

**St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
20 October 2019**

The Eighteen 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 The Rt Revd. Jonathan Clark Bishop of Croydon 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 Libby Lawrey and Sue Condon - do come and say hello!

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer:

Lord. Tireless guardian of your people, always ready to hear the cries of your chosen ones, teach us to rely, day and night, on your care. Support our prayer lest we grow weary. Impel us to seek your enduring justice and your ever-present help. Grant 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:

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**

Hymns at the 10am service:

First hymn:	376	I heard the voice of Jesus say
Gradual hymn:	801	Abba Father, let me be
Offertory hymn:	891	Great God, your love has called us here
Communion hymn:	895	Morning glory, starlit sky
Last hymn:	888	One in Christ, we meet together

Choir anthem today: *Psalm 121 Walford Davies*

Prayers today are led by *Gill Sharpe*

First Reading *read by Brenda Williams*

Jacob got up, took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So, he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So, Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Genesis 32.22-31

Gospel

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent."

For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Luke 18.1-8

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:

Janet Morris

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

20th October Charles McFarlane (1986)

Carole Hensher (2014)

Barbara Blunt (2014)

Peter Morris (2014)

21st October Horace Daniels (1966)

22nd October Anthony Chew (2008)

23rd October Janet Green (2010)

Ellen Daniels (2010)

Yvonne Berry (2011)

24th October Henrietta Mills (1987)

Allan Simper (1993)

Charles Edwin Allen (1994)

Russell Bailey (2004)

Sandra Walford (2018)

26th October Audrey Patterson (1983)

Agnes Bates (1988)

Lawrie Sawford (1988)

Katie Burton (2001)

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

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 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 Amanda on 0208 6579466 or email 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

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

A message from the Rector...

I am away on sabbatical leave from 5th September until Advent Sunday 1st 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. Amanda will usually be in the office Monday-Thursday from 9am-2pm she will then put you in contact with the correct person.



A special service remembering
ALL SOULS
Sunday 3rd 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 27th October

ALL WELCOME!

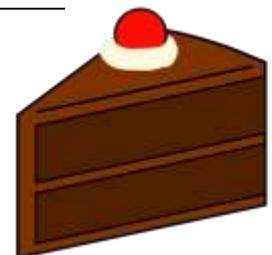
Meeting God in Silence Mondays 6pm-6.30pm

An opportunity to share a time of quiet in the Lady Chapel. Led by Susan Oakes and friends

All Welcome!



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 13th 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

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*

The Garden Room project is supported by...



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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 if you need any further information or help.



Remembrance Day

At St John's Church, Selsdon

On Sunday 10th 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!

*Thank you to
all who attended the book sale
last weekend we raised £65.
The next book sale will be on
Sunday 24th November*



A huge thank you to everyone involved in the 'St Johns Deep Clean' last week. After many years the windows have been cleaned inside and outside by 'Tim's Window Cleaning' services, he came highly recommended and the results are incredible.

Over two days, 7 litres of floor cleaner were used to clean all 21 internal areas by 22 hardworking parishioners. 318 chairs Hoovered and washed, 265 kneelers hovered, and 305 hymn books checked and replaced. All floors mopped and carpet hovered and washed.

Huge thank you to the amazing dream team - Robert Thornton very handy with a Dyson hovering every single chair, Monica Turton (Children's Area, Robing Room), John Williams (side aisle and chairs). Barry and Jean Cockerill (Baptistery), Hilary, Ingrid and Emily Richardson (choir stalls, chairs), Marion and Jim Gordon (welcoming area, High Altar), Helen Lishmund (Lectern and Pulpit), Brian Huggett (Lady Chapel, books), Judith Coleman and Lewine Rush (chairs), Alice and Andrew Hicks (kneelers and odd jobs), Liz Fitzpatrick (kneelers and middle earth), Ian Brentnall (organ), Andy Holton (Lady Chapel), Dara Smith (Garden Room inside and out, porch, floors), Fiona McSorley (vestry), and me !!



Every 3 months we are going to do a deep clean so look out for the New Year gleam!

Thank you, much appreciated,
Catherine Sands



Angelfest

St Johns Christmas Angel Weekend

ANGELFEST FAYRE

Sat 7th December 11am –3pm

**Children's activities , Father Christmas, Stalls
and
Refreshments**

!!! FREE ENTRY !!!

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



The Angelfest Weekend is coming on 7th and 8th 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?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you.



SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

20th October 2019

Sunday

6.00pm **Healing Service with Andy Dovey**

Monday

10.00am No Baby and Toddler group half term

10.00am Prayer Circle

6.00pm Meeting God in silence in the Lady Chapel

Tuesday

7.30pm Area Mission and Pastoral group at Area office

Thursday

10.00am No Baby and Toddler group half term

10.15am Said Eucharist

Next Sunday The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Readings next Sunday at 10am:
Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-end Luke 18:9-14

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