



Welcome to St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

17 December 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

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8am Said Mass

10am Sung Mass

Introit	The Advent Prose
Processional	6
Gradual	8
Offertory	7
Communion	This is the record of
Anthem	John by Orlando
	Gibbons
Hymn	3
Angelus	see sheet
Final	466
Voluntary	Gavotta by Matthew
	Camidge
Organist	John Webber

6pm Carol Service

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist
to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 (61.1–4, 8–11)

The servant of the Lord said: The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

This is the Word of the Lord.

8am only - Responsorial Psalm Magnificat

R): My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

A reading from the first book of Thessalonians (5.16-24)

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

We say together the words in bold

God our Father,
you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age
a son called John.
He grew up strong in spirit,
prepared the people for the coming of the Lord,
and baptized them in the Jordan to wash away their sins.
Help us, who have been baptized into Christ,
to be ready to welcome him into our hearts,
and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the Light who is coming into the world.

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
John told the people to prepare,
for you were very near.
As Christmas grows closer day by day,
Help us to be ready to welcome you now.
Amen**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (1.6–8, 19–28)

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, ‘I am not the Messiah.’ And they asked him, ‘What then? Are you Elijah?’ He said, ‘I am not.’ ‘Are you the prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’ Then they said to him, ‘Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’ He said, ‘I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, “Make straight the way of the Lord,”’ as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, ‘Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?’ John answered them, ‘I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.’ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

The Angelus

We turn to the Lady Chapel and sing 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

The young people are holding a cake sale after the 10am service in aid of the Diocese Advent Homeless Appeal.

Join us at 6pm this evening for our service of Nine Lessons and Carols followed by wine and mince pies. All welcome.

This week's Services & Groups

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu	9am	Morning Prayer
Wed 20 December	10am	Coffee Morning
Thu 21 December	12pm	Said Mass
	8.15pm	Choir Practice

Sun 24 December

Christmas Eve

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8am	Said Mass
10am	Sung Mass
4pm	Christingle
11.30pm	Midnight Mass

Mon 25 December

10am **Sung Mass for Christmas Day**

Notices

CHRISTINGLE MAKING

Can you help us beat the record of making 230 Christingle's in 30 minutes? If you are up for the challenge, then join us after the 10am service next Sunday 24 December. Adults and children both welcome!

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

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.

YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS NIGHT OUT

A night out is planned for Friday 22 December at Hisars Turkish Restaurant on Lordship Lane. Everyone in year 11 and above i.e. 15 and above is welcome. Please let Katharine Lyons know if you would like to join them.

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.

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.

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



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