

**St John the Divine Church, Selsdon  
13 October 2019  
The Seventeenth 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 Revd Nick Lang to lead our worship and preach 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 Anne and Robin Orchard - do come and say hello!

**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!**

**The Opening Prayer:**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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:**

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymns at the 10am service:**

First hymn: 839 A man there lived in Galilee

Gradual hymn 898 We cannot measure how you heal

Offertory hymn: 467 Through all the changes scenes of life

Communion hymn: 804 Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord

Last hymn: 427 O praise ye the Lord

**Choir anthem today:** *Cantique de Jean Racine* Fauré

**Prayers today** are led by Christopher Samuels

## **First Reading** *read by Sophie Jennings*

Naaman was the commander of the Syrian army. The Lord had helped him and his troops defeat their enemies, so the king of Syria respected Naaman very much. Naaman was a brave soldier, but he had leprosy.

One day while the Syrian troops were raiding Israel, they captured a girl, and she became a servant of Naaman's wife. Some time later the girl said, "If your husband Naaman would go to the prophet in Samaria, he would be cured of his leprosy."

When Naaman told the king what the girl had said, <sup>5</sup> the king replied, "Go ahead! I will give you a letter to take to the king of Israel."

Naaman left and took along seven hundred fifty pounds of silver, one hundred fifty pounds of gold, and ten new outfits. He also carried the letter to the king of Israel. It said, "I am sending my servant Naaman to you. Would you cure him of his leprosy?"

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes in fear and shouted, "That Syrian king believes I can cure this man of leprosy! Does he think I'm God with power over life and death? He must be trying to pick a fight with me."

As soon as Elisha the prophet heard what had happened, he sent the Israelite king this message: "Why are you so afraid? Send the man to me, so that he will know there is a prophet in Israel."

Naaman left with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent someone outside to say to him, "Go wash seven times in the Jordan River. Then you'll be completely cured."

But Naaman stormed off, grumbling, "Why couldn't he come out and talk to me? I thought for sure he would stand in front of me and pray to the Lord his God, then wave his hand over my skin and cure me. What about the Abana River or the Pharpar River? Those rivers in Damascus are just as good as any river in Israel. I could have washed in them and been cured."

His servants went over to him and said, "Sir, if the prophet had told you to do something difficult, you would have done it. So why don't you do what he said? Go wash and be cured."

Naaman walked down to the Jordan; he waded out into the water and stooped down in it seven times, just as Elisha had told him. Right away, he was cured, and his skin became as smooth as a child's.

Naaman and his officials went back to Elisha. Naaman stood in front of him and announced, "Now I know that the God of Israel is the only God in the whole world.

2 Kings 5.1-15

**For your prayers:**

**We pray for God's love to surround:**

Juliet Akao, David Crietzman, John Ewing, Alan White

**We pray for those who have died recently:**

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

13<sup>th</sup> October Frank Filce (1980)  
Ellen Massay (2014)

14<sup>th</sup> October Arthur Zuppinger (1970)

16<sup>th</sup> October Audrey Beecher-Brown (2016)

18<sup>th</sup> October Eric Oldham (1997)  
Vera Garland (2005)

19<sup>th</sup> October George Robinson (1981)  
Arthur Connop (1985)  
Dora Butler (1989)  
Malcolm Asbridge (1993)

***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](mailto: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](mailto:bookingsstjohns@gmail.com) preferably by e-mail, or in writing. It would be helpful to receive these before \* Tuesday \* each weeks.***



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](mailto:bookingsstjohns@gmail.com)



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*

**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.



**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](mailto: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](http://www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk)***

