

# St John the Evangelist East Dulwich



17th May 2015

## 150TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL MASS

Welcome to St. John's church, and a particular welcome to any visitors here today. If you are a newcomer or visitor to St. John's, please do make yourself known to one of our Pastoral Carers who are wearing red sashes, and join us for refreshments at the back of church after Sung Mass. Communicant members of all Christian denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

**LOOP SYSTEM** - Please turn your hearing aid to the T position.

### 08.00 Said Mass

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd. Anne Clarke

### 10.00 Sung Mass

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rt. Revd Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark

Introit: This is the day - Osbert Parsley

Opening Hymn: 205

Gradual Hymn: 271

Offertory Hymn: 471 *(Collection taken during this hymn)*

Anthems: O sing joyfully - Adrian Batten

A prayer of St. Richard of Chichester - L J White

Communion Hymn: 394

Final Hymn: 368

Voluntary: Toccata (from Symphony No.5 in F minor) - Charles Marie Widor

Organist: Emily Elias

**CHILDREN:** Every Sunday there is a Crèche (pre-school) and most Sundays there is Sunday School (primary school age). Please ask one of our Churchwardens or Pastoral Carers and they will direct you. If you have children with you and they become restless please take them into the Centre Foyer so as not to disturb those who may be listening or praying. **PARENTS AND CARERS PLEASE NOTE: UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** should children, toddlers or babies be left on their own at any time on these premises.

**GIVING TO ST. JOHN'S** If you are a U.K. taxpayer, please Gift Aid using the yellow envelope provided for your offering or complete a Planned Giving form available at the Information Point.

**Please take this sheet home with you for use during the week**

### **The Collect:**

Almighty God,

to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer:

we praise you for the many blessings

you have given to those who worship here:

and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,

and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,

may become a living temple acceptable to you;

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 forever.

**Amen**

### **A reading from the book of Genesis (28.11-18)**

Jacob came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm 122

**R\:** I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to God's house'.

### **A reading from the first letter of Peter (2:1-10)**

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation - if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,' and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### **Alleluia. Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (10.22-30)**

*All: Alleluia. Glory to you, O Lord.*

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give

them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Alleluia.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## TODAY

*Our vestments and hangings over the next few weeks will be gold in celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord.*

**THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH** today have been given to the Glory of God by present and past churchwardens.

**SIMPLE GIFTS:** The Gift of High Altar Candles has been given by Christine Abbott to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for the work of anonymous labourers and craftsmen who built, decorated and maintained this building over the years. The Gifts of Lady Chapel Altar Candles and the Sanctuary Lamp candle have been given today by Maureen Abbott to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for all the Church Historians and Archivists who have served St. John's through the years.

Today's 10.00 Mass is followed by a '**BRING AND SHARE**' LUNCH - everyone is welcome!

## DIARY

Tue 19 May	18.45 Baptism rehearsal 19.30 Said Mass 20.00 PCC Meeting in the Vestry
Wed 20 May	17.30 Safeguarding meeting 18.30 Staff Team meeting
Thu 21 May	12.00 Said Mass 12.30 Goose Green Lunch Club
Sat 23 May	from 9.00 Church Cleaning Day

**Sun 24 May**

**Pentecost**

8.00 Said Mass

10.00 Sung Mass

12.00 Baptisms

## **THEN . . . . .**

“The present elegant little church on Goose Green was erected in 1865, in place of the small building known as the East Dulwich Chapel, built at the expense of Mr. Bailey, a large landowner in East Dulwich. The new church was consecrated on the 16th May, 1865, and the cost of its construction, about £8,000, was principally raised by subscriptions amongst the gentry of the neighbourhood. The new building was constructed to hold about 900 people; that is, 600 seats for letting and 300 free seats. The architect was Mr. C. Bailey, and he has certainly succeeded in designing a building at once attractive and convenient. The church reminds us, in its style, of some of those antique village churches of which, in these days of rapid railway travelling, we catch a brief glimpse on many a picturesque spot in Surrey, Sussex, or Kent.” (Ye Parish of Camerwell – W H Blanch, 1875)



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(Easter 2015)

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **EXHIBITION FOR 150th ANNIVERSARY**

There is now a new exhibition in church on the history St. John's and parish from 1865 to the present day. The exhibition has taken over a year to research and prepare so please do take time to look at it.

