



Welcome to St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

10 December 2017 Second Sunday of Advent

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8am Said Mass

10am Sung Mass

Introit	The Advent Prose
Processional	12
Offertory	495
Communion	Adam lay ybounden
Anthem	by Boris Ord
Hymn	390
Final	388
Voluntary	Wachet auf, ruft ins die Stimme by Bach
Organist	Harry Brama

6pm Silent Prayer

Collect

O Lord,
raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas,
through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered in running
the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ
your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory,
now and for ever.

Amen

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

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 (40.1–11)

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep. This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 85

Rl: Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

A reading from the second book of Peter (3.8–15a)

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

We say together the words in bold

God our Father,
you spoke to the prophets of old
of a Saviour who would bring peace.
You helped them to spread the joyful message
of his coming kingdom.
Help us as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
to share with those around us
the good news of your power and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the Light who is coming into the world.

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide
And show all the world God's love.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (1.1–8)

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight," John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Today in Church

The Silent Prayer Group invite you to join them this evening in church at 6pm. Share the quiet and hear and reflect on the beginning of the Christmas story from St Matthews Gospel. Everyone will be very welcome.

This week's Services & Groups

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu	9am	Morning Prayer
Wed 13 December	10am	Coffee Morning
Thu 14 December	12pm	Said Mass
	8.15pm	Choir Practice

Sun 17 December	Third Sunday of Advent
	8am Said Mass
	10am Sung Mass

Notices

THANK YOU!

The recent special collection for Robes raised £649.67, and the online donations in support of the Sleepout have passed £2,000 so far. Thanks to everyone for your support! You can still donate online until the end of January at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-john-east-dulwich>

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! N.B. There will be no coffee morning on 27 December. It will start again for 2018 on 3 January.

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.

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.

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