



# St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

24th January 2016

## THIRD SUNDAY OF 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: The Revd. Anne Clarke

### 10.00 Sung Mass

Celebrant: The Revd. Alistair McCulloch

Preacher: The Revd. Anne Clarke

Voluntary: Traumerei from "Kinderscenen", Op.15 - Robert Schumann

Opening Hymn: 295

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Offertory Hymn: 56 (*Collection taken during this hymn*)

Piano solo: Este a szekelyeknel - Béla Bartók

Anthem: There shall a star (from "Christus") - Felix Mendelssohn

Final Hymn: 437

Voluntary: Prelude in E minor - Nicolaus Bruhns

Organist: Emily Elias

12.00 Baptisms The Revd. Anne Clarke

**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 Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence;  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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 Nehemiah (8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10)**

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for

this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

## **Responsorial Psalm 19**

**R\): Your words are spirit Lord and they are life**

### **A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (12:12-31a)**

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do

all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.  
This is the Word of the Lord.

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 (4:14-21)**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## TODAY

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

**12.00 BAPTISM** of John Hughes and Nyala Gordon Barrell

## DIARY

Tue 26 January	19.30	Staff Team/Standing Committee (Vestry)
Wed 27 January	20.00	Bible Study (Vestry)
Thu 28 January	12.00	Said Mass
	12.30	Goose Green Lunch Club
	20.15	Choir Practice (Vestry)
<b>Sun 31 January</b>		<b>Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)</b>
	8.00	Said Mass
	10.00	Sung Mass

## OTHER NOTICES

Michael and Rachel, our Churchwardens, wanted to give everyone an outline of the proposed timetable for the recruitment of our new Incumbent:

- 19 January - The PCC Section 11 meeting appointed Rachel Mills and Michael Robinson as the 2 Parish representatives
- 29 January - Patron to advertise vacancy on behalf of St John's
- 15 February - Closing date for applications
- 2 March - Short-listing
- 14 March - Short-listed candidates to visit the parish and meet the congregation
- 15 March - Interviews
- Easter - Announcement of appointment
- July - Licensing of new Incumbent

If you have any queries or questions, please speak to Michael or Rachel.

### **BIBLE STUDY** **8.00 pm** **Wednesday, 27 January**

The Bible Study Group is meeting in the VESTRY. We will be looking at the readings for Candlemas, mainly Luke 2, v. 22-40. All are welcome. This will be our last meeting until after Easter.

### **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.

**PALM CROSSES** - Would you please remember to bring back your Palm Crosses from last year so that we can make the ash for the Ash Wednesday services. There is a basket for them at the back of church. Thank you.

## **ARCHIVES**

After 12 years as Parish Archivist for St. John's I have decided that it is time for me to stand down and hand over to someone else, I have enjoyed my time as Archivist and would like to thank those of you who have supported me over the years by donating photos and documents and telling me your memories of St. John's and its people. I am leaving the Archives in the very capable hands of Clare Brown and would ask that you continue to support her in the future as you have me in the past.

Maureen Abbott

## **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

*'Lord, you have made us for yourself alone, and our hearts will always be restless until they find their rest in you.'*

Our deanery confirmation this year is in the evening on Sunday 8 May 2016 at St. Clement's Church, Friern Road. If you would like prepare for confirmation please tell Mother Anne or Father Bill preferably before Ash Wednesday. There is a form available at the information desk for you to complete. We will fix the dates for the two preparation sessions when we know who is involved. You are warmly invited to attend the Lent course on Wednesday evenings.

## **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 urgent 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](mailto:ormaggieandjohn1@gmail.com) John Webber .

**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

## **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.

## **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
- UHT milk
- Fruit (tinned)
- Fruit Juice (UHT, Carton)
- Shower gel/Toiletries
- 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.)

## **CONCERT OF CHAMBER MUSIC AND SONG      Saturday, 30 January**

7.30 pm at Copleston Centre, Copleston Road SE15 4AN. In aid of Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers. Music by Tchaikovsky, Beethoven, Ligeti and others

Tickets £6 at the door.

## **VOCATIONS FAIR**

**Saturday, 27 February**

An opportunity to explore, talk to others and find out more about your vocation. St Mary's Reigate, Church Centre, RH2 7RN from 2.30pm-5pm.

Seminars on:

Discerning Your Call

Lay Ministries

Ordained Ministry

Plus:

Talk by the Bishop of Croydon

Browse stalls and meet people engaged in a wide variety of different ministries

Quiet Space

For more information and to register, e-mail: [louise.ellis@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:louise.ellis@southwark.anglican.org)

**SIMPLE GIFTS** Many of you have asked how else you can contribute to our worship by way of a one-off donation, in addition to your regular giving. In response, we have launched: *Simple Gifts*, a way in which you can make a donation towards different aspects of our worship. Your donation will be dedicated to the gift you have chosen and will be recorded with thanksgiving and to the Glory of God during the Notices and on the Pew Sheet. You will find the *Simple Gifts* leaflet 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, a Churchwarden or the Parish Administrator.

[www.stjohnseastdulwich.org](http://www.stjohnseastdulwich.org)

## THE PARISH OFFICE

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**Parish Administrator:** Gareth Mills

The Parish Office is normally open to visitors from 10 until 2 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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