



St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

20th December 2015

FOURTH 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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Introit: Hail! Blesséd Virgin Mary - Italian carol, arr. Charles Wood

Opening Hymn: 186

Canticle: Magnificat (no Gloria) - Andreas, plainsong with fauxbourdons

Gradual Hymn: 6

Offertory Hymn: 11 (*Collection taken during this hymn*)

Anthem: O magnum mysterium - Morten Lauridsen

Communion Hymn: *Please see page 4*

Final Hymn: 18

The Angelus

Voluntary: Prelude on "The Holly and the Ivy" - Herbert Sumsion

Organist: Nicky Jones

18.00 Nine Lessons and Carols Service

The Venerable Dr Bill Jacob

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,
the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary
that she was to be the mother of your Son.
Though Mary was afraid,
she responded to your call with joy.
Help us, whom you call to serve you,
to share like her in your great work
of bringing to our world your love and healing.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the Light who is coming into the world.

All: Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel who brought the good news;
blessed is Mary your mother and ours.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;
and bless us your children who long for your coming.

The Collect:

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
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 the prophet Micah (5:2-5a)

The Lord says to his people: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me

one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Canticle - The Magnificat

R\: My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. (8 o'clock only)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (10:5-10)

When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book, it is written of me).' When Christ said, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

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 (1:39-55)

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Communion hymn - Taizé Chant

In our darkness there is no darkness with you, O Lord,
the deepest night is clear as the day.



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.

DIARY

Tue 22 December	19.30	Said Mass
Thu 24 December		Christmas Eve
	15.00	Christingle Service for Children
	16.30	Christingle Service for Children
	23.00	Carols
	23.30	Midnight Mass
Fri 25 December		Christmas Day
	10.00	Sung Mass
Sat 26 December		<i>Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr</i>
Sun 27 December		St John the Evangelist
	8.00	Said Mass
	10.00	Sung Mass

OTHER NOTICES

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

- Come and help us make Christingles!

We need help to prepare Christingles for the services on 24th December. We will be doing this on Thursday 24th December from 10am in the small hall. Young people are particularly welcome and if you cannot spare much time even half an hour would be helpful. Contact Julie for more information on 020 7635 2931 / 0778 668 6385 or julie.whitney@kcl.ac.uk.

- 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

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS CARD

The Sunday School has worked very hard to produce our fantastic congregational Christmas Card which is now installed at the back of Church. To pass on your Christmas wishes to other members of the congregation, please sign the card and make a small donation (in one of the yellow envelopes).

SAVE YOUR USED POSTAGE STAMPS

There are two boxes at the back of the church (British and Foreign stamps) for all your Christmas stamps. (In aid of The Orangutan Foundation)

SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS 5.00 pm *Wednesday, 23 December*
King's College Hospital Chapel. All welcome!

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.

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

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

SOUTHWARK FOODBANK

The PCC has agreed that St John's should support Southwark Foodbank and Pecan. This December Southwark Foodbank is eager to exceed the generosity of previous years. They have asked whether we at St John's would consider making financial donations towards their Christmas Hampers: each hamper costs £50 to produce. We hope to provide as many Christmas hampers as we can by Tuesday 23 December. Please speak to Michael Robinson if you have any questions.

However, the Foodbank needs donations all year round. If you are able to donate an item from the list below, Pecan will arrange to collect them from the church:

- Canned Rice Pudding
- Fruit (tinned)
- Shower gel/Toiletries
- UHT milk
- Fruit Juice (UHT, Carton)
- Tooth brush/tooth paste

Thank you for your support!

(Southwark Foodbank was launched in 2009 and is part of a national network of Foodbanks established by The Trussell Trust. It is a joint initiative between the Peckham charity Pecan and local churches across Southwark.)

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**

www.stjohnseastdulwich.org

New Year Services at St. John's

Friday, 1st January - New Year's Day

1200 Said Mass

Sunday, 3rd January - The Epiphany

0800 Said Mass

1000 Sung Mass

1130 Children's Mass

1800 Silent Prayer Group