Welcome to St John the Evangelist
East Dulwich
25 December 2016
Christmas Day

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### 10am Sung Mass

**Voluntary:** Trio in E flat major
(Op.49, No.6) – Josef Rheinberger

**Opening Hymn:** 18
**Gradual Hymn:** 27
**Offertory:** 16
**Hymn:**
**Anthem:** The angel Gabriel - Basque carol, arr. Edgar Pettman

**Communion** 25
**Hymns:** 29
**Final Hymn:** 8
**Voluntary:** Theme from Brideshead by Geoffrey Burgon, arranged by Eric Wetherwell

**Organist:** John Webber

### Collect
Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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**

**GIFT AID YOUR DONATIONS:** if you are a UK taxpayer why not donate using a yellow Gift Aid envelope so we can reclaim 25p for every £1 you give. Thank you.
A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (9.2–7)
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the trampling warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.
This is the Word of the Lord.

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 Luke (2.1-20)
In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields,
keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

The Clergy and people of St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich wish you peace and joy this Christmas.
This week’s Services & Groups

Sun 01 January
Naming and Circumcision of Jesus
8am Said Mass
10am Sung Mass

Notices
Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Christmas services this year and helped make them a success. Your contributions, large and small, are much appreciated and enable the flourishing of life at St John’s.

Keep up to date with what is happening here at St John’s East Dulwich by joining our mailing list. Fill in a contact details form or email the Parish office.

Gill will be on annual leave from 26 December 2016 returning on Tuesday 3 January.

The Parish office will be closed between 22 December 2016 and 3 January 2017.

PARISH OFFICE
For information about banns, weddings, baptisms etc. please contact Rachel Smith, Parish Administrator on 020 8693 3897, office@stjohnseastdulwich.org. Normal office hours are 10am until 2pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

GOOSE GREEN CENTRE
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