



St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

21st February 2016

SECOND 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 Venerable Dr Bill Jacob

10.00 Sung Mass

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Preacher: The Revd. Canon Leanne Roberts

Introit: plainsong proper: Sue

Opening Hymn: 452

Asperges: singing of Penitential Rite

Gradual Hymn: 357

Offertory Hymn: 333 (*Collection taken during this hymn*)

Anthem: Like as we do put our trust in thee - Charles Wesley (men)

Communion Hymn: 424

Final Hymn: *Please see page 4*

Voluntary: Te lucis ante terminum (from "Le Tombeau de Titelouze"
- Marcel Dupré)

Organist: Nicky Jones

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,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
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 Genesis (15.1-12, 17-18)

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 27

R\): The Lord is my light and my salvation.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (3:17-4:1)

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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 (13:31-35)

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox

for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Final Hymn

- 1 Awake, our souls, away, our fears,
 let every trembling thought be gone;
awake, and run the heavenly race,
 and put a cheerful courage on.
- 2 True, 'tis a strait and thorny road,
 and mortal spirits tire and faint;
but they forget the mighty God
 that feeds the strength of every saint;
- 3 The mighty God, whose matchless power
 is ever new and ever young,
and firm endures, while endless years
 their everlasting circles run.
- 4 From thee, the overflowing spring,
 our souls shall drink a fresh supply,
while such as trust their native strength
 shall melt away, and droop, and die.
- 5 Swift as an eagle cuts the air,
 we'll mount aloft to thine abode;
on wings of love our souls shall fly,
 nor tire amidst the heavenly road.

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.

11.30 PASTORAL CARE GROUP MEETING

SPECIAL CAUSE COLLECTION

Today's Special Cause Collection is for the **Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call**. If you would like to make a donation by cheque, please make this out to "Bishop's Lent Call". If you are a taxpayer and want to make a Gift Aid donation, please fill out one of the Gift Aid forms and insert it with your donation in one of the Special Cause Collection envelopes.

More information about the Bishop's Lent Call is available at the back of the church.

DIARY

Tue 23 February	19.30	Staff Team / Standing Committee
Wed 24 February	19.30-20.45	Lent Group, led by Father Bill "Sorrow" (Luke 13.31-end)
Thu 25 February	12.00	Said Mass
	12.30	Goose Green Lunch Club
	20.15	Choir Practice (Vestry)
Sat 27 February	17.00	Young People's Lent Group
Sun 28 February		Third Sunday of Lent
	8.00	Said Mass
	10.00	Sung Mass
	11.30	Children's Worship planning meeting
	18.00	Evensong

OTHER NOTICES

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP PLANNING MEETING Sunday, 28 February

Meeting at 11.30 in the large hall to plan the children's worship for 10.00am on Friday 25 March (Good Friday).

LENT 2016

The pattern for Lent this year is similar to last year: five Wednesday evening sessions which began on 17 February. We meet in the Lady Chapel at 7.30pm (aiming to finish by 8.45pm). We begin with informal Evening Prayer with some singing and opportunities for quiet reflection. There is then 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

Week 2:	24 February - Sorrow	(Luke 13.31-end)
Week 3:	2 March - Repentance	(Luke 13.1-9)
Week 4:	9 March - Acceptance	(Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32)
Week 5:	16 March - Love	(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

CHORAL EVENSONG (1662)

Sunday, 28 February

18.00 in church.

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 maggieandjohn1@gmail.com John Webber .

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).

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 basket at the back of church. Thank you

CITY RECITAL

John Webber will be giving an organ recital at St Stephen Walbrook, near Cannon Street, on Friday, March 11th. at 12.30p.m. There will be music by J S Bach, Hubert Parry, Orlando Gibbons, C S Lang and Jeremiah Clarke. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge for admission.

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. There is a box for donations at the back of the church. If you are able to donate an item from the list below, Pecan will arrange to collect them from the church:

- tins of rice pudding or fruit
- UHT cartons of milk or fruit juice
- shower gel/toiletries
- tooth brush/tooth paste

Thank you for your support!

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:

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| 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 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.

For more information and to register, e-mail: louise.ellis@southwark.anglican.org

REVISION OF SAINT JOHN'S ELECTORAL ROLL

Saint John's Electoral Roll will be revised this year during the period 21st February to the 20th March. The Electoral Roll provides an accurate record of all those who worship here as well as enabling those on the list to vote at the forthcoming Annual Parochial Church Meeting and to hold office.

If therefore, you are not on the current Electoral Roll and are baptised and aged 16 years or over, have recently moved into the parish or joined the church, please complete one of the application forms that can be found at the back of the church. However, if your sixteenth birthday falls after the revision period but before or on the day of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Sunday, 17th April, you may complete an enrolment form and shall be enrolled from the date of your birthday.

Once completed please hand your form to:

Gareth Mills, the Church Electoral Roll Officer, or one of the Churchwardens.

For those whose names already appear on the Roll, please note that you do not have to re-apply until 2019 when a new Roll will be prepared.

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.

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