

St John the Divine Church, Selsdon **Sunday 6th September 2020** **Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome to St John's!

If you're a newcomer or a visitor to St John's, we have great pleasure in welcoming you today. The service today will be taken by Revd Nick Lang. There are service booklets in the pew in front of you please can you place them back in the pew when the service has finished. Please can you take this notice sheet home with you. We are glad you are able to join us again and hope you enjoy the service.

The Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through 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**

First Reading

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Gospel

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.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

John 6: 51-58

For your prayers:

We pray for God’s love to surround:

Julia Barclay, David Crietzman, Margaret Rapp, Alan White

We pray for those who have died recently:

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

6th September	Ronald Mills	(1980)
8th September	Maurice Stagg	(1990)
	Louise Ruhl	(1995)
	Kevin Ovenell	(1973)
	Gladstone McIntosh	(2003)
9th September	Darnley Hunte	(2017)
11th September	Kathleen Todd	(2018)
12th September	Winnie Williams	(1981)
	Tony Hughes	(1991)
	Stephen Monahan	(2017)

If you’d like prayer either for yourself or for another, please email rectorstjohnschurch@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 email Amanda on the above email.

Please give **NOTICES** for inclusion in the weekly service sheet to Amanda bookingsstjohnschurch@gmail.com preferably by e-mail, or in writing. It would be helpful to receive this before * Tuesday * each week.

If you'd like to discuss arranging a baptism (christening), a wedding or a funeral, please call 0208 6572343 or email rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com

The Parish Office

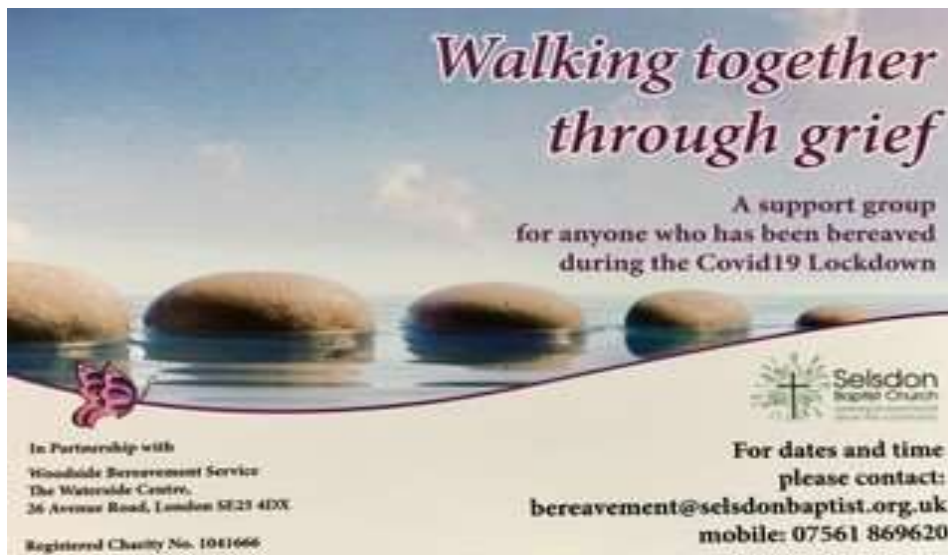
Will be back open Mon- Thur 9am-2pm from
Monday 7th September

For any enquiries please call
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Or email bookingsstjohns@gmail.com

St John's Website address is:
www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk

To find our Facebook page simply (Google) search
St John's Church, Selsdon



Interregnum update

We have some progress to report on finding a new Rector for St. John's. At their last meeting, the PCC agreed the Parish profile along with the Archdeacon a couple of amendments were made and now the profile will be sent off to the Diocese for final amendments and authorisation.

The post will be advertised in September/October and shortlisted applicants invited to visit the parish in early November and for interview by our parish representatives together with the Bishop of Croydon.

Church Hall

The Church Hall Management Committee have undertaken a review and risk assessment in regarding to reopening the hall. Their report is available on the church website. The Standing Committee of the PCC have agreed that the hall can be open for hire under the guidelines agreed.



We look forward to our.....

Harvest Festival Service
on
Sunday 27th September
at 10am

Please bring a donation to go to the
Addington Food Bank

This could include

- *Tinned fruit
- *Tinned meat meals (chilli, bolognese, chicken in white wine sauce, meatballs, hot dogs)
- *Jam/spreads
- *Puddings (Angel Delight, jelly etc)
- *Long life fruit juice/squash
- *Washing up liquid
- *Laundry tablets/capsules (easier to distribute than *soap powder)
- *Shampoo
- *Soap
- *Deodorant
- *Tinned meat pies
- *Sugar
- *Antibacterial spray
- *Kitchen/bathroom cleaner
- *Conditioner
- *Toothpaste

However, if anyone has any good quality, strong **carrier bags** going spare, we would be happy to receive them. Generally our clients bring their own bags, however with the change in procedures at the moment, we are giving out pre-packed bags and so have depleted our store of carrier bags. Could I also be really cheeky and ask that if you are donating **peas**, you go for plain old garden peas rather than mushy peas, and for **cereals** the popular ones are weetabix or cheerio types. Most of our referrals are for families, and children generally don't like porridge!

MANY THANKS

We also have our APCM in the Church afterwards.

We are looking for one more member to join the PCC if you would be interested please speak to Ian Harley, Debbie Brown or Helen Lishmund.



