



St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

23rd August 2015

TWELFTH 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

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Preacher: Robert Faulkner

Voluntary: Chorale prelude - "Meine Seele erhebt den Herren" (BWV 648)
- J S Bach

Opening Hymn: 431

Gradual Hymn: 357

Offertory Hymn: *Please see page 4*

Communion Hymn: 294 (*Collection taken during this hymn*)

Final Hymn: *Please see page 6*

Voluntary: "Great" Prelude in C major (BWV 547) - J S Bach

Organist: John Webber

12.00 Baptisms The Revd. Anne Clarke

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 and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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 first book of Kings (8.22-30, 41-43)

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there," that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive. Likewise

when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name - for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm - when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 84

R\: Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (6.10-20)

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (6.56-69)

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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Offertory Hymn

1. O Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder,
consider all the works thy hand has made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art.*

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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Refrain:

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain:

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;
then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: my God, how great thou art.

Refrain:

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Final hymn

1. Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
knows and names them as they shine.
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
2. Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know.
Those who fear him find his mercies,
peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted,
human pride and pow'r laid low.
Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know.
3. Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.
Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain.
4. Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days!
Love his laws, declare his judgements,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children,
praise the Lord, all people, praise!
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days!

FIRST COMMUNIONS

Sunday, 18 October

We prepare for First Communion all baptised children, aged 7 and above, of regularly worshipping parents. Application forms, which should be completed and returned to the Parish Office by **Wednesday, 16th September**, for the autumn classes are now available from the back of church.

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.

Further information and forms are available at the back of the 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. (Written parental consent will be needed for us to publish any images of children.)

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.

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.

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