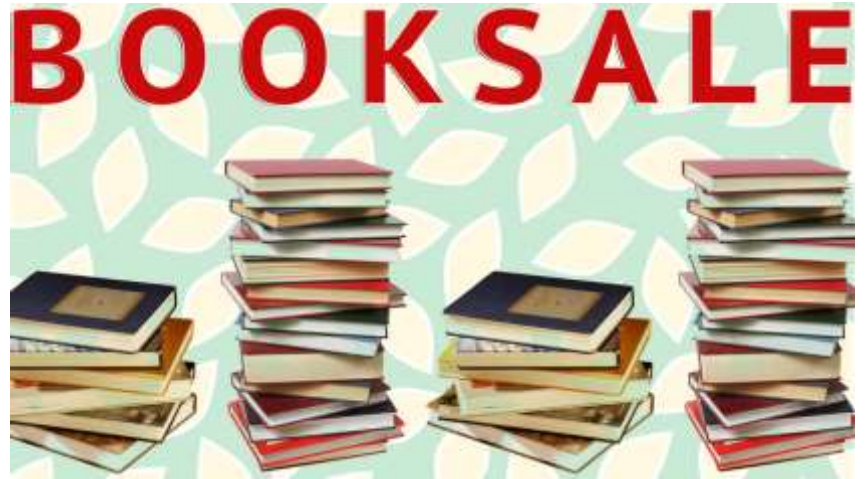
#### **A message from the Rector...**

**I am away on sabbatical leave from 5<sup>th</sup> September until Advent Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:bookingsstjohns@gmail.com). Amanda will usually be in the office Monday-Thursday from 9am-2pm she will then put you in contact with the correct person.**

Our next Book Sale is  
**TODAY!!!!**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October**  
**11am in the**  
**Church Hall**



**QUIZ**  
**NIGHT**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**October – Quiz night**  
**Sign up sheet at the**  
**back of the church**



**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!**





*A special service remembering*

## ALL SOULS

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at**

**6pm**

A simple service of prayer and reflection.

Come and light a candle and remember

Our guest preacher is The Venerable Chris Skilton, Archdeacon of Croydon

*If you would like your loved one's name to be included among those read out loud, please place their name on the sheet at the back of the church . Although we can add names to the list on the night, just before the service begins, it would be helpful to have a note of all the names to be read out by Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October*

**ALL WELCOME!**

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



Our next monthly coffee morning is on

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 199 Farley Road, CR2 7NP



# 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 will soon be 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 682103 or email [bookingsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:salterg@outlook.com)*

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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](mailto:salterg@outlook.com) if you need any further information or help.*



# **Remembrance Day**

**At St John's Church, Selsdon**

**On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

**At 10am**



*A Eucharist for All Ages  
including  
the traditional 2 minutes'  
silence and  
laying of a wreath*

*This year we welcome  
The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark  
to lead the worship*

***ALL WELCOME!***



# Angelfest

**St Johns Christmas Angel Weekend**

## **ANGELFEST FAYRE**

**Sat 7th December 11am –3pm**

**Children’s activities , Father Christmas, Stalls  
and**

**Refreshments**

**!!! FREE ENTRY !!!**

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## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Sunday 8th December 6pm**

**A lively concert of Christmas songs with  
Mulled punch and mice pies**

**!!! FREE ENTRY !!!**

**St John’s Church, Upper Selsdon Road,**

**South Croydon, CR2 8DD**

**[www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk)**



The Angelfest Weekend is coming on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December and we need your help to make the day run smoothly.

If your able to help with any of the following, please speak to Gill Salter, Helen Lishmund, Jane G or Amanda Sinclair:

**\*Could you be a helper on the day?**

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**\*Could you donate a raffle prize or know someone who can?**

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**\*Could you plant some flower bulbs in containers?**

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**\*Could you donate some New Toys for the Toy Stall?  
(no second-hand toys this year thank you)**

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**\*Could you donate some teddies for the Teddy Tombola stall?**

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**\*Could you make some cakes for the Cake Stall?**

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**We would be grateful for any offers of help on the day and beforehand**

**Thank you.**



# SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

## 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### **Sunday**

6.00pm Choral Evensong

### **Monday**

10.00am Baby and Toddler group

6.00pm Meeting God in silence in the Lady Chapel

### **Tuesday**

8pm Wives Group Sylvan Bell Ringers

### **Wednesday**

10.30am Meditation Prayer Group

### **Thursday**

10.00am Baby and Toddler group

10.15am Said Eucharist

7.30pm Deanery Synod Meeting at St George's Shirley

### **Saturday**

7.00pm Quiz Night in the church hall

### **Next Sunday The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.00pm Healing Service

### ***Readings next Sunday at 10am:***

*Genesis 32.22-31, Luke 18.1-8*

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