As you are aware we were unable to hold our planned Annual meeting in March due the Coronavirus lockdown. We were advised by the Diocese that we could hold an APCM prior to 31st October and we have planned the date of **Sunday 27th September at 11.30 am in church after the 10am service; safely socially distanced, of course.**



Robert Thornton had planned to stand down as Churchwarden in March but has valiantly remained in post over this difficult time. However he has now resigned from the post and the PCC have agreed to Debbie Brown taking over as acting Churchwarden pending her election at our forthcoming APCM.

Robert has kindly agreed to carry on assisting at Sunday services for the time being and we are extremely grateful to him for his support and cheery backing through the last few months.

Please welcome Debbie as she steps into her new role.

At this meeting we hope to elect 2 Churchwardens, 4 new members to PCC. and 4 new representatives to Deanery Synod.

Nominations already received:

As Churchwarden:	Debbie Brown	proposed by Helen Lishmund seconded by Gill Salter
	Ian Harley	proposed by Wendy Moulton seconded by Sally Geddes

As PCC members:	Sarah Parsons	proposed by Rani Samuel seconded by Sally Geddes
	Ann Crocombe	proposed by Monica Turton seconded by Susan Tilley
	Ian Brentnall	proposed by Alice Hicks Seconded by Joanna Sands
	Gill Sharpe	proposed by David Moulton seconded by Helen Lishmund

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As Deanery synod Representatives	Gill Salter	proposed by Ann Orchard seconded by Sylvia Hughes
	Robin Orchard	proposed by Robert Thornton Seconded by David Moulton
	Helen Lishmund	proposed by Ann Woods seconded by June Mason

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It is hoped that all members of the parish will give prayerful and thoughtful consideration to nominating people who wish to promote the mission of the parish, and who, amongst them, can offer a range of experience, skills and outlook to the Council. Please would everyone in St John's church family give some prayerful thought to who could serve in this capacity in the coming year, and if you have any suggestions on who you would like to see as your Churchwarden, on PCC or Deanery Synod, please mention names to Ian and Robert – Thank you!

Notice

Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 Draft Pastoral Scheme

21 July 2020

The Church Commissioners have prepared a draft Scheme in respect of proposals sent to them by the Bishop of Southwark providing for: (i) the dissolution of the benefice and parish of All Saints, Spring Park and the division of the area of its parish between the parishes of St George, Shirley; and Shirley (also known locally as St John, Shirley); (ii) the parish church of All Saints, Spring Park to become a chapel of ease in the parish of Shirley; (iii) the transfer of the parsonage house of the benefice of All Saints, Spring Park to the Southwark Diocesan Board of Finance as diocesan glebe - all in the diocese of Southwark.

The draft Scheme is on our website www.churchofengland.org/consultation or you may obtain a copy from me. **Large print and/or audio copies are available on request.** Anyone may make representations **for** or **against** all or any part of the draft Scheme (please include the reasons for your views) preferably by email or by post to reach me no later than midnight on **Monday 7 September 2020**. If I have not acknowledged its receipt, please ring or e-mail me. For administrative purposes, a petition will be classed as a single representation and we will only correspond with the sender of the petition, if known, or otherwise the first signatory for whom we can identify an address – “the primary petitioner”.

- When making a representation, please indicate the nature of your interest in the proposals (e.g. parishioner, member of parochial church council, etc) and whether you would like an opportunity to speak to the Commissioners regarding your representation if they decide a hearing should be held regarding the case.
- If we receive representations against the draft Scheme, we will send them, and any representations supporting the draft Scheme, to the Bishop whose views will be sought. Individual representors and the primary petitioner will then receive copies of the correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and will be told whether a hearing is to be held. They and individual petitioners may comment further to the Commissioners. Copies of all of the representations received and associated correspondence will be published on the Commissioners’ website if the matter needs to be considered by the Commissioners.
- If a hearing is held, anyone may attend the meeting of the Commissioners’ Committee that considers the case and representors may have an opportunity to speak to it. Otherwise, if a hearing is not to be held, the case will be considered in private and you will be informed accordingly.
- When we acknowledge representations we will let individual representors (and the primary petitioner) know the next few dates of our Committee’s meetings. We will confirm the actual date if a hearing is to be held nearer the time.
- The Committee will decide if the draft Scheme should proceed when it considers all the representations on the basis of a paper prepared by the Commissioners’ staff and any points raised at the meeting. The Commissioners will notify all representors of their decision and give a statement of the reasons for it.
- Please see www.churchofengland.org/consultation for further information about the

procedure. Rex Andrew

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Please see below a resource from the Archbishop of Canterbury

DailyHOPE, the Church's freephone line, of the 'Holiday at Home'.



Since its launch at the beginning of May the DailyHOPE line has received more than 215,000 calls. That accounts for over 2.5 million minutes of listening to prayers, hymns and reflections. We have been so so glad it has had such a reach and impact. Our hope and aim was to offer something for the elder generation who don't access things online. The freephone line seems to have been a wonderful help and encouragement to tens of thousands.

In addition to the normal offering of hymns, the daily office, reflections and prayers over this summer month there is a new offering of Holiday at Home. This offers an opportunity for those who rarely leave their houses a chance to be 'transported' on a holiday – with prayers of thanks for times past, a poem recollecting holidays and even a soundscape to evoke those memories of past holidays. Here is a link to a taster of Holiday at Home- [Holiday at Home Taster](#)

We would love to get the word out near and far to all who might benefit from it. So this is simply to encourage you if possible to pass this onto your Deanery Chapter and Synod and also if you know of any parishes or communities that would benefit from the encouragements of a freephone line to provide company, prayers, hymns and memories of gladness then please would you pass on the details of DailyHOPE (0800 804 8044).

**Thank you for joining us
this morning**



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