



St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

6th December 2015

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 Bill Jacob

10.00 Sung Mass

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Preacher: The Revd. Alistair McCulloch

Voluntary: Canon in D - Johann Pachelbel

Opening Hymn: 3

Gradual Hymn: 12

Offertory Hymn: 466 (*Collection taken during this hymn*)

Anthem: Benedictus - anglican chant in E flat by Richard Langdon

Communion Hymn: *Please see page 4*

After Blessing: 465

The Angelus

Voluntary: Chorale prelude - "Wachet Auf" (BWV 645) - J S Bach

Organist: Neil Stevenson

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Deacon: God our Father,
 you spoke to the prophets of old
 of a Saviour who would bring peace.
 You helped them to spread the joyful message
 of his coming kingdom.
 Help us as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
 to share with those around us
 the good news of your power and love.
 We ask this through Jesus Christ,
 the Light who is coming into the world.

**All: Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
 the prophets said you would bring peace
 and save your people in trouble.
 Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide
 And show all the world God's love.**

The Collect:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (1:3-11)

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am

confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Canticle - Benedictus: (8 o'clock only)

R\: Blessed be the Lord who sets his people free.

Gospel Acclamation:

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.

All: Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (3:1-6)

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every

mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Communion hymn

1. There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One,
*Refrain: Thank you O my Father,
For giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit,
Till the work on earth is done.*

2. Jesus my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.
Refrain

3. When I stand in glory,
I will see His face,
and there I'll serve my King forever,
in that holy place.
Refrain

4. There is a redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.
Refrain

Please turn to the Lady Chapel and join in with the words in bold type

THE ANGELUS

*The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary:
And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.*

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

*Behold the handmaid of the Lord:
Be it unto me according to thy word.*

Hail Mary, full of grace

*And the Word was made flesh:
And dwelt among us.*

Hail Mary, full of grace

*Pray for us, holy Mother of God:
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

*Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts;
that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ
by the message of an angel,
so by his cross and passion we may be brought
to the glory of his resurrection.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

TODAY

Our hangings and vestments today are purple and are used during the season of Advent as we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

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

DIARY

Tue 8 December	19.30 Said Mass
	20.00 PCC Meeting
Thu 10 December	12.00 Said Mass
	12.30 Goose Green Lunch Club
	20.15 Choir Practice (Vestry)
Fri 11 December	19.30 Elm Singers Concert
Sun 13 December	Third Sunday of Advent
	8.00 Said Mass
	10.00 Sung Mass with Children's Nativity Pageant
	11.30 Pastoral Carers meeting
	1800 Silent Prayer Group

OTHER NOTICES

SILENT PRAYER GROUP

***** TONIGHT *****

In December the Silent Prayer Group will be meeting twice, on 6th and 13th, at 6 pm. We invite you to take a break from busy Christmas preparations and join us as we wait for Christ's coming at Christmas. Each meeting will follow our usual pattern, with an opening prayer, half an hour of silence for people to use as they wish, and a closing prayer.

CHURCHES TOGETHER SERVICE

6.30 pm

Sunday, 6 December

St Barnabas, Dulwich.

CONCERT IN CHURCH

7.30 pm

Friday, 11 December

You are invited to a concert in St. John's of music and readings with the theme of Advent and Christmas. There will also be music from a young flautist and the performers will be the Elm Singers. Rather than a charge for admission, there will be a retiring collection for Sydenham Garden, a mental health charity which is doing excellent work locally. John Webber .

ST JOHN'S YOUNG PEOPLE

Saturday, 12 December

Young people (year 6 and above): **Christmas baking** in the Goose Green Centre.

On Sunday 13 December St John's Young People are having a Christmas baking sale after the 10:00 Mass - in aid of Advent Homeless charities.

