



Welcome to St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

03 December 2017 First Sunday of Advent

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8am Said Mass

10am Sung Mass

Introit	The Advent Prose
Processional	5
Offertory	see sheet
Communion	Rejoice in the Lord alway
Anthem	by Henry Purcell
Final	9
Voluntary	Sicilienne (from Pelléas et Mélisande) by Gabriel Fauré
Organist	John Webber
Flautist	Imogen Williams

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.

Gluten Free communion wafers are available from the Altar in the Lady Chapel.

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

We say together the words in bold

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.

**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.**

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

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.
Alleluia.

8am only - A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (64.1–9)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.
This is the Word of the Lord.

8am only - Responsorial Psalm 80

R\: Show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1.3–9)

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (13.24–37)

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us.

Make us your living voice.

Refrain:

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Refrain:

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Refrain:

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Refrain:

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Today in Church

Join us this evening at 6pm for **LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS**, a service of poetry and music for Advent Sunday. All welcome.

This week's Services & Groups

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu	9am	Morning Prayer
Wed 06 December	10am	Coffee Morning
Thu 07 December	12pm	Said Mass
	12.30pm	Goose Green Lunch Club
	8.15pm	Choir Practice

Sun 10 December	Second Sunday of Advent	
	8am	Said Mass
	10am	Sung Mass

Notices

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, donated gifts, cakes and bottles, wrapped lucky dip prizes and who shopped, ate, drank and were merry! A special thank you to Sue O'Neill, Julie Whitney and Christine Camplin for managing the organisation, planning and promotion to make our Christmas Fair a wonderful occasion to mark the start of advent.

SPECIAL COLLECTION SUNDAY NOMINATIONS

It's time to choose the charities we will support for our special collections in 2018. If you would like to nominate a charity, please speak to Jim Nurton or email the details (name, brief description) to jimnurton@gmail.com by 31 December. The PCC will select which charities to support from those nominated. If your charity is chosen, you will be expected to arrange for a short presentation and help count the money collected.

COFFEE MORNING

Come along on Wednesday from 10 to 11.30am for a tea or coffee, cake and a friendly chat. Tell your family and friends. The more the merrier!

CAROL SERVICE SINGING

If you can read music and would like to sing with the Choir in the Carol service on Sunday 17 December at 6pm please speak to John Webber for details.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

This month's meeting is at 8pm on Tuesday 12 December at 36 Court Lane. It will be the usual Advent mix of poetry, prose, music and prayer with some shared food. We shall also begin to think about the future of the group. All women are welcome. For further details contact Clare Brown 020 8291 5295.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation towards our Christmas flower decorations please use one of the yellow envelopes pre-marked 'Christmas Flowers' available at the Information Point. If you are a UK taxpayer please sign the envelope and Gift Aid your donation so we can reclaim the tax. You may also like to use a Thanksgiving Card in dedication of a person or an event. Please put your donation and card in the envelope and place in the collection bag. Thanksgiving Cards will be placed on the altar at Midnight Mass. Thank you

L'ARCHE LONDON: HR VACANCY

L'Arche London is looking for a new HR co-ordinator to join its leadership team. They need someone who has the experience to manage their HR Systems and who is willing to get involved in the wider development of the Community. The role is based in its main office in West Norwood and the hours can be flexible to suit the right candidate. There is more information on the vacancies section of its website www.larchelondon.org.uk

ROBES AT ST JOHN'S IN 2018

St John's will be hosting the Robes project night shelter again in 2018. It will run from Saturday 20 January until the morning of Sunday 25 March 2018. If you would like to volunteer, we are now ready to receive applications. This year we will be trying to coordinate applications online. See <https://sites.google.com/view/st-johnsed-rob/home> The site has links to application forms as well as useful information if you are considering volunteering for the first time. Paper application forms are also available at the back of the church. If you have any questions, please talk to Jim Nurton or Julie Whitney.

A PLEA FOR TENORS

The choir is in desperate need of Tenors. If you are interested speak to John Webber to find out more about joining the choir.

WEEKLY EMAIL

Keep up to date with what is happening here at St John's by joining our mailing list. Follow the link from the website homepage or email the Parish office.

ST JOHN'S PARISH OFFICE & GOOSE GREEN CENTRE

For information about banns, weddings, baptisms etc. please contact Rachel Smith, Parish Administrator on 020 8693 3897, office@stjohnseastdulwich.org. Notices to the office by Tuesday, thank you.

For Goose Green Centre bookings contact Gareth Mills on 020 8299 6483, office@goosegreencentre.org

