



# St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

31st May 2015

## TRINITY SUNDAY

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: The Revd. Alistair McCulloch

Preacher: The Revd. Anne Clarke

Introit: Plainsong proper

Opening Hymn: 146

Gradual Hymn: 377

Offertory Hymn: 148 *(Collection taken during this hymn)*

Anthem: Hymn to the Trinity - Peter Tchaikovsky

Communion Hymn: 147

Final Hymn: 343

Voluntary: Sortie in D major - César Franck

Organist: Nicky Jones

**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 and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;  
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**

### **A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (6.1-8)**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!' This is the Word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm 29**

**R\): The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (8.12-17)**

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### **Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (3.1-17)**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone

who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## TODAY

*Our vestments and hangings today will be gold in celebration of the of the Holy Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

**THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** today have been given by Angela McLeish in loving memory of her grandson Justin Lewars on the 20th anniversary of his death.

## DIARY

Tue 2 June	18.30	Goose Green Centre Sub-Committee
Thu 4 June	12.00	Said Mass (Corpus Christi)
Sat 6 June	9.00	- Summer Event drop off at Church

**Sun 7 June**

**Corpus Christi Sunday**

8.00	Said Mass
10.00	Sung Mass
11.30	Children's Mass
18.00	Silent Prayer Group



## OTHER NOTICES

### **WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP 8.00 pm Monday, 8 June**

Our next meeting will take place at the Basement Flat, 87 Camberwell Grove. We shall be discussing *The Book of Forgiving: the fourfold path for healing ourselves and our world* by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu. All women are welcome. For further details please contact Clare Brown (020-8291-5295).

### **CHRISTIAN AID**

Thank you to everyone who supported Christian Aid this year. The total raised by St. John's was £561.34 of which £162.06 was from the Tea Party organised by the young people.

### **DEC NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL**

The PCC has made a generous donation of £500.00 towards the DEC Nepal Earthquake Appeal.

### **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).



### **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.

(St John's Church, c.1900)

## **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

## **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

## **CHURCH CHOIR MEMBERSHIP**

As you can see, the Choir is flourishing, but we need more tenors urgently. There are two of them who can sing regularly, but with eight basses and several children and ladies we really are bereft! *Please help us to find two tenors (who can read music)*. Another couple of altos would be welcome too, but our main need is for tenors. Rehearsals on Thursdays at 8.15p.m. and before every service. Please contact me if you can help: [maggieandjohn1@gmail.com](mailto:maggieandjohn1@gmail.com) or 8650 9164. Thank you. John Webber.

**SIMPLE GIFTS** Many of you have asked how else you can contribute to our worship by way of a one-off donation, in addition to your regular giving. In response, we have launched: *Simple Gifts*, a way in which you can make a donation towards different aspects of our worship. Your donation will be dedicated to the gift you have chosen and will be recorded with thanksgiving and to the Glory of God during the Notices and on the Pew Sheet. You will find the *Simple Gifts* leaflet at the back of the church. If you would like to give a donation towards any of the items, please place it (cheques should be made payable to 'St. John's PCC') in one of our yellow envelopes hand it, together with your completed form, to a member of the Clergy, a Churchwarden or the Parish Administrator.

## **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.

## **DIOCESAN SYNOD ELECTIONS 2015**

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules, I am writing to let you know the procedure for electing members to the Diocesan Synod in 2015. Elections of members of the Diocesan Synod by the houses of the Deanery Synods need to be completed by 15 July 2015. New members elected shall hold office for a term of three years beginning 1 August 2015 and the first meeting of the new Diocesan Synod will be Saturday, 7 November 2015. Candidates for the Diocesan Synod do not need to be existing members of deanery synods, but must be on an electoral roll and an actual communicant member of a parish in the Deanery. Once elected to the Diocesan Synod that person will then become an ex-officio member of the Deanery Synod and PCC.

The Diocesan Synod has agreed that, for each deanery, the Lay Chair shall be the Presiding Officer for the House of Clergy and the Area Dean for the House of Laity. Given that our elections will be held post 10 June 2015 and The Revd Susan Height will be on sabbatical then, the Revd Paul Collier will act as Presiding Officer for the House of Laity.

Candidates to the House of Laity should be prepared to address, briefly, Dulwich Deanery Synod, to be held at St Faith's Church, Red Post Hill, SE24 9QJ, at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10 June.

Nomination papers should be returned to Alistair Read, Dulwich Deanery Secretary, 6 Upton Court, 56 East Dulwich Grove, SE22 8PS, by 12 Noon, Monday, 8 June 2015.

### **CHORAL CONCERT**

**7.30 pm Saturday, 6 June**

*You are invited to a concert of music by the Elm Singers at St. John's Church, SE8 4EN. The Church is on the corner of St. John's Vale, on the main road between Lewisham and New Cross and near St. John's Station. There will be songs by Verdi, Purcell, E J Moeran and John Tavener, plus partsongs and English madrigals. Christine Camplin and Sue O'Neill from our Church Choir are in the Elm Singers - and the conductor is known to you as well. John Webber.*

### **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), preferably via e mail, **by 10.00 on TUESDAY** mornings please, with a **copy to Christine Camplin at: 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.

# 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!