



St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

26th July 2015

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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: 234

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Offertory Hymn: 263 (*Collection taken during this hymn*)

Anthem: Nunc Dimittis (*Second Service*), by Thomas Tomkins

Communion Hymn: 480

Final Hymn: 437

Organist: Neil Stevenson

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.

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

The Collect:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
 both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
 and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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 second book of Samuel (11.1-15)

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.' So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house,' David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a

journey. Why did you not go down to your house?' Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.' Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 14

R\): Is there any who is wise and who seeks after God?

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (3.14-21)

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (6.1-21)

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Jesus, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

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TODAY

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY today have been given by Irma Bell in loving memory of her husband Lloyd.

DIARY

Tue 28 July	18.30 Staff Team Meeting 20.00 PCC Standing Committee
Wed 29 July	20.00 Bible Study, 72 Oakhurst Grove
Thu 30 July	12.00 Said Mass 19.30 Choir Practice (Vestry)
Sat 1 August	9.00 Church cleaning
Sun 2 August	Ninth Sunday after Trinity 8.00 Said Mass 10.00 Sung Mass 11.30 Children's Mass 18.00 Silent Prayer Group

OTHER NOTICES

BIBLE STUDY

8.00 pm Wednesday, 29 July

The Bible Study Group will meet at 72 Oakhurst Grove. This will be our last session on Job. We will take a break during August and meet again on 30 September. Everyone is welcome; if you would like to join the group please speak to Elizabeth Stanton or Sue Lock.

CHURCH CLEANING

Saturday, 1 August

From 9.00 on - all help welcome!

FIRST COMMUNIONS

Sunday 18 October

We prepare for First Communion all baptised children, aged 7 and above, of regularly worshipping parents. Application forms for the autumn classes are now available from the back of church.

SELF-HELP GROUP

The Self-Help Group that has been meeting following the news of Fr Charles's death has written a report about their discussions and reflections on the sad events of last year and the first part of this year, and the questions which those events have raised. They very helpfully would like their reflections to be more widely available to members of the congregation. Vince Turner and Gill Nash, who convened the Group, presented the Report to the Parochial Church Council last week, and the PCC discussed and noted the points raised, and a copy of the Report has been sent to the Archdeacon. It is now available to members of the congregation. If you would like a copy, please ask Christine Abbott (stjohnsse22@hotmail.com) for an electronic or a hard copy. If anyone would like to talk about any of these matters, and especially about Fr Charles's death, please be in touch with me (wmjacob15@gmail.com) or have a word with me after a service. Bill Jacob.

PHOTOS FOR OUR WEBSITE

Have you taken any photos of activities at St John's in the last few months? Or could you take some of future events? We would like to create a picture of life at St John's on our parish website. Please send your digital photos to Christine at christine.bannan@virgin.net. (Written parental consent will be needed for us to publish any images of children.)

THE PEACE OF GOD St. John's Parish Retreat, 16-18 October 2015

The Very Revd Andrew Nunn, Dean of Southwark, will explore with us the concepts of reconciliation, wholeness and peace, within our lives, within our communities, within our church. Our retreat at Wychcroft (near Oxted) is from 7pm on Friday 16 October to after lunch on Sunday 18 October. The cost is £130.00 or £230.00 for two people sharing a room.

Please tell either Mother Anne (anne@oakhurstgrove.com) or Deepthi (deepthiwickremasinghe@hotmail.com) if you would like to come.

CHURCH CHOIR MEMBERSHIP

As you can see, the Choir is flourishing, but we need more tenors urgently. We have one tenor 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 or 8650 9164. Thank you. John Webber.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

At St John's we are blessed with a beautiful (and large!) garden. We are all very grateful to the members of our congregation who currently maintain the garden and others who mow the lawns, keep the grounds and beds weeded and rose bushes pruned. (The PCC pays for the cutting of the hedges and tree maintenance).

Several of our gardening team have moved away recently and, as summer rapidly approaches, we would like to encourage more people to consider joining the team.

Here are some ways you can help:

- volunteering to look after a small patch of the garden yourself by keeping it weed-free throughout the year;
- helping on one of our regular gardening days;
- keeping our supply of garden waste bags topped-up by collecting them regularly from a local library;
- lawn mowing (we have a modern, light and easy-to-use battery powered lawn mower); regularly dead-heading the many rose bushes in the garden; litter-picking on a weekly basis etc.

If you would like to help, or would like to know more, please speak to one of the Churchwardens.

THE MANNA SOCIETY has used the bulk of last year's Harvest Festival donations and now need a number of things such as: tinned tomatoes, sugar, diluted soft drinks, jars of spaghetti and curry sauces, salt, cooking oil, hot dogs, tins of corned beef and ham, and also bars of soap, shaving foam and disposable razors. If you would like to help there is a basket at the back of church, near the pigeon-holes, for your donation. Thank you.

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.

THE PARISH OFFICE

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The Parish Office is normally open to visitors from 11 until 1 on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays for general enquiries. **Outside those times** please either telephone or e-mail. For information about banns, weddings, baptisms etc. please contact the Parish Office.

Pew Sheet Notice

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. Thank you.

THE GOOSE GREEN CENTRE

For Centre/hall bookings and enquiries please contact the Centre Manager.

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