



# St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

14th February 2016

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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 and Preacher: The Revd. Alistair McCulloch

Voluntary: Chorale prelude - "Er barm' dich meine o Herre Gott" (BWV 721)  
- J S Bach

Opening Hymn: 393

Asperges: singing of Penitential Rite

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory

Offertory Hymn: 353 (*Collection taken during this hymn*)

Anthem: Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts - Henry Purcell

Communion Hymn: 507

Final Hymn: 468

Voluntary: Chorale prelude - "Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele" (BWV 654)  
- J S Bach

Organist: Marilyn Harper

12.00 Baptism 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 Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves  
in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
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 Deuteronomy (26:1-11)**

Moses spoke to the people, saying: When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have

given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm 91**

**R\:** You, O Lord, are my refuge  
my God in whom I put my trust.

### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (10:8b-13)**

What does scripture say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Deacon:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** and also with you.

**Deacon:** Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord is a great God.

O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.

**All:** Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

### **Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (4:1-13)**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## TODAY

*Our hangings and vestments today are purple, the colour of penitence and reflection, and will be used during the penitential season of Lent as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. We are sprinkled with Holy Water to remind us of our baptism promises.*

Lent is a time when we are encouraged to be more aware of our relationship to the God who loves us and saves. You may wish to remain seated quietly after Mass is over to reflect on these great truths. Coffee is still available in the Centre but we ask you to move QUIETLY there after Mass for a chat so that those who wish to remain in Church may do so undisturbed. Thank you very much for your help and consideration.

**12.00 BAPTISM** of Isabella Briggs



## OTHER NOTICES

### LENT 2016

The pattern for Lent this year will be similar to last year. There will be five Wednesday evening sessions beginning on 17 February. We will be meeting in the Lady Chapel at 7.30pm (aiming to finish by 8.45pm). We shall begin with informal Evening Prayer with some singing and opportunities for quiet reflection. There will then be a short presentation which will continue to explore the themes of the previous Sunday's gospel followed by questions for discussion in small groups. There is no need to sign up for the course and all are welcome to come to any or all of the sessions. The course looks like this:

#### **A Way through the Wilderness**

<b>Week 1:</b>	<b>17 February - Temptation</b>	(Luke 4.1-13)
<b>Week 2:</b>	<b>24 February - Sorrow</b>	(Luke 13.31-end)
<b>Week 3:</b>	<b>2 March - Repentance</b>	(Luke 13.1-9)
<b>Week 4:</b>	<b>9 March - Acceptance</b>	(Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32)
<b>Week 5:</b>	<b>16 March - Love</b>	(John 12.1-8)

We very much look forward to drawing closer to Our Lord Jesus and to one another as we make this journey through Lent together.      Father Alistair

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

**Saturday, 20 February**

From 9.00 on - all help welcome! Equipment provided, no previous experience necessary.

## **CHORAL EVENSONG (1662)**

**Sunday, 28 February**

18.00 in church.

## **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.

**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.

**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

## **SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2016**

St. John's and St. Clement's School are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. If you would like to help them please put your vouchers in the box at the back of church. Thank you

## ORGAN RECITALS

Free copies of the London Organ Concerts Guide are available from the back of the Church. They include times and dates for this year's recitals at St. John's (on page 23). Please note that the reference to the Bach Sonatas applies to the two September dates only.

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

## 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.)

## DIOCESAN PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY DAY **Saturday, 16 April**

**'Awakening: Meeting the risen Jesus in daily life'**

10am-4pm, Southwark Cathedral

The main speakers are Margaret Silf & Bishop Christopher and there will be workshops on:

- Discerning the Spirit
- The power of story
- Circle Dancing
- Creative writing
- Meeting God in loss & change
- The labyrinth and prayer
- Creativity and prayer
- and more...

Cost: £5 per individual or £20 per parish booking (up to 8 people).

To register and for further details contact: [Caroline Wakelam-Jones: awakening@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:awakening@southwark.anglican.org) 020 7939 9475

## 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)

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.

### ST. JOHN'S PARISH OFFICE

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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 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

Goose Green Centre/hall bookings and enquiries.

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