



**St John the Divine Church, Selsdon**  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020**  
**Fifteenth 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 Andy Dovey.

We are happy you can join us again and hope you enjoy the service.

**Opening Prayer**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**First Reading**

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents.

For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*Philippians 1:21-end*

## **Gospel**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

*Matthew 20.1-16*

**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:**

20th September	Wai Ming Leung	(1984)
	Harold Gayton	(1994)
22nd September	Marina Chew	(2000)
	Christobel Orchard	(2000)
	Eileen Goodison	(2008)
23rd September	Tony Webb	(2018)
24th September	Elisabeth Cook	(1988)
	Anthony Carey	(1998)
25th September	Bertram Sheen	(1990)
	Richard Hay	(2003)

*If you'd like prayer either for yourself or for another, please email [rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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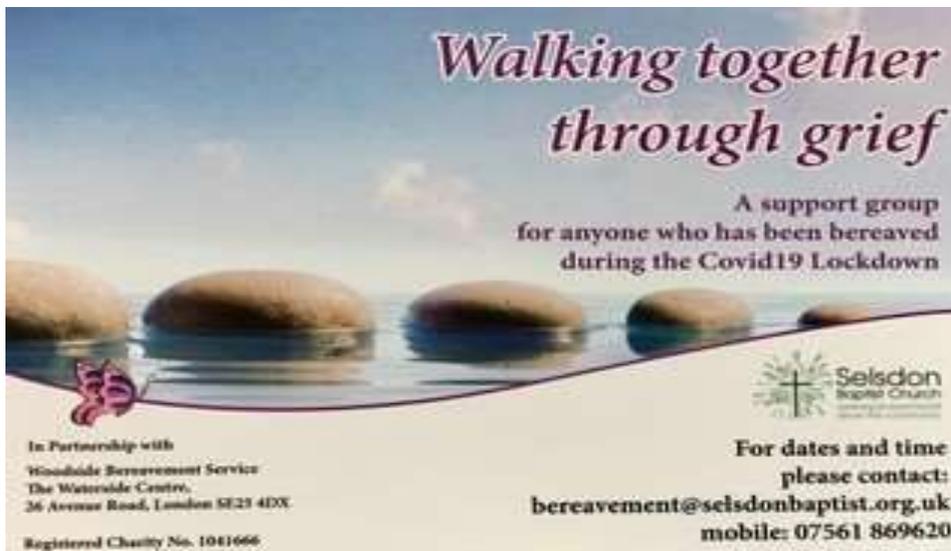
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## Interregnum update

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

Please could the congregation prayer for our daughter, Judith Brooks who is to be made a deacon on Saturday 19 September in Southwark Cathedral. She is to serve as a self-supporting minister and her title parish is St Matthew Redhill.

Many thanks  
Anne and Michael Skinner



Also Janice White has asked that you pray for Alan White and David Crietzman as they start another round of treatment on 28<sup>th</sup> September.

We look forward to our.....

**Harvest Festival Service**  
**NEXT WEEK !!**  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.**



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 31<sup>st</sup> October and we have planned the date of **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 11.15 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
	Fiona McSorley	proposed by Peter Crocombe Seconded by Ros Harley

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
	Alice Hicks	proposed by Sue Tilley Seconded by Helen Lishmund

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 Debbie – *Thank you!*

