



Welcome to St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

22 November 2020 Feast of Christ the King

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The Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended
to the throne of heaven that he might
rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity
of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order
to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Public Worship

The government has announced that places of worship must close for public worship from 5 November until at least 2 December as part of the nationwide lockdown. If you have any questions or need any support during this period, do pick up the phone or send us an email, our details are above.

To keep our service short during this pandemic period, we are having only two readings.

A reading from the Book of the prophet Ezekiel (34: 11-16, 20-24)

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Psalm 95

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would hearken to his voice!

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (1: 15-23)

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25: 31-46)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Notices

Open Church. From Monday 16 November, St John's Church will be open for private prayer between 9am and 11am, Monday to Thursday. You are welcome to come in and enjoy the peace and quiet of the building, and light a candle. Please remember to sanitize your hands on arrival, and wear a mask. There will be no access to toilets for visitors, so please factor that in for when you plan your visit.

St John's online Christmas quiz. Join us at 7pm on Wednesday 16 December for a Fun Christmas Quiz on Zoom, with quizmasters Rachel and Gareth Mills. Whether on your own or as a group this promises to be a lovely evening where we can all socialise together, and see one another. There will be questions for all abilities. To join in, please email office@stjohnseastdulwich.org and we will send you the Zoom link. Entry to the quiz is free, however if you would like to make a donation to support the work of St John's you can do so by clicking the donate button on our church website (suggested donation £5 per adult), or you can make a donation by posting a cheque made payable to St John's PCC to the church office. Do join with other church or family members to form a team, either in your own home (COVID-19 regulations permitting) or by joining others by telephone / WhatsApp, etc. If you are on your own and would like to be put in contact with others to form a team, please email martin.howellwilliams@ntlworld.com and we will put you in contact with someone. We look forward to seeing you!

Goose Green Coffee Morning is continuing throughout lockdown. We meet online each Wednesday from 11.30am. Please email sue.oneill@virgin.net if you would like sign in details and we can add you to our regular reminder email that goes out on a Tuesday.

The Art of Advent: a study course. On Mondays during Advent, (30 November to 21 December) we will be holding an online study course looking at Advent themes thorough art. We will explore the artistic depiction of those characters we remember as we light our Advent wreath: the patriarchs, the prophets, John the Baptist, and Mary. The sessions will begin at 7pm, call or email Revd. Gill if you are interested. vicar@stjohnseastdulwich.org. Everybody welcome!

Calling all children! In our December issue of *The Gander* we want to feature Christmas creations by St John's children and young people, to get us in the mood for Christmas. We would like to include photos of any paintings or drawings, poems or any other Christmas themed creative work, you could even record a Christmas song! We'll be delighted to receive whatever you can send. Please email sue.oneill@virgin.net images (or sound files!) by 29 November.

'Black & Blue' – Black Christian police officers on racism, law and order and their Christian faith. Wednesday 2 December, 7.30pm. For details, <https://tinyurl.com/y6scnhhh>

St John's and St Clement's C of E Primary School have produced a virtual school tour, given current COVID restrictions. For the video, visit www.stjohnsandstclements.org