



St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

3rd January 2016

THE EPIPHANY

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: Whence is that goodly fragrance? - old French carol,
arr. A E Baker

Opening Hymn: *Please see page 4*

Gradual Hymn: 47

Offertory Hymn: 36 (*Collection taken during this hymn*)

Anthem: Epiphany Carol - Frank Merrick

Communion Hymn: 48

Final Hymn: 49

Voluntary: Sonata in G, first movement (Op.28) - Edward Elgar

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:

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory 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 letter of Paul to the Ephesians (3.1-12)

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 72 (8 o'clock only)

R\: Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service.

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 Matthew (2.1-12)

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Opening Hymn

1. We three kings of orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar;
Field and fountain,
Moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

*Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

2. Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring, to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

Refrain

3. Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh,
Prayer and praising, gladly raising,
Worship him, God most high.

Refrain

4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-clad tomb.

Refrain

5. Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, alleluia,
Earth to heav'n replies.

Refrain

TODAY

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY today have been given by Bryan Grant in loving memory of his mother Merdella Wallace and **THE FLOWERS IN THE LADY CHAPEL** have been given in thanksgiving for the marriage which took place on Thursday between Carrie Coady and Tariq Mattar.

13.00 BAPTISM of Maria Isabel Perez Barber and Florence Perez Barber

DIARY

Thu 7 January 12.00 Said Mass
 12.30 *Goose Green* Lunch Club
 20.15 Choir Practice (Vestry)

Sun 10 January **Baptism of Christ**
 8.00 Said Mass
 10.00 Sung Mass
 11.15 Junior Choir rehearsal (Vestry)



OTHER NOTICES

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.

SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL

Saturday, 9 January

You are invited to attend Sung Eucharist at 12.30p.m. and Choral Evensong at 4p.m.. at Southwark Cathedral, when members of St. John's Choir and their friends will be leading the singing in the services.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

8 pm Tuesday, 12 January

We shall be meeting to plan activities for 2016 at 19 Scutari Road. All women are welcome. If you are interested in knowing more about our meetings, or want to come along, contact Clare Brown (020-8291-5295).

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.

BBC1 - THE BIG QUESTIONS

The BBC is filming in Peckham on **Sunday, 17 January** (probably at Harris Academy, Peckham). The programme will be broadcast live at 10am.

Each week 'The Big Questions', chaired by Nicky Campbell, sees a selection of invited guests and audience members debate a series of topics focusing on moral and ethical topics related to current affairs.

If anyone is interested in being a part of the audience, please get in touch with Jet on audiencebq@mentorn.tv or phone 0141 611 9626. You can find out more about the programme at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007zpll>

VOLUNTEERING AT KINGS COLLEGE HOSPITAL

A reminder to all Ministers of Communion: if you are interested in visiting patients to minister communion as part of the chaplaincy team at Kings College Hospital, there is a meeting with Revd. Anne Clarke and Revd. Louise Sezar, KCH Chaplain, at 6pm on Monday 18 January 2016 in the office at the back of the Hospital chapel.

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

FAIR TRADE STALL

The next Fair Trade Stall is on Sunday 7 February after the 8.00 and 10.00 Masses. There is no stall in January.

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.

CHOIR MEMBERSHIP

The Church Choir welcomes new members. Adults are expected to have a basic reading of music and children (from the age of seven) need to be good readers.

Our need at the moment is for tenors. There is more information on the Parish website and you can contact me, the Director of Music, on 8650 9164 or ormaggieandjohn1@gmail.com John Webber .

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

SOUTHWARK FOODBANK

The PCC has agreed that St John's should support Southwark Foodbank. 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.)

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)

PARISH OFFICE/GOOSE GREEN CENTRE

For information on opening times, bookings etc. please see the leaflet at the Information Point. All notices for the Pew Sheet to be passed, as usual, 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 Camplin at: christine.bannan@virgin.net**. For information about banns, weddings, baptisms etc. please contact the Parish Office. For Centre bookings please call 020 8299 6483 or email: office@goosegreencentre.org.

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