



# St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

2nd August 2015

## NINTH 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 and Preacher: The Venerable Dr Bill Jacob

Introit: The Call (from "Five Mystical Songs") - Ralph Vaughan Williams

Opening Hymn: *Please see page 4*

Gradual Hymn: *Please see page 4*

Offertory Hymn: 333 (*Collection taken during this hymn*)

Communion Hymn: 305

Final Hymn: 377

Voluntary: Fanfare - Kenneth Leighton

Organist: John Webber

11.30 **Children's Mass** The Revd. Anne Clarke

### 18.00 Silent Prayer Group

**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,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
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 letter of Paul to the Ephesians (4.1-16)**

I, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended,' what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the

whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm 51 (8 o'clock only)**

**R\:** I know my transgressions, O God

**Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (6.24-35)**

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were at the place where Jesus had given the bread, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## Opening Hymn

1. To God be the glory! great things he hath done;  
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son;  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!  
let the earth hear his voice;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord!  
let the people rejoice:  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory;  
great things he hath done!*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Refrain:*

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

*Refrain:*

## Gradual Hymn

*Refrain: Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,  
gentle as is the dove:  
teach us the truth and help us believe,  
Show us the Saviour's love!*

1. You spoke to us - long, long ago -  
gave us the written word;  
we read it still, needing its truth,  
through it God's voice is heard.

*Refrain:*

2. Without your help we fail our Lord,  
we cannot live his way;  
we need your power, we need your strength,  
following Christ each day.

*Refrain:*

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### DIARY

Thu 6 August 12.00 Said Mass (The Transfiguration)

Thu 6-Sun 9 August St John's Choir in residence at Derby Cathedral

**Sun 9 August**

**Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00 Said Mass

10.00 Sung Mass with baptisms

### OTHER NOTICES

#### **FAIR TRADE STALL**

The next Fair Trade Stall will be on Sunday 6 September after the 8.00 and 10.00 Masses.

#### **SILENT PRAYER GROUP**

The Silent Prayer Group meets on the first Sunday evening of each month in the Lady Chapel and is open to all. The pattern of our meetings is: a brief welcome followed by a short opening prayer, leading into 30 minutes of silence, which is marked at the beginning and end by the sound of a gong, and we then close with another prayer. The silence is an opportunity to be aware of God's presence in a space that is different to our Sunday morning worship. People can use the silence to meditate in whatever way they find appropriate. Some suggestions are; using a Christian mantra, reflection, breath or imagery. If you would like to find out more you are welcome to come along, or to contact Sue Lock 0207 639 4567 or Sarah Phillips 0208 690 7649.

#### **SINGING AT DERBY**

Members of the St. John's Choir and friends will be singing the daily services at Derby Cathedral on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>. and 9<sup>th</sup>.

**150TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT**      **7.30 pm Saturday, 26 September**  
Featuring the Imperial Male Voice Choir and special guests Leoa Academic Male Voice Choir.

**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.

**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](mailto:christine.bannan@virgin.net). (Written parental consent will be needed for us to publish any images of children.)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:wmjacob15@gmail.com)) or have a word with me after a service. Bill Jacob.

**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](mailto:anne@oakhurstgrove.com)) or Deepthi ([deepthiwickremasinghe@hotmail.com](mailto:deepthiwickremasinghe@hotmail.com)) if you would like to come.

Further information and forms are available at the back of the church.

## **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](mailto: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.

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

## THE PARISH OFFICE

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**Parish Administrator:** Christine Abbott

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](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). Thank you.

## THE GOOSE GREEN CENTRE

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

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