



St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
15th Sept 2019
The Thirteenth 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 Nick Lang to preach for us 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 Brenda Webb, Karen and Booby - do come and say hello!

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer:

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God, exultant you bring home the found. Touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the tenderness of your forbearing love. Grant us delight in the mercy that has found us and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiveness. 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:

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymns at the 10am service:

First hymn:	802	Amazing Grace
Gradual hymn	829	I will sing the wondrous story
Offertory hymn:	837	I cannot tell
Communion hymn:	840	There is a Redeemer
Last hymn:	830	God is our strength and refuge

Choir anthem today: Love Divine *Goodhall*

Prayers today are led by Peter Crocombe

First Reading *read by Ann Woods*

Either:

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost.

But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 1.12-17

Gospel

All the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’

So he told them this parable: ‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.” Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

Luke 15:1-10

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

David Crietzman

We pray for those who have died recently:

Heather Brothwood, Stephen Clayton

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

16 th September	Phil Green	(2001)
	Enid Maynard	(2003)
	Matilda Lines	(2015)
17 th September	Fred Collard	(1984)
	Mary Thomson	(2018)
	Mark Campbell	(2018)
18 th September	Sidney Smith	(2015)
19 th September	Lucy Smith	(1974)
	Bill Purvis	(1979)
	David Dobson	(1984)
	Florence Robbins	(1996)
20 th September	Wai Ming Leung	(1984)
	Harold Gayton	(1994)
22 nd September	Marina Chew	(2000)
	Christobel Orchard	(2000)
	Eileen Goodison	(2008)

Please also remember in your prayers Elsie Grace Wilkes being baptized later today.

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.

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 weeks.

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



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

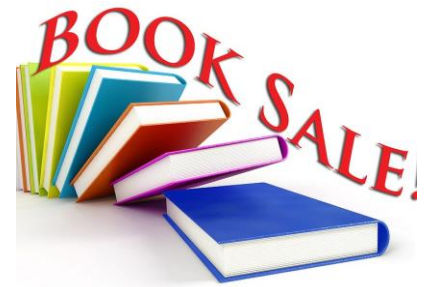
An opportunity to share a time of quiet in the Lady Chapel.

Led by Susan Oakes and friends

All Welcome!



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

Please see details at the back of the church.

QUIZ
NIGHT

Saturday 19th October – Quiz
night
Details to follow

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

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Our Next Monthly coffee morning will be on

Wednesday 9th October in the Garden Room. 10.30am - 12noon

Please bring your friends along all welcome!

If you are able to help by making cakes or helping serve on the morning, I would be grateful

Many Thanks Amanda



The 16 Steps Youth Club are having their final reunion on Sunday September 22nd 2019

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

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 **donate** 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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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:

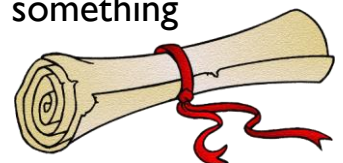
*Michael (Tel: 0208 651 2760) or to Jenny (Tel: 0208 657 2343)
or e-mail rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com*

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!

The Messy Church Team are meeting for tea and a chat on

Sunday 6th October between 2.30pm and 4.00pm in the garden room.



We would love to invite anyone and everyone who is interested in becoming involved or joining the team.

We have 3 or 4 session a year and need hands on creative help, practical help with food and help with admin and registering. We have just enough at present but if one of us is away or is unwell we fall short.

Please come along and look at what is involved you will be surprised at the variety of ways you could help. This session will take the place of the October Messy Church and will us the time and space to re-shape before the session in January.

Many thanks for reading this and we look forward to welcoming you in the Garden Room in October.

Sally Geddes

A big thank you to everyone who has been donating to God's Pantry the basket has been overflowing and 75 items were taken to The Vine food bank this week.

Many Thanks



Every
Donation
Makes A
Difference

PLANT AND PRODUCE SALE



Next Week!!!

**Sunday 22nd
September
11am in the
church hall**

Any donations of plants, Jams, Cakes and Chutneys etc will be gratefully received if you can leave in the Parish Office Starting from Monday- Thur 9am -2pm we would be really grateful

All proceeds will go towards AV equipment for the Garden Room

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SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

15th September 2019

Sunday

6.00pm Healing Service

Monday

10.00am Baby and Toddler group

6.00pm Meeting God in silence in the Lady Chapel

Wednesday

10.00am Meditation Prayer group

Thursday

10.00am Baby and Toddler group

10.15am Said Eucharist.

12 Noon Deanery Chapter meeting St Francis Church, West Wickham

6.30pm Contact AGM at the Selsdon centre for the retired

Next Sunday **The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language

10.00am Parish Eucharist

11.00am Plant and produce sale in the church hall

Readings next Sunday at 10am:

Amos 8:4-7 or 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13

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