



St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

17th April 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

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 Venerable Dr Bill Jacob

10.00 Sung Mass

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Preacher: The Revd. Alistair McCulloch

Voluntary: Evening Hymn from "Hansel and Gretel"
- Engelbert Humperdinck

Opening Hymn: *Please see page 4*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Offertory Hymn: *Please see page 5 (Collection taken during this hymn)*

Anthem: From the rising of the sun - F A Gore Ouseley

Communion Hymn: 285

Final Hymn: 271

Voluntary: "Ertodt uns Durch Dein Gute" from Cantata No. 22
- J S Bach, arr. Maurice Durufle

Organist: Andrew Baars

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 Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (9:36-43)

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 23

R\): The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

A reading from the book of Revelation (7:9-17)

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could

count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Alleluia. Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (10:22-30)

All: Alleluia. Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Alleluia.

All: Praise to you, O Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Opening Hymn

- 1 I will sing the Lord's high triumph,
ruling earth and sky and sea;
God, my strength, my song, my glory,
my salvation now is he.
Through the waters, through the waters,
God has brought us liberty,
God has brought us liberty.
- 2 By the storm and at the mountain
grace and judgement both are shown;
all who planned his people's ruin
power divine has overthrown.
Nations tremble, nations tremble;
God has made his mercy known,
God has made his mercy known.
- 3 Who is like the God of Israel,
faithful, holy, throned above?
Stretching out the arm of anger,
yet he guides us by his love.
To our homeland, to our homeland,
God will see us safely move,
God will see us safely move.
- 4 Praise our God, who in the thunder
led a nation through the sea;
praise the One whose blood released us
from our deeper slavery.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Christ is risen: we are free;
Christ is risen: we are free!

Christopher Idle

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Offertory Hymn

1. Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.
*Refrain: Angels, saints and nations sing :
"Praise be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!"*

2. King, whose name creation thrills
Rule our minds, our hearts our wills
Till in peace each nation rings
With thy praises, King of Kings.
Refrain:

3. King most holy, King of truth,
guard the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ the King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light.
Refrain:

4. Shepherd-king, o'er mountains steep
homeward bring the wandering sheep;
shelter in one royal fold
states and kingdoms, new and old.
Refrain:

5. Eucharistic King, what love
draws thee daily from above,
clad in signs of bread and wine :
feed us, lead us, keep us thine!
Refrain:

TODAY

Our vestments and hangings over the next few weeks will be gold in celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY today have been given by Elizabeth Stanton in loving memory of her husband John.

11.15 ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

DIARY

Tue 19 April 19.30 Said Mass

20.00 PCC Meeting

Thu 21 April 12.00 Said Mass

12.30 Goose Green Lunch Club

20.15 Choir Practice (Vestry)

Sat 23 April 10.00-12.00 Gardening Session

Sun 24 April The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00 Said Mass

10.00 Sung Mass

with Commissioning of PCC members

11.30 Junior Choir practice (Vestry)

12.00 Baptisms

Sunday 24 April

This is Fr Bill's last Sunday with us. There will be drinks in the Centre with Bishop Michael after the 10.00 Mass.

OTHER NOTICES

GARDENING SESSION

Saturday, 23 April

The gardening team would gratefully appreciate any help during the Spring clean-up. Even if you can only spare a half hour or so, it will make a difference.

THE ELMS QUIZ EVENING**7-10 pm Saturday, 23 April**

St Clement's with St Peter's Church Hall, Barry Road, SE22. Charity quiz night for The Elms Residential Care Home. Bring your own team of 6 or on your own. Book in advance: karen@theelms.org.uk or 0208 693 9739 £10 per head.

CONCERT**7.30 pm Friday, 13 May**

You are very welcome to a concert in which John Webber will be directing the Elm Singers at St Barnabas, Oakhill Road, Beckenham, BR3 6NG. The theme will be "The Merry Month of May". There will be madrigals and other music by Seiber, Vaughan Williams, Purcell and Moeran. Three members of St John's Choir will be taking part and the guest soloist will be Laura Corbin (flute). Admission will be free; retiring collection.

ORGAN RECITAL**11.00 am Saturday, 7 May**

John Webber will be giving an organ recital at St John's including music by J S Bach, Buxtehude, Langlais, Purcell and others. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge for admission. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards.

TAIZE SERVICE**5.00 pm Sunday, 15 May**

Our first service of music from Taize will be on the evening of Pentecost. Chants, reflective instrumental music, readings and prayers. All are welcome.

PILGRIMAGE TO CANTERBURY**Saturday, 11 June**

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

PILGRIMAGE TO WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL**Saturday, 25 June**

Eurica Shaw is organising a coach trip to Winchester Cathedral. It will include Mass, a guided tour and evensong. Details are yet to be confirmed. Please see Eurica Shaw if you are interested.

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 urgent need at the moment is for sopranos and tenors.* There is more information on the Parish website and you can contact me, the Director of Music, on 8650 9164 or maggielandjohn1@gmail.com John Webber .

TOUGH MUDDER CHALLENGE - Sponsorship Request

On 30th April I will be part of a team from a children's ward at King's College Hospital taking part in the Tough Mudder Challenge. We will be running a 13 mile obstacle course (which includes running through electrified wires!) to raise funds for the Children's Liver and GI Unit to provide play and therapy materials for those children who undergo complex medical procedures, such as liver transplant. This is a really worthwhile and important cause and I would greatly appreciate your support. If you would like to make a donation you can do so using the teams JustGiving page - <https://www.justgiving.com/teamrays>
Thanks for all your support. Ben Hunt"

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!

MANNA SOCIETY

The Manna welcomes donations of any of the following:

- Men's underwear, socks, jeans, shoes and trainers.
- Toiletries: soap, deodorants, shaving foam, shampoo and disposable razors.

There is a box for donations at the back of the church (near the pigeonholes).

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2016

St John's and St Clement's School is 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

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**