm, rural setting to focus on His Presence, resting in Him and seeking His face.

The morning will be led by Carol Edwards and all are welcome. No booking or cost just arrive.

**PLANT AND
PRODUCE
SALE**

Sunday 22nd

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

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 07958 682 103 or email bookingsstjohns@gmail.com

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*

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 if you need any further information or help.

**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 22nd 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

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:

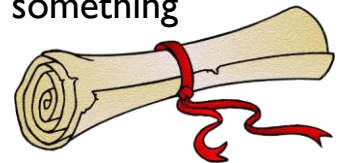
*Michael (Tel: 0208 651 2760) or to Jenny (Tel: 0208 657 2343)
or e-mail rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com*

**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!

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SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

8th September 2019

Sunday

6.00pm Evensong

Monday

10.00am Baby and Toddler group

10.30am Prayer Circle

6.00pm Meeting God in silence in the Lady Chapel

Tuesday

8.00pm Wives Opening Service

Wednesday

10.30am Monthly Coffee morning 66 Farley Road

Thursday

10.00am Baby and Toddler group

10.15am Said Eucharist.

Saturday

10.00am 'The Woman at the Well' Mini Retreat St Mary's Farleigh

10.00am Lay Conference St Bede's School, Redhill

Next Sunday The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language

10.00am Parish Eucharist

11.45 Baptism of Elsie Grace Wilkes

6.00pm Healing Service

Readings next Sunday at 10am:

Exodus 32:7-14 or 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10

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