

St John the Divine Church, Selsdon
18th August 2019
The Ninth 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. 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 Helen Arnold and Fiona Wheeler - do come and say hello!

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

The Opening Prayer:

To set the earth ablaze, O God, your Son submitted to a baptism unto death, and from his cup of suffering you call the Church to drink. Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and give us strength in time of trial to run the race that lies before us. 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:

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymns at the 10am service:

First hymn:	841	Sing to God new songs of worship
Gradual hymn	134	The head that once was crowned with thorns
Offertory hymn:	845	Lord we come to ask your healing
Communion hymn:	872	Give thanks
Last hymn:	435	Onward Christian soldiers

We are delighted to welcome our Come and Sing Choir to help lead our worship while our traditional choir takes a summer break

Prayers today are led by Barbara Woodhead

First Reading *read by Robin Orchard*

Either:

Am I a God nearby, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back - those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart?

They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Jeremiah 23.23-29

Or:

By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 11.29-12

Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so, it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Luke 12.49-56

For your prayers:

We pray for God’s love to surround:

David Crietzman, Arnold Ramdeholl

We pray for those who have died recently:

George Davenport

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

18 th August	Rosalie Grimes	(2014)
19 th August	John Wilmington	(1996)
23 rd August	Stella Allnut	(1982)
24 th August	Mary Bartlett	(1980)
	Betty Bentley	(1986)

If you’d like prayer either for yourself or for another, please contact Jenny at rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com or 0208 657 2343. 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 Jenny.

If you’d like to discuss arranging a baptism (christening), a wedding or a funeral, please call Jenny on 0208 657 2343.



Please give NOTICES for inclusion in the weekly service sheet to Jenny - rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com preferably by e-mail, or in writing. It would be helpful to receive these before * Tuesday * each week.

Please note Jenny’s email address

rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com

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.

St John's Website

The website for our church can be

found www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk



OFFICE
HOURS



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

Please note the office will be closed between Monday 12th August and Monday 19th August. For hall bookings and enquiries that week please call 07958 682103

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

**We're taking a break during August –
meeting again from Monday 9th September**

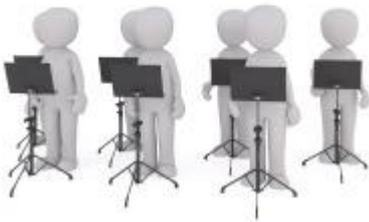


CHILDREN AND HOLY COMMUNION

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.



Thank you to all attended the Songsations Summer concert in the Church on Saturday 3rd August.

It was a lovely evening of songs from musicals sang by the Songsations with a raffle and refreshments. The evening raised £1000 for the Garden Room and it was the first time the room was used for a large event. Many compliments were given about the facilities.

Thank you to Claire and the Songsations for a great evening and for generously donating the proceeds to this project.

ST JOHN'S SELSDON GARDEN ROOM

Work continues on the Garden Room over the next few weeks... I really hope you like the new slope replacing the steps at the main entrance – making the church building fully accessible for all and having the added benefit of making the way in more obvious!

Please continue to bear with us as the work continues. It won't be long now before the church will be fully accessible for everyone and we can bring this fantastic new facility into use for the benefit of St John's and the wider community of Selsdon.

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 **make a donation** 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*

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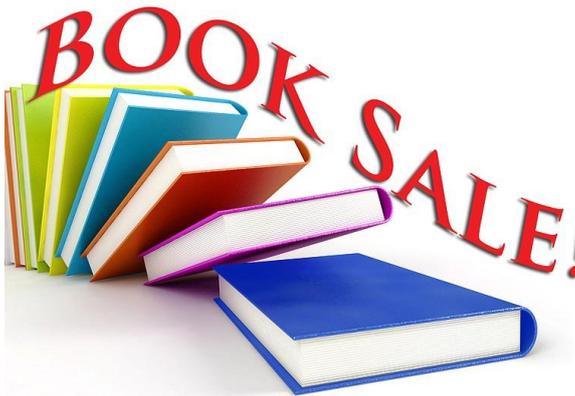


Garden Room Planned Giving

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.



Our next Book Sale on **Sunday 13th October** should see our total raised in the last 12 months to £300. This means we will have sold approximately 1200 books, DVDs and CDs --- that's a lot of satisfied customers !

If we find that some titles are not selling, we take them to a local charity shop where, hopefully, they continue to help to raise money for good causes. All the people who kindly donate their books to us can be sure that they are never wasted.

