Welcome to St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

9 December 2018
Advent 2

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8am: Said Mass

10am: Sung Mass

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| Gradual      | 12 |
| Offertory    | 465 |
| Anthem       | Sleeper, wake! (St Paul) – Mendelssohn |
| Communion    | Words on sheet |
| Final Hymn   | 466 |
| Organist     | Dr Harry Bramma |

6pm: Compline

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, please make your donation using a yellow Gift Aid envelope. We can reclaim 25p for every £1. Thank you.
The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

People of God: be glad!
Your God delights in you,
giving you joy for sadness
and turning the dark to light.
Be strong in hope therefore;
for your God comes to save.
You are God’s children.

As the candle is lit we pray

Lord, make us one
in the love of Christ today and for ever.
Amen.

A reading from the book of Malachi 3: 1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Benedictus

R: Blessed be the Lord, who sets his people free.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians 1: 3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God’s grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”'
Communion Hymn

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God’s own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.

Jesus my redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory,
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King for ever,
in that holy place.

The Angelus

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; blesséd art thou among women, and blesséd 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.

This week’s services and events

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Notices

The recent special collection for Water Aid raised £479 (plus Gift Aid). Thank you to everyone who generously donated.

Goose Green Coffee Morning, Wednesday 12 December: The Revd. Anne Clarke will give a talk about Silent Retreats, featuring Holy Island and St Beuno’s. This is sure to be another interesting occasion in our series of talks. Coffee morning starts at 10.30am, with the talk at 11am.

St John’s will be hosting the Robes project night shelter again in 2019. It will run on Saturday evenings from Saturday 26 January until the Sunday morning of 14 April. If you would like to volunteer please go to https://sites.google.com/view/st-johnsed-robles/home where you will find sign-up forms as well as useful information. Paper application forms are also available at the back of the church. We will hold information sessions for all volunteers on Sunday 13 and Saturday 19 January (attendance required at only one session). If you have any questions, please talk to Revd. Raymond Baudon or Julie Whitney.

Find out more about the Robes Project. On Sunday 16 December after 10am Mass there will be an opportunity to find out more about volunteering with the Robes Project at St John’s.

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’. If you are a UK taxpayer please sign the envelope in order to Gift Aid your donation. 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 offered at the altar at Midnight Mass. Thank you.

In January the PCC will select the charities for our special collections in 2019. If you would like to nominate a charity for consideration, please speak to our Charity Coordinator, Anne Coates a.coates1@btinternet.com, or one of the churchwardens. Nominations for any registered charity will be considered, whether local or international, big or small. The PCC will select four charities from those nominated.

War Memorial Restoration. We still need your support by sponsoring a fence post. Please see the letter on the table in church for more information. Envelopes are available in church or you can donate via mydonate.bt.com/events/sjedmemorialgarden/475648.

Baking to raise money for the Advent Appeal: Saturday 15 December, 4-6pm in the Goose Green Centre. Young people aged 10+ are welcome to join us to bake cakes to sell after the 10am Mass on 16 December.

Nativity at Christingle Service 24 December. Calling all over-eights – would you like to take part in the Nativity during the Christingle service? You have to be available for a few workshops – the next one during Mass this morning – as well as a dress rehearsal at 2.30pm on Christmas Eve. We may be able to arrange another date as well. More information is on a sheet at the back of the church or speak to Anne Coates or email a.coates1@btinternet.com

Week of Guided Prayer in the evenings from 6 to 11 January. This is a chance to learn different ways of praying and to deepen your prayer life in a safe and non-judgemental place. There is also an option to meet with a prayer guide on a one-to-one basis. If you would like to find out more about either the evening sessions or the one-to-one sessions please see the leaflet in church, speak to Revd. Raymond Baudon or email curate@stjohnseast dulwich.org

Dates for your diary 2019: Choral Evensong on Sundays: 24 March, 16 June, 13 October. Organ Recitals at 11am on Saturdays: 11 May (Andrew Chadney), 20 July (Nicholas Mannoukas) and 21 September (Alasdair Friend); also a short recital after Evensong on Sunday 16 June (Bridget West).

Singing at Rochester Cathedral. Members of our Choir will be singing with others for Evensong at Rochester on Saturday, 12 January at 3.15pm. You are invited to come and hear the service and join in the hymns!