



St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

28th February 2016

THIRD 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 Venerable Dr Bill Jacob

Introit: A Song of Trust (Op.113, No.2) - C V Stanford

Opening Hymn: 67

Asperges: singing of Penitential Rite

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

Offertory Hymn: 383 (Collection taken during this hymn)

Anthem: Call to remembrance, O Lord - Richard Farrant

Communion Hymn: 507

Final Hymn: 239

Voluntary: Chorale prelude - "O Mensch, bewein' dein Sünde gross"
(BWV 622) - J S Bach

Organist: Andrew Baars

18.00 Choral Evensong 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.

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Please take this sheet home with you for use during the week

The Collect:

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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 the prophet Isaiah (55.1-9)

The Lord says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 63

R\: My soul thirsts for you, O my God.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (10:1-13)

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. 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 (13:1-9)

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish

as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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.

11.15 Junior Choir Practice

11.30 Children's Worship Planning Meeting

18.00 Choral Evensong (1662)

DIARY

Mon 1 March	20.00 Choir Committee
Wed 2 March	19.30-20.45 Lent Group, led by Father Alistair "Repentance" (Luke 13.1-9)
Thu 3 March	12.00 Said Mass 12.30 Goose Green Lunch Club 20.15 Choir Practice (Vestry)

Sun 6 March

Mothering Sunday

8.00 Said Mass

10.00 Sung Mass

(Fair Trade Stall after the 8.00 and 10.00 Mass)

11.30 Children's Mass

18.00 Silent Prayer Group

OTHER NOTICES

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP PLANNING MEETING * TODAY *****

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

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP 8.00 pm Tuesday, 8 March

The next meeting will be at 36, Court Lane when we will discuss ways of "good disagreement" within the Church, following the Primates Meeting in January. All women are welcome.

For further information contact Clare Brown (020-8291-5295)

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.

A Way through the Wilderness

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

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

SPECIAL CAUSE COLLECTIONS

The PCC have recently agreed which charities to support with the Special Cause Collections for the first half of this year. We would like to invite nominations for charities for the second half of the year to be considered at the next PCC meeting. If there is a charity that you would like St John's to support, please speak to Fr Bill or to the charity coordinator Jim Nurton, or email jimnurton@gmail.com with the details.

VISIT TO PARISH

Monday, 14 March

The short-listed candidates will be visiting the Parish on Monday 14 March to see the church, parish, vicarage, school and most importantly to meet the congregation. The draft timetable for the day is as follows:

- 10.00 Morning Prayer led by Anne Clarke
Meet with Parishioners and tour of the Church
- 10.45 Tour around the Vicarage
- 11.30 Visit to St John's & St Clement's School
Meeting with Head Teacher, Sarah Alexander and Miranda Wightman,
Chair of School Governors
- 12.30 Lunch
BUDS Nursery Teachers to join lunch
Tour of Goose Green Centre and meet with users
- 13.30 Tour of the Parish
- 15.00 Meeting with Assistant Priests, Anne Clarke and Alistair McCulloch
- 15.30 Tea with Parishioners
- 16.00 Close

Everyone is welcome to attend all or part of the day. If you can join us over lunch, please let us know so we can organise the catering. If you have any questions, please speak to Rachel or Michael.

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 .

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

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.

DIOCESAN PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY DAY Saturday, 16 April

'Awakening: Meeting the risen Jesus in daily life' Southwark Cathedral
10am-4pm. 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

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.

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!

PILGRIMAGE TO CANTERBURY

Saturday, 11 June 2016

The pilgrimage is being organised by Woolwich MEACC and is open to all members of churches in the Woolwich Episcopal Area. It will be led by Bishop Michael.

We will be departing at 9am from outside St George's, Borough High Street and returning at about 7.30 pm. Price £10 (includes travel, admission to the Cathedral and a guided tour) To book a place, please email wmeacc.pilgrimage@gmail.com

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:

- 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.

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.

www.stjohnseastdulwich.org