



# St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

6th September 2015

## FOURTEENTH 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 Revd. Alistair McCulloch

Voluntary: Prelude no. 2 - George Gershwin

Opening Hymn: 373

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Offertory Hymn: 485 (*Collection taken during this hymn*)

Anthem: Psalm 122 (anglican chant in E flat, by John Robinson)

Communion Hymn: 77

Final Hymn: 433

Voluntary: Rhapsody in Blue - George Gershwin

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,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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 James (2.1-17)**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery,' also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you

says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm 125 (8 o'clock only)**

**R\:** Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good.

### **Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (7.24-37)**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go - the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## TODAY

**THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** today have been given by Rachel and Gareth Mills in celebration of Andrew's 80th birthday.

**FAIR TRADE STALL** - There will be a Fair Trade Stall after the 8.00 and 10.00 Masses.

## DIARY

Thu 10 September 12.00 Said Mass  
12.30 Goose Green Lunch Club  
20.15 Choir Practice (Vestry)  
Fri 11 September 12.00 Memorial service in church  
Sat 12 September 14.30 Visit By Organists' Society

**Sun 13 September**                      **Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
8.00 Said Mass  
10.00 Sung Mass  
16.00-20.00 Rehearsal in church

**COLLECTION FOR PRINCESS BASMA CENTER** - There will be a short presentation about the Princess Basma Center for Children with Disabilities, one of the charities chosen by St. John's Church for 2015.

## OTHER NOTICES

### CHURCH CHOIR

Welcome back to the adults of St John's Choir today! The Juniors will be with us next week.

**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.

## **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.

## **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](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.

## **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.

## **ORGAN RECITAL**

**11.00 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.

## **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.

**SINGING AWARD PRESENTATION 3.00 pm Sunday, 27 September**  
Ellen Roxby in our Junior Choir, who passed the RSCM examination known as the Dean of Southwark's Award in June, will be presented with her medallion at Evensong at Southwark Cathedral. All are welcome.

## **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.

## **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.)

## **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.

**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.

## **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.



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MUSICAL DIRECTOR COLLINS PRATT

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**Advance tickets £10 adult (£5 student)**

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## 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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