DON'T BE ALONE THIS CHRISTMAS

Christmas Day Party for the disabled and elderly of Southwark at Bacon's College, Rotherhithe. If you would like to nominate suitable people for this event please contact Ken Deller by Wednesday, 9th December.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PAGEANT

Sunday, 13 December

The Pageant will take place at the end of the 10am Mass. All children are welcome; please add your name to the list of roles and readers at the back of the church as soon as possible. Parents should bring their children in costume for 9.45am on the morning - we will also have costumes available here - but are not required to stay with their children. Snacks will be provided. Parents will be required to sign a form to confirm they are happy for their children to be photographed.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP 8.00 pm Wednesday, 16 December

Our December meeting will be held on at 36 Court Lane. We will contribute poetry, prose and music on the themes of Advent, waiting and preparation, and bring food to share with one another. All women are welcome. For further details contact Clare Brown, 020-8291-5295.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - Many thanks to all the cake-bakers and jam-makers, craftsfolk and creators, sorters and sellers, customers and money-counters, musicians and singers, and finally clearers and cleaners who made our Fayre a happy and successful event. We took over £2,500.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES - SIDESPEOPLE

We are expecting large numbers of people for the Christingle Services on Christmas Eve at 3.00 p.m. and 4.30 p.m., and we need a lot of Sidespeople. If you can help, please speak to Rachel or Michael, our Churchwardens. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - If you would like to make a donation towards our Christmas flower decorations please use one of the yellow envelopes pre-marked 'Christmas Flowers' available at the Information Point. If you are a UK taxpayer please sign the envelope in order to Gift Aid your donation. You may also like to use a Thanksgiving Card in dedication of a person or an event. Please put your donation and card in the envelope and place in the collection bag. Thanksgiving Cards will be offered at the altar at Midnight Mass. Thank you.

SIMPLE GIFTS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMASTIDE You will find the Simple Gifts leaflet for Advent and Christmastide at the back of the church. If you would like to give a donation towards any of the items, please place it (cheques should be made payable to 'St. John's PCC') in one of our yellow envelopes hand it, together with your completed form, to a member of the Clergy or a Churchwarden.

COMMUNION WAFERS We are now able to offer gluten-free communion wafers. These have been approved by the Coeliac Society. If you would prefer to receive one instead of the usual wafer, please speak to me or one of the clergy. Alan Croft

BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

Sunday, 10 January 2016

There will be a bring and share lunch after the 10.00 am Mass to welcome Bishop Humphrey Southern, Principal of Ripon College Cuddesdon, Patron of St John's. Bishop Humphrey will be celebrating and preaching and this will be a great opportunity for Bishop Humphrey to get to know us at St John's and for us to meet him as we prepare for the appointment of a new incumbent. If you would like to help with the lunch, please speak to Eurica Shaw.

SAFEGUARDING AT ST. JOHN'S

Every person has a value and dignity, which comes directly from the creation of people in God's image. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm. At St. John's we commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly children, young people and vulnerable adults.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO RING THE TOWER BELL.

Many people have said to me how much they like to hear the church tower bell rung on Sunday mornings before the 10.00 am Mass. It would be great to have a small number of volunteers to ring for 5 minutes at 09.50 am on Sundays. If you would like to learn how to ring the bell, please speak to me and I would be happy to teach you. It's not difficult to do and does not require a great deal of strength, but you will need to be able to climb the stairs to the belfry.

Many thanks. Michael Robinson

2016 SPECIAL CAUSE COLLECTION SUNDAYS There will be five Sundays in 2016, of which one will be for Christian Aid, on which members of the congregation will be invited to contribute to designated charities. If you have a charity you would like to be considered, please send details in writing to the Ven. Dr. Bill Jacob, Chair of the P.C.C., by Sunday, 13th December. The P.C.C. will vote on the nominations in January and you will be notified if your charity is successful. Please note: If your charity is selected you will be responsible for liaising with the charity concerned to arrange appropriate material.

St John's & St Clement's School Christmas Fair **Saturday, 12 December**
From 12-3pm. Come for lunch, fun and shopping! Stalls, Arts and Crafts, Children's Activities, mulled wine and food, and lots more!

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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