



St John the Divine Church, Selsdon **Sunday 13th September 2020** **Fourteenth 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 Michael Skinner. 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 happy you can join us again and hope you enjoy the service.

The Opening Prayer:

O God most high, you are slow to anger and rich in compassion. Keep alive in us the memory of your mercy, that our angers may be calmed and our resentments dispelled. May we discover the forgiveness promised to those who forgive. 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 God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Gospel

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Matthew 18.21-35

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:

13th September	Philip Allen	(1976)
14th September	Tommy Ward	(1981)
	Lee Strudwick	(2019)
15th September	Florence Crump	(1983)
16th September	Phil Green	(2001)
	Enid Maynard	(2003)
	Matilda Lines	(2015)
17th September	Fred Collard	(1984)
	Mary Thomson	(2018)
	Mark Campbell	(2018)
18th September	Sidney Smith	(2015)
19th September	Lucy Smith	(1974)
	Bill Purvis	(1979)
	David Dobson	(1984)
	Florence Robbins	(1996)

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

We need to keep social distance to a minimum of 1m, swift movement out of the church after services and that, sadly, we cannot serve coffee currently due to revised government guidance

The Parish Office

Open Mon- Thur 9am-2pm from

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www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk

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St John's Church, Selsdon



*Walking together
through grief*

A support group
for anyone who has been bereaved
during the Covid19 Lockdown

In Partnership with
Woodside Bereavement Service
The Waterside Centre,
26 Avenue Road, London SE23 4DX.
Registered Charity No. 1041666

 Selsdon
Baptist Church

For dates and time
please contact:
bereavement@selsdonbaptist.org.uk
mobile: 07561 869620

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.



Robert Thornton has resigned as Church

Warden and now this role has been taken over by

Debbie Brown, we will be collecting for a gift over

the next few weeks and will present to Robert on Sunday 27th September at the

APCM. If anyone would like to contribute, please see Sue Tilley or one of the

Church wardens

Many Thanks

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

ONE MORE SPACE PLEASE SEE HELEN, DEBBIE OR IAN TO APPLY

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
	Sue Tilley	proposed by Margaret Mead seconded by Debbie Brown

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!*



*thank
you*

for joining us this morning

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