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE SERVING TEAM?**

We are looking for additional people - young people and adults - to help at the 10am Mass by carrying the cross, the candles, and the incense burner. If you are interested, please talk to Alan Croft, Deepthi or Sarah Phillips (020 8690 7649).

## **SELF HELP SUPPORT GROUP**

We want to make a safe and confidential space where we can share together our feelings following the events of the last year and the death of Father Charles. The first meeting of this group was on Tuesday 14 April with subsequent meetings on 26 April, 12 May, 26 May, 9 June and 30 June in the Vestry at 19.45 pm. You are welcome to attend as few or as many of the sessions as you wish. If you would like to find out more do contact Vince Turner or Gill Nash (tel. 07747 524736).

## **PLANNED GIVING - WEEKLY ENVELOPES**

Members of the congregation who contribute through the weekly envelope scheme are asked to note that a new envelope year begins in a few weeks' time. A new set of weekly envelopes bearing your name is being prepared now and these will be available at the Information point. Anyone who would like to join the weekly envelope scheme for the first time will find details at the Information point or by contacting Stephen Phillips on 07702 099779

## **COIN COLLECTION**

After 20 years and a collection of over £8,600, it has been decided to discontinue the collection of coins. Anybody who is still collecting them, should put them into the normal Sunday collection. Many thanks. Andrew Whitaker

## **GENERAL SYNOD ELECTIONS 2015**

The last session of the existing General Synod (York) is 10-14 July. There will be elections to the Church of England's General Synod this year. In order to encourage people to consider standing for election, the General Synod office has launched a dedicated website, [www.synodelections.org](http://www.synodelections.org), which provides information about General Synod and the elections process including some video interviews with current members. The nomination period opens on 21 July, closing on 4 September.

## **PARISH OFFICE/GOOSE GREEN CENTRE**

For information on opening times, bookings etc. please see the leaflet at the Information Point. All notices for the Pew Sheet to be passed, as usual, to the Parish Office (020 8693 3897/e-mail: [stjohnsse22@hotmail.com](mailto:stjohnsse22@hotmail.com)), preferably via e mail, by 10.00 on **TUESDAY** mornings please, with a **copy to Christine Camplin at: [christine.bannan@virgin.net](mailto:christine.bannan@virgin.net)**. For information about banns, weddings, baptisms etc. please contact the Parish Office. For Centre bookings please call 020 8299 6483 or email: [office@goosegreencentre.org](mailto:office@goosegreencentre.org).

# St John's Summer Event!

13th June: 3-6pm Fayre, 7pm Quiz

We would welcome volunteers for help both in setting up, manning a stand and clearing up on the day. There is a list at the back of the church for willing volunteers to sign up to...

## Donations:

We are looking for donations of:

- bottles: wine/bubbly/spirits
- booty jars
- raffle prizes
- plants
- cakes
- collectables

Please bring all fresh produce and plants on the day.  
There will be no book stall or toy stall this year.

The church will be open for donations:

- Saturday 6th June 9-11am
- Friday 12th June 6-8pm

If anyone is able to help in acquiring raffle prizes, please contact Libby on 07747116414/libby.coates1@btinternet.com

## Quiz:

The quiz will start at 7.30pm, run by our very own quiz master: Gareth!  
Please arrive by 7pm, dinner is included in the ticket price. There will be a 'pay for' bar available.  
Tickets are £10 per person, 6 to a team.  
Prize for the winning team!

[www.stjohnseastdulwich.org](http://www.stjohnseastdulwich.org)

## St John's Church 1865-2015



The church of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich was consecrated by the Bishop of Winchester on 16 May 1865. It was built to serve an area undergoing rapid development from fields to streets, largely as a result of the coming of the railways. East Dulwich became an ideal suburb for commuters to central London. The church replaced a smaller East Dulwich Chapel, erected in 1826 in Lordship Lane. St John's is built in the Victorian Gothic style, with tower and spire. The architect was Charles Baily, nephew of a local landowner, founder of the former chapel.

### **Goose Green and Church (c.1866)**

The church was badly damaged by bombing in 1940 and was out of use until 1951 when it was rededicated by the Bishop of Southwark.

In recent years, large fund-raising efforts by church members and the local community have resulted in the important extension to the church building, the *Goose Green Centre for Church and Community*, opened in 1996, and a new spire, completed in 2005.

