



# St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

27th September 2015

**SEVENTEENTH 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. Anne Clarke

Preacher: Deepthi Wickremasinghe

Introit: Plainsong Proper

Opening Hymn: 461

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Offertory Hymn: 352 (*Collection taken during this hymn*)

Anthem: Lift thine eyes ("Elijah"), by Felix Mendelssohn

Communion Hymn: *Please see page 4*

Final Hymn: 459 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want

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.

**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,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
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 book of Esther (7.1-6, 9-10; 9.20-22)**

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me - that is my petition - and the lives of my people - that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who presumed to do this?' Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and queen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm 124**

**R\:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

### **A reading from the letter of James (5.13-20)**

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them

with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### **Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (9.38-50)**

After Jesus had finished teaching the disciples, John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## Communion hymn

Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum  
omnes gentes, alleluia!



## TODAY

**SIMPLE GIFTS:** Malcolm King has donated the Incense used today to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for his recovery from surgery.

**10.00 FIRST COMMUNION** preparation class in Vestry

**15.00 Evensong** at Southwark Cathedral with Presentation of Chorister Awards

The ashes of Fr Charles Richardson, who was Vicar of St John's from 1998 to 2014, will be interred in the Garden of Remembrance at Southwark Cathedral. Father Charles' sisters would welcome your support at the 3pm Evensong and the short interment service that will take place afterwards.

## DIARY

Mon 28 September	19.00 Staff meeting (Vestry)
Tue 29 September	<i>St Michael &amp; All Angels</i>
Wed 30 September	20.00 Bible Study (Vestry)
Thu 1 October	12.00 Said Mass 12.30 <i>Goose Green Lunch Club</i> 20.15 Choir Practice (Vestry)
Sat 3 October	10.00 Decorating church for Harvest Festival
<b>Sun 4 October</b>	<b>Harvest Festival</b> 8.00 Said Mass 10.00 Sung Mass followed by Drinks in Foyer (Please note there is no Children's Mass) 18.00 Silent Prayer Group

## OTHER NOTICES

Michael and I wanted to tell you that Father Charles' ashes will be interred in the Garden of Remembrance at Southwark Cathedral on Sunday 27 September, Father Charles' sisters would welcome your support at the 3pm Evensong and the short interment service that will take place afterwards - Rachel Mills

### **SINGING AWARD PRESENTATION 3.00 pm \*\*\* TODAY\*\*\***

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.

### **BIBLE STUDY 8.00 pm Wednesday, 30 September**

We shall be meeting this month in the VESTRY as Elizabeth is away having a well earned rest. Fr Bill will be leading us as we start the new term, exploring the Advent Gospels, beginning with Luke ch.21 v.25-36. If you would like to join the group please speak to Elizabeth Stanton or Sue Lock.

**DECORATING FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL 10 am Saturday, 3 October**

Anyone who would like to help decorate the church for Harvest will be most welcome. Any gifts (fresh produce or groceries) you would normally bring on Sunday can be included in the window-sill decorations. If you have access to hops or vines or similar, that would be very welcome too. Just turn up at 10am.

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**Sunday, 4 October**

**Harvest Gifts** - This year our Harvest Gifts, which can be brought to the altar during the both the 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock Masses, will be going to The Manna Society. Please see the leaflet at the back of church for details of the kind of gifts you can donate. Thank you.

## **WELCOME**

At St John's we are blessed in having a steady flow of people joining the congregation. From time to time it is good to welcome people who have joined the congregation recently and to provide some information about the life of the congregation. On Sunday 4 October there will be wine after Sung Mass, to which we have specially invited people who have recently begun coming to St John's. We hope that everyone will join in and ensure that newer members of the congregation are welcomed, and feel included in the life of the congregation. Please be there.

## **MINISTRY AT ST JOHN'S**

I am very grateful to Mother Anne and Fr Alistair for their continuing support and pastoral care for the congregation. Any matters of pastoral care, or needs for visits, either at home or in hospital, should be referred in the first instance to Mother Anne. My role as Priest-in-Charge of St John's is primarily to support the congregation after Fr Charles's tragic death, and to work with everyone in preparing for the next stage in our ministry and mission at St John's and in East Dulwich and the changes and challenges that will involve in leading to the appointment of a new Vicar.

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.

**WILL AID** is a special partnership between the legal profession and nine UK charities. Every November local participating solicitors waive their fee for writing or updating a basic Will. Instead, they invite clients to make a voluntary donation to Will Aid. Please see leaflets at the back of church for further information.

## **AUTUMN AND WINTER LECTURE SERIES, EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

*St Martin-in-the-Fields and St Paul's Cathedral have a number of interesting series coming up, with a variety of speakers. For more information see*

*[www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/education/lecture-series](http://www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/education/lecture-series) and*

*[www.stpauls.co.uk/learning-faith/adult-learning](http://www.stpauls.co.uk/learning-faith/adult-learning)*

*You may also be interested in the exhibition 'Images from 42 Women of Sierra Leone' at the Horniman Museum, by British photographer Lee Karen Stow. In the Balcony Gallery until 27th September.*

## **LIVING WITH DEMENTIA**

*Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group are keen to understand more about what it is like to live with dementia to help them plan how best they can support people with this condition and their carers. If you live in Southwark and have personal experience of dementia, either as a sufferer or a carer ('caring' can include support as a neighbour, friend or pastoral carer) you can contribute your views in one of two ways: by completing a short, anonymous survey, or by attending a Dementia Tea Party on Thursday, 8 October. Please speak to Dorothy Oxley if you would like further information or see details at the back of the church.*

## **PARISH ADMINISTRATOR ROLE**

*St Barnabas and Christ's Chapel, Dulwich are looking for a Parish Administrator to work in the Parish Office. 30 hours per week (Mon-Fri). Salary in the region of £13 per hour. Closing date for applications: 20 October 2015. For further details and full job description see [www.stbarnabasdulwich.org](http://www.stbarnabasdulwich.org).*

## **SOUTHWARK DEMENTIA ACTION ALLIANCE 6.45pm Tuesday, 13 October**

*The Rotary Club invites you to a talk by Caroline Clipson from the Alzheimer's Society on the Southwark Dementia Action Alliance in the Old Alleynians Pavilion, Dulwich Common. If you would like to attend please see Ken Deller and information about the DAA can be found at the back of church.*

## **GIVING FLOWERS AT ST JOHN'S**

*Our weekly flower displays contribute to our worship, and are funded solely by the generous donations of members of the congregation. Each donation may be in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving or celebration of an event. If you would like to donate in this way please pick up a 'Gift of Flowers' leaflet at the back of the church for more information. Thank you.*

## **FAIR TRADE STALL**

The next Fair Trade Stall is on Sunday 11 October after the 8.00 and 10.00 Masses.

## 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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