



St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

25th September 2016

EIGHTEENTH 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. Gill O'Neill

10.00 Sung Mass

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Preacher: The Revd. Alistair McCulloch

Introit: We sing to Him - Henry Purcell

Opening Hymn: 473

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Offertory Hymn: *Please see page 4 (Collection taken during this hymn)*

Anthem: Richard de Castre's Prayer to Jesus - Richard Terry

Communion Hymn: *Please see page 5*

Final Hymn: 443

Voluntary: Plaintive Sax - Alan Bullard

Organist: Nicky Jones

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The Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 Jeremiah (32.1-3a, 6-15)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in

an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

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. *(response 8 o'clock only)*

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy (6.6-19)

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time - he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (16.19-31)

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." The man who had been rich said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." Abraham said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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Offertory Hymn

1. He walked by the river where the crowds had gone
for the word of the Lord from a man named John;
his path would be taking him where no man trod,
for John said, 'This is the Lamb of God!'
Come, see the sacrificial Lamb,
Son of the Father, The One I AM!
But no-one heard the prophecy of death:
they called him Jesus of Nazareth.

- 2 He walked into Galilee to shine God's light,
and the sunrise dawned on the people of the night.
He healed their diseases and he raised their dead;
'The kingdom of God has arrived!' he said.
Come near, and listen to his word;
no-one is like him, he must be heard:
and those who come he never turns away,
so come to meet him and come today.
3. He walked to Jerusalem, the road of pain,
and they spat at the king and they laughed at his reign:
they gave him a reed and a robe and a crown;
he gave to them his life laid down.
Come, look- he's hanging from a tree!
Look at the Scriptures - come and see;
to bear our sins he bled and died:
but the tomb where they laid him is open wide!
4. He walked to the hill where the olives grew
and he left us a gift and some travelling to do:
'My Spirit will come, my power will bless,
and you will be my witnesses.'
Come, trust in everything he says,
turn to the Saviour, and change your ways;
you'll always find his promises are true
when you love the Lord who has first loved you.

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Communion hymn

My God, and is thy table spread,
and does thy cup with love o'erflow?
Thither be all thy children led,
and let them thy sweetness know.

Hail, sacred feast, which Jesus makes!
Rich banquet of his flesh and blood!
Thrice happy all who here partake
that sacred stream, that heav'nly food.

What wondrous love! What perfect grace,
for Jesus our exalted host,
invites us to this special place
who offer least and need the most.

O let thy table honoured be,
and furnished well with joyful guests;
and may each soul salvation see
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

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TODAY

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY today have been given by Jenny Anglin to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother Joyce Deslandes.

DIARY

Tue 27 September 20.00 Staff Team Meeting

Thu 29 September 12.00 Said Mass *Michael and All Angels*

12.30 Goose Green Lunch Club

20.15 Choir Practice (Vestry)

Sat 1 October 10.00 Voices of our time: A Parish history event

Sun 2 October Harvest Festival

8.00 Said Mass

10.00 Sung Mass

(Fair Trade Stall after the 8.00 and 10.00 Mass)

15.00 Baptisms

18.00 Silent Prayer Group

OTHER NOTICES

SINGING AWARD

3.30 pm Sunday, 25 September

Julie Whitney, together with singers from other parts of South London and Surrey, will be presented with the Bishop of Southwark's Award to Choristers at Choral Vespers on, at the Roman Catholic Cathedral (St George's), Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7HY. All welcome.

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING - MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

From 10:30 - 1:30 116 Oglander Road Friday, 30 September

Come and join us for home made cakes and coffee to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, all welcome. Don't forget to bring a container to take some cakes home with you. Miranda

END OF LIFE WITH DEMENTIA: AN EVENING ON DEMENTIA AND FAITH

St-Martin-in-the-Field-s, Trafalgar Square 7-9pm Tuesday, 27 September

Discussing how to make your church a dementia friendly church. Do let me know if you are interested in attending - Julie Whitney (0778 668 6385 or julie.whitney@kcl.ac.uk)

VOICES OF OUR TIME: A PARISH HISTORY EVENT Saturday, 1 October

Come along to share together the story of our church, whether you've been part of St John's for 5 minutes or 5 decades, with coffee and croissants.

10am to 12pm, in church. All welcome.

DIOCESAN BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS Saturday, 8 October

You are warmly invited to celebrate Black History Month 2016 with a Service of Thanksgiving at 10.30 and workshops from 12.45 at Southwark Cathedral.

The events planned for 8 October recognise the work of the Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns Committees and the contribution of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic people to the life and witness of the churches and parishes of the diocese. The Thanksgiving Service will showcase the talents and creative skills of people from our parishes and schools, and in the afternoon each area MEACC will facilitate a workshop on one of the sub-themes of Lead, Enable, Serve.

YOUNG VOCATIONS CONFERENCE

4-6 November 2016

The diocese is holding an Exploring Vocation weekend, specifically aimed at those aged 18 to 30 at Wychcroft Diocesan Retreat House from 4 to 6 November 2016. Places will be fully funded by the diocese. To register your interest, speak to Gill and email Sam Dennis (Diocesan Vocations Champion) at fr.sam.dennis@gmail.com.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who contributed and supported the fund-raising event on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support on Saturday 27 August. It was a total success and a sum of £3,520 was raised. A special thank-you to Caleen, Eurica, Eloise and Sybil for their individual input on the day. Alma Isaacs

GOOSE GREEN LUNCH CLUB

Last week it was pork medallions with vegetables followed by fruit pie and custard; this week it will be chicken fillets, roast potatoes, carrots and peas then apple pie and ice cream. All this, plus a choice of tea/coffee and soft drink, could be yours for £4 at the Lunch Club on Thursdays at 12.30pm if you are a senior citizen (generously interpreted).

Enjoy some good food and meet interesting folk in a pleasant environment. Contact either Sybil 8299 1793 or Ken 8693 2090.

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.

DOG-LOVER WANTED

From Father Jonathan Sedgwick, at St George the Martyr, Borough High St:
A lovely woman - whose partner recently died - is having to give up her dogs because she lives in a Peabody Building here in SE1. They are:

- Mason a 15 year old (small for a...) greyhound with a lovely temperament. But doesn't like cats. Very docile and empathetic.
- Delilah a Chihuahua with a quarter Maltese is 4. Delightful and cheeky. A lap dog.

Sally is heartbroken and wants a good home - or two homes - preferably where she might see them from time to time.

Are there any East Dulwich dog-walkers who might be interested?

Any ideas please contact Fr Alistair 07929 765752