



Welcome to St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

27 November 2016
First Sunday of Advent

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**Today our hangings and vestments are purple to mark the season of Advent,
as we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas.**

8am Said Mass

10am Sung Mass

Introit: The Advent Prose
Opening Hymn: 6
Gospel
Acclamation: Alleluia
Offertory Hymn: 7
Anthem: The Advent Sequence
Communion
Hymn: 495
Final Hymn: 466
The Angelus
Voluntary: 'Herr Christ, der
ein'ge Gottes-Sohn'
(BWV 601) by JS Bach
Organist: Nicky Jones

12pm Baptism Samuel Bruna Horan
and Xanthe Sienna
Jean Ashton

6pm Advent Reflections

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away
the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again
in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive
and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Deacon: God of Abraham and Sarah,
and all the patriarchs of old,
you are our Father too.
Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of David.
Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit
to make his home among us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the Light who is coming into the world.

**All: Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a king;
Be born in our hearts this Christmastide,
be king of our lives today.
Amen.**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (2.1–5)

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord.

8am Mass - Responsorial Psalm 122

R\: I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to God's house'.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (13.11–14)

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the Word of the Lord.

The Gospel Reading

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness

but will have the light of life.

All: Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (24.36–44)

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

THE ANGELUS

We turn to the Lady Chapel and say together the words in bold.

The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary:

And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

And the Word was made flesh:

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Pray for us, holy Mother of God:

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

*Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts;
that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ
by the message of an angel,
so by his cross and passion we may be brought
to the glory of his resurrection.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Today in Church

SIMPLE GIFTS

The Gifts of Lady Chapel Altar Candles, Advent Ring Candle and Altar Linen have been given by the Nylander family in loving memory of Val Nylander whose first anniversary of death falls today.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Our advent reflections start this evening at 6pm. Join us in church as we remember the journeys of migrant communities seeking a new home and meditate on the journeys of the Holy Family and the gift of Gods son at Christmas. Through words and silence we will seek together to enter the deeper mystery of God and his presence in our lives.

Our reflections will last for about an hour and continue on 4 and 11 December. Do join us as we journey together. All are welcome.

This week's Services & Groups

Thu 1 December	12pm	Said Mass
	12.30pm	Goose Green Lunch Club
	20.15pm	Choir Practice in the Vestry
Sat 3 December	10am	Gardening in the churchyard

Sun 4 December Second Sunday of Advent

8am	Said Mass
10am	Sung Mass
6pm	Advent Reflections

Pick up some Christmas gifts at our Fair Trade Stall after our morning services next week.

Notices

OUR NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

We are delighted to announce that Rachel Smith has been appointed as Parish Administrator. Rachel has been a member of St John's for some time, helping at Crèche and the Children's Mass, and brings a great deal of experience and enthusiasm for the role.

Our thanks to Gareth Mills for all his work covering this role over the past year.

GARDENING SESSIONS

Join us this Saturday, 3 December, for the last gardening Saturday of 2016. There are many autumn tasks to be done, such as weeding, pruning, tidying, leaf collecting, and finally compost spreading. If this aid to fitness appeals to you, you would be warmly welcomed. For more information please speak to Sally Gross after church or on 020 7639 2291.

CAROL SERVICE

You are invited to sing with the Choir in the Christmas Carol Service on Sunday, 18 December at 6pm. Rehearsals will be held in the Vestry at 8.45pm on Thursday 1, 8 and 15 December, then on the day at 4pm. If you are interested, please contact John Webber on 020 8650 9164 or maggiemandjohn1@gmail.com.

SPECIAL CAUSE COLLECTIONS 2017

Our Special Cause Collections are a good way to raise awareness and funds for deserving charities. If you would like to nominate a charity for 2017, for consideration by the PCC, speak to Jim Nurton, charities coordinator, on jimnurton@gmail.com before December 11.

CHURCH FLOWERS

If you enjoy our church flowers and would like to join a team of people who create our beautiful floral arrangements, Sally Gross would be delighted to hear from you. Training will be given. Do contact Sally on 020 7639 2291, or speak to her after church.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

'A Christmas Feast' takes place on Saturday 10 December at 7pm and features the Choir of Lincoln College, Oxford, under the direction of Jacob Ewens. Jacob is the son of Russell and Lesley Ewens who have played at our services in November. Tickets are available at www.sjun.org.uk/event/central-band-christmas-concert/. The concert is being held at St John the Evangelist Church in Sylvan Road, Upper Norwood, London SE19 2RX, close to Crystal Palace.

PARISH OFFICE

For information about banns, weddings, baptisms etc. please contact Rachel Smith, Parish Administrator on 020 8693 3897, office@stjohnseastdulwich.org.

Please note, the Parish Office opening hours have changed.

Normal office hours are 10am until 2pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Please send notices to the Parish Office by Tuesday afternoon. Thank you.

GOOSE GREEN CENTRE

For bookings and enquiries please contact Gareth Mills, Centre Manager on 020 8299 6483, office@goosegreencentre.org.

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