We look forward to continuing these book sales as long as people want them and would like to thank everyone who has given so generously.

Thank you, Brenda and John

St John's Card – Autumn Edition.

St John's Autumn Brochure is at the back of church!

We're hoping to distribute these as widely as we can throughout the parish. So please take at least 3 away with you today – one for you, and one for the neighbours each side of you – just pop it through their door on your way back from church today.

We also have some cards bundled up into roads – no more than about 30 to deliver in each road. Could you have a look and see if you could take a bundle to deliver.

Thank you to everyone for helping with this important ministry of outreach!



Thank you for your ongoing support for The Vine foodbank. We have received another couple of large donations lately which have been very gratefully received.

Currently, the following items are in short supply:

Tinned fruit and vegetables * Tinned meats (corned beef, ham) and meat meals (meat pies, stewed steak, hot dogs, meatballs) * Instant coffee * Sugar * Squash/long life fruit juice * Custard/rice pudding * Long life milk * Toiletries (ladies deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, sanitary towels) * Laundry tablets * Cleaning products

We are so grateful for your ongoing support. If you know of any other churches or groups who are looking to donate to a foodbank, do please feel free to point them in our direction.

Best regards Lesley

Lesley Holland
Community Services Coordinator
New Addington Salvation Army Church
Mobile: 07906 097473

Please note my usual working days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

PLANT AND PRODUCE SALE

Sunday 22nd September

11am in the church hall

Any donations of plants, Jams, Cakes and Chutneys etc will be gratefully received if you can start to make and grow and we will ask for donations to be left in the parish office the week leading up to the sale.

All proceeds will go towards AV equipment for the Garden Room



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We are very grateful to those who give so generously of their time, talents and money to support the mission and ministry of this church, as well as contribute to the cost of maintaining this wonderful building. Don't forget that if you are a UK taxpayer, the Church can reclaim the tax you have paid on any donation if you simply fill in your name and address on the yellow envelope provided, which makes your gift worth about a third more at no extra cost to you.



St John's has a Planned Giving Scheme and if you're already a member of the Scheme we want to say a special "thank you" to you for your support through the year. You should have received an invite to the "Thank you tea" in the Rectory garden on

Sunday 18th August at 2.00pm – 4.00pm

I hope you are able to come and enjoy a lovely afternoon!

If you're not (yet) part of the Planned Giving Scheme, or would like to know more about supporting this church on a regular basis through planned giving, please speak to:

*Michael (Tel: 0208 651 2760) or to Jenny (Tel: 0208 657 2343)
or e-mail rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com*

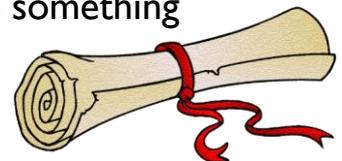
And if you take the trouble to support St John's during your lifetime, why not consider continuing to support your church for future generations?

ST JOHN'S LEGACY POLICY

You may like to know that...

St John's has a Legacy Policy. This means that if you are kind enough to consider leaving a gift to your church in your will, you can be confident that the church will use your gift wisely to achieve or contribute to something significant, and with reference to any particular wishes or interests you have expressed.

The full policy can be seen in the folder at the back of church – or just ask Jenny for a copy. There are also leaflets at the back of church with information about leaving a legacy to your church (the green ones!) – please take one!



SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

18th August 2019

Sunday

2pm – 4pm “Thank you” Afternoon Tea for those who are part of St John’s Planned Giving Scheme – in the Rectory Garden

Monday

10.00am No Baby and Toddler group

6.00pm No Meeting God in silence in the Lady Chapel

Tuesday

10.00am Rector’s Coffee Hour in Costa on Selsdon High Street. If you’d like to pop in for a chat or even just to say hello, please do!

Thursday

10.00am No Baby and Toddler group

10.15am Said Eucharist.

Next Sunday The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Said Eucharist in traditional language

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Readings next Sunday at 10am:

Isaiah 58.9b-14 or Hebrews 12.18-29, Luke 13.10-17

Morning Prayer is usually said in Church each weekday (except Friday) between 9.00am and 9.30am. You are welcome to join any of these services.

If there’s something on your mind and you’d like to talk it over with someone, or if you’d like to make your confession, Jenny will be happy to see anyone at any time by appointment. She can be contacted on:

0208 657 2343 or rectorstjohnschurch@gmail.com