



St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

30th August 2015

THIRTEENTH 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 Venerable Dr Jane Steen, Archdeacon of Southwark

10.00 Sung Mass

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Introit: Rejoice In the Lord, O ye righteous - James Nares

Opening Hymn: 120

Gradual Hymn: *Please see page 4*

Offertory Hymn: *Please see page 4 (Collection taken during this hymn)*

Communion: 282

Final Hymn: 387

Voluntary: Processional - William Mathias

Organist: John Webber

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 called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
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 Song of Solomon (2.8-13)

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 45

R\): Response. God has blessed you for ever

A reading from the letter of James (1.17-27)

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that

has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' Jesus said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Gradual Hymn

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after You.

You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.

*Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.*

I want You more than gold or silver,
only You can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.

Refrain:

You're my friend and You are my brother,
even though You are a king.

I love You more than any other,
so much more than anything.

Refrain:

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Offertory Hymn

1. Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King,
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

*Refrain: Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

2. Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Pow'r and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

Refrain:

3. Suff'ring servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

Refrain:

4. Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heav'n above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
Refrain:

5. So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song.
Refrain:

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TODAY

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY today have been given in thanksgiving for the marriages which took place yesterday between Richard Eldridge and Holly Hall, and between Derek Daniels and Marcia Grant.

Drinks after Mass for Andrew Whitaker's 80th Birthday

DIARY

Tue 1 September 18.30 *Goose Green Centre Sub-Committee*

Thu 3 September 12.00 *Said Mass*

19.00 *Staff Team Meeting*

20.15 *Choir Practice (Vestry)*

Sat 5 September 10.00 *Gardening session*

Sun 6 September **Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00 *Said Mass*

10.00 *Sung Mass*

(Fair Trade Stall after the 8.00 and 10.00 Mass)

11.30 *Children's Mass*

18.00 *Silent Prayer Group*

OTHER NOTICES

WOOLWICH AREA YOUTH CONFERENCE

Saturday, 5 September

Part of the 'Build my Church' event (13-25) includes drama and music in the morning, lunch and inter-generational worship in afternoon - promises to be fun, creative and full of hope, love and faith activities. Contact Katherine M Lyon 07876233948 after 7pm.

GARDENING SESSION**10.00 am Saturday, 5 September**

Help would be greatly appreciated for general tidy-ups and weeding. Even if you can only spare a half hour or so, it will make a difference. For further information please speak to Sally Gross. Many thanks.

PLEASE JOIN ME for a drink after Church today, to celebrate my 80th Birthday.
Best wishes, Andrew Whitaker

FAIR TRADE STALL**Sunday 6 September**

The next Fair Trade Stall will take place after the 8.00 and 10.00 Masses.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP 8.00 pm Monday, 14 September

The September meeting will take place at 36, Court Lane. We shall be studying the Papal Encyclical on the environment *Laudato si'*. A downloadable version of the text can be found at:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si_en.pdf. All women are welcome.

For further details contact Clare Brown on 020-8291-5295.

150TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT 7.30 pm Saturday, 26 September

Featuring the Imperial Male Voice Choir and special guests Leoa Academic Male Voice Choir. Tickets available after masses during September from Roger or Philip.

FIRST COMMUNIONS**Sunday, 18 October**

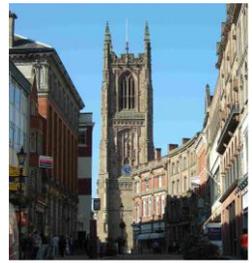
We prepare for First Communion all baptised children, aged 7 and above, of regularly worshipping parents. Application forms, which should be completed and returned to the Parish Office by Wednesday, 16th September, for the autumn classes are now available from the back of church.

VISIT BY ORGANISTS' SOCIETY 2.30 pm Saturday, 12 September

You are welcome to come to a masterclass on the Church organ given by Norman Harper of Southwark R C Cathedral. This is part of the programme of the Southwark and South London Society of Organists and non-members are invited.

From the Dean of Derby, Very Revd. John Davies:

This comes with many thanks for bringing your Choir to Derby Cathedral. We do like your and the Choir's company vitality and uplift in worship - so we do hope you may be tempted back to a refurbished and shiny Cathedral!



Derby Cathedral

ORGAN RECITAL

11 am Saturday, 19 September

The Saturday morning recital will be given by *Graham Powell*, nowadays at Limpsfield Church in Surrey, but with a longstanding connection with St. John's. He will play music by J S Bach, Buxtehude, Brahms, Andriessen, Alain and Lefébure-Wély.

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.

SPONSORED WALK WITH A DIFFERENCE

I am doing a sponsored walk with a difference on 19 September - over the top of the O2 Dome in Greenwich. Sixteen of us (including Ken Deller and Anne Clarke) will be doing this in aid of The Elms, a local old people's home run by a Christian charity which aims to provide a loving 'home for life' for up to 30 elderly people, many of whom are frail and disabled and quite a high number of whom suffer from dementia. The forms are at the back of the church. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you. Dorothy Oxley.

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.

PEW SHEET-All notices for the Pew Sheet should be passed 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.bannan@virgin.net**



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