



St John the Divine Church, Selsdon

Sunday 4th October 2020

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to St John's!

If you are a newcomer or a visitor to St John's, we have great pleasure in welcoming you today to our Harvest Service.

The service today will be taken by Revd Stephen Wright.

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

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

First Reading

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Isaiah 5:1-7

Gospel

Jesus told the chief priests and leaders to listen to this story:

A land-owner once planted a vineyard. He built a wall around it and dug a pit to crush the grapes in. He also built a lookout tower. Then he rented out his vineyard and left the country.

When it was harvest time, the owner sent some servants to get his share of the grapes. But the tenants who had rented the vineyard grabbed those servants. They beat up one, killed one, and stoned one of them to death. He then sent more servants than he did the first time. But the tenants treated them in the same way.

Finally, the owner sent his own son to the tenants, because he thought they would respect him. But when they saw the man's son, they said, "Someday he will own the vineyard. Let's kill him! Then we can have it all for ourselves." So they grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

Jesus asked, "When the owner of that vineyard comes, what do you suppose he will do to those tenants?"

The chief priests and leaders answered, "He will kill them in some horrible way. Then he will rent out his vineyard to people who will give him his share of grapes at harvest time."

Jesus replied, "You surely know that the Scriptures say,

'The stone that the builders tossed aside is now the most important stone of all.

This is something the Lord has done, and it is amazing to us.'

I tell you that God's kingdom will be taken from you and given to people who will do what he demands. Anyone who stumbles over this stone will be crushed, and anyone it falls on will be smashed to pieces."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard these stories, they knew that Jesus was talking about them. So they looked for a way to arrest Jesus. But they were afraid to, because the people thought he was a prophet.

Matthew 21:33-46

For your prayers:

We pray for God's love to surround:

Andrew Bale, Julia Barclay, David Crietzman, Deidre Lane, Margaret Rapp, Alan White

We pray for those who have died recently:

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

4th October	Ted Brookes	(2003)
	Fred Fenton	(2005)
5th October	Barbara Domaingue	(1981)
	Joan Olive Lucas	(1991)
6th October	John Tompkins	(2005)
7th October	Kathleen Payne	(1987)
8th October	Jessie Weeks	(1981)
	Ray Talks	(2010)
9th October	Audrey Pattinson	(1995)
	Pam Lawrence	(2009)
10th October	George Hails	(1967)
	Lena Pendred	(1988)
	David Hill	(1988)
	Kirsty Willmington	(2008)

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

For any enquiries please call

0208 6579466

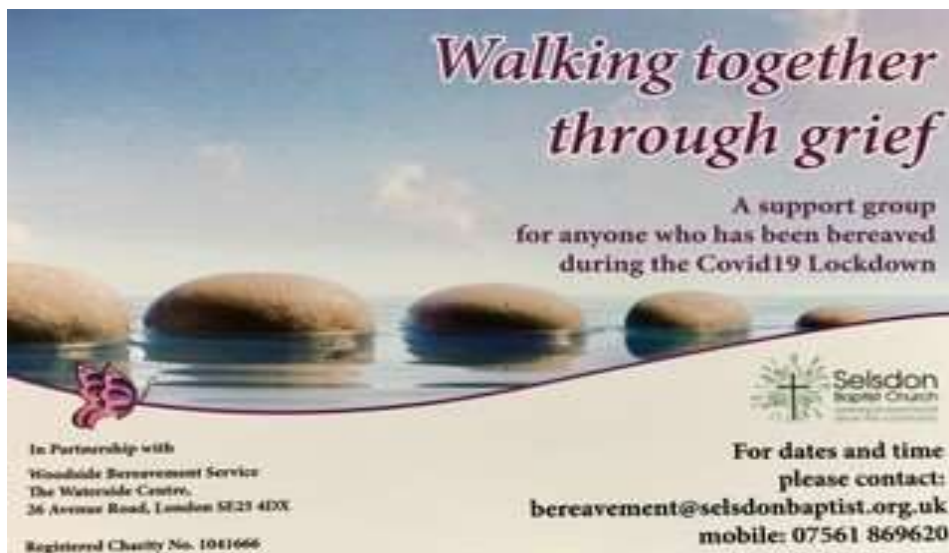
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www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk

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Interregnum update

We have some progress to report on finding a new Rector for St. John's. 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. We have added our Parish profile to our website you can have a look by searching for

www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk

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.



Meeting God in Silence –

Returns from Monday 28th September at 6 pm in the Garden Room at St. John's led by Susan Oakes.

A chance for quiet reflection and prayer in a safe space. Please join us.

Thanks Helen

GOODBYE

We say goodbye to Margaret Pittard who has moved to Petts Wood on 25th September. Margaret ran the office and hall bookings for a number of years and will be missed. Thank you for all your help over the years Margaret.

We also say goodbye to Marie-Claire, Mike, John, Thomas, Robert Strong and Marie-Claire's mum Eileen Wyatt who will be moving near Helmsley, Yorkshire next week. We wish you all the best for your move.

(Marie-Claire just wanted to also say that Robert was born on 19th March during the lockdown period to let anyone know who hadn't heard the news.)

We wish all the family well in their new home.





Fancy a Chat?.....

**Join us for our Zoom coffee mornings returning on
Wednesday 7th October at 10.30am
for an hour.**

The sessions will run every two weeks

**Please email Amanda
bookingsstjohns@gmail.com
to get a login for the sessions.**

A Big Thank you

to all who made it to our Harvest Festival Service last Sunday. We are really grateful for the donations you contributed to the Salvation Army Food bank.

We would like to say a special thank you to Tom and his team at Iceland in Selsdon and the Luke and his team at the Coop in Forrestdale for their contributions and to Jo Charles for approaching stores and collecting donations.



Thank you to all who joined us for the APCM and good luck to everyone who has taken on a new role within the church. A copy of the APCM booklet will be made available on the Church Website along with notice sheets and weekly news

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Coming up at St Johns.....

Sunday 1st November

All Saints Day - Eucharist 10am

All Souls Service – 6pm

Sunday 8th November

Remembrance Sunday - Eucharist 10am

Sunday 22nd November

Christ the King - Eucharist 10am



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