



St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

4th September 2016

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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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. Rosemary Shaw

10.00 Sung Mass

Celebrant: The Revd. Anne Clarke

Preacher: The Revd. Rosemary Shaw

Introit: Plainsong proper

Opening Hymn: *Please see page 4*

Gradual Hymn: 475

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

Anthem: Ave verum corpus - W A Mozart

Communion Hymn: 310

Final Hymn: 427

Voluntary: Fugue in A minor (BWV 543) - J S Bach

Organist: John Webber

11.30 Children's Mass The Revd. Anne Clarke

18.00 Silent Prayer Group

GIFT AID: if you are a UK taxpayer and complete a yellow Gift Aid envelope, we can reclaim 25p for every £1 you give, thank you.

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

The Collect:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 letter of Paul to Philemon (1 - 21)

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing

this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 139 (8 o'clock only)

R\: You, O Lord, created my inward parts;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (14.25-33)

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Opening Hymn

1. Sing a hymn to God's great glory,
just and holy all his ways.
Let us tell redemption's story
singing songs of thankful praise.
God, who long ago created
music to inspire the heart,
lifts our souls, that stimulated
we may play our joyful part.
2. Sing a hymn of Christ's salvation,
our Messiah, Servant, Priest;
building us a true foundation,
giving us a holy feast.
He who lived and died for others
from his virgin mother's womb
now unites us, sisters, brothers,
through his conquest of the tomb
3. Sing a hymn, in which shall feature
all the Spirit's living power;
animating every creature
day by day and hour by hour
Sing, oh sing, in rhythm's motion
joining music, words and beat;
till the tongue and mind's devotion
in exultant worship meet.
4. Sing forever, all creation,
to the Trinity above.
Let the church in every nation
join in bonds of holy love.
Music of the highest order,
instruments and voices blend,
overcoming all disorder:
Songs of praise shall never end.

Offertory Hymn

1. And can it be that I should gain
 an interest in the Saviour's blood?
 Died he for me, who caused his pain?
 For me, who him to death pursued?
 Amazing love! How can it be
 that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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 that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

2. 'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies
 who can explore his strange design?
 In vain the first-born seraph tries
 to sound the depths of love divine!
 'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
 let angel minds inquire no more.
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3. He left his Father's throne above
 so free, so infinite his grace
 emptied himself of all but love
 and bled for Adam's helpless race.
 'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
 for, O my God, it found out me.
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 for, O my God, it found out me.

4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
 fast bound in sin and nature's night
 thine eye diffused a quickening ray
 I woke, the dungeon flamed with light
 my chains fell off, my heart was free
 I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
 my chains fell off, my heart was free
 I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

5. No condemnation now I dread,
 Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
 Alive in him, my living Head
 and clothed in righteousness divine.
 Bold I approach the eternal throne
 and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
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TODAY

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY today have been given in thanksgiving for the marriage which took place yesterday between Natasha D'Souza and Benjamin Vertannes.

FAIR TRADE STALL - There will be a Fair Trade Stall after the 8.00 and 10.00 Masses.

Welcome back to our Adult Choir today!

DIARY

Tue 6 September 18.00 Safeguarding meeting
 19.00 *Goose Green Centre Sub-Committee*

Thu 8 September 12.00 Said Mass
 12.30 *Goose Green Lunch Club*
 20.15 *Choir Practice (Vestry)*

Sat 10 September 9.30 *Housekeeping*

Sun 11 September Sixteenth Sunday of Trinity

8.00 Said Mass
 10.00 Sung Mass
 11.15 Junior Choir practice
 11.30 PCC Standing Committee

Drinks after 10.00 am Mass to celebrate Irma Bell's 80th Birthday

OTHER NOTICES

SILENT PRAYER GROUP

The Silent Prayer Group meets on the first Sunday evening of each month in the Lady Chapel and is open to all. The pattern of our meetings is: a brief welcome followed by a short opening prayer, leading into 30 minutes of silence, which is marked at the beginning and end by the sound of a gong, and we then close with another prayer. The silence is an opportunity to be aware of God's presence in a space that is different to our Sunday morning worship. People can use the silence to meditate in whatever way they find appropriate. Some suggestions are; using a Christian mantra, reflection, breath or imagery. If you would like to find out more you are welcome to come along, or to contact Sue Lock 0207 639 4567 or Sarah Phillips 0208 690 7649.

MISSION TO SEAFARERS

The next Special Cause Collection will be on 18th September for the Mission to Seafarers. More information, and collection envelopes, will be available at the 8am and 10am Masses: please give generously

COPELSTON BOOKSTALL 10.30 to 12.30 Saturday, 17 September

Come along to the café area at the Copleston Centre for good quality secondhand books, CDs and DVDs; delicious homemade cakes and tea and coffee. (This is a monthly bookstall on the second Saturday in the month; all the proceeds go to the asylumseekers project.

HARPSICHORD RECITAL 2.00 pm Saturday, 17 September

You are welcome to attend a recital by Gilbert Rowlands of music by Scarlatti and others at St. Augustine's, Honor Oak, SE23 3LE. Admission free; sponsored by the Southwark and South London Society of Organists.

ORGAN RECITALS IN CHURCH 11.00 am Saturday, September 17 & 24

Do come and hear Richard Pilliner (from St. John's, Shirley) play all the six Sonatas of J S Bach on our lovely 1985 Walker organ. Free admission (donations welcome at the end); coffee and tea afterwards.

CONCERT OF CHAMBER MUSIC AND SONG Saturday, 17 September

7.30 pm at Copleston Centre, Copleston Road SE15 4AN. In aid of Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers. Tickets £6 at the door.

CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS

St John's is supporting two local charities who welcome donations of any of the following items; there are boxes for donations at the back of the church.

Southwark Foodbank (Pecan)

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

Manna Society

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

Thank you for your support!

SAFEGUARDING AT ST JOHN'S

St John's church works within the Diocesan policy and guidelines "A Safe Church". The Parish Safeguarding Team - Libby Coates, Tina Hampson and Ben Vertannes - works with the Vicar, the PCC and the Southwark Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor to respond to any safeguarding concerns about children or adults.

If you witness an incident or are concerned that a child or adult in our congregation may be at risk of suffering harm or neglect, you should report your concerns to one of the Parish Safeguarding Team, in person or by phoning 07464857035. All concerns will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

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