

St John the Evangelist

East Dulwich

Sunday 1 December

First Sunday of Advent

8am Said Mass

10am Sung Mass

Music & Hymns

Processional: 9 Lo! he comes with clouds descending (omit verse 3)

Psalms: 25

Gradual: Awake, as in the skies above (see separate sheet)

Offertory: O child of Promise, come! (see separate sheet)

Anthem: People, look East arr. Archer

Communion: 499 Thy kingdom come, O God

Recessional: 7 Hills of the north, rejoice!

Voluntary: March from the Overture to the 'Occasional Orchestra' by Handel

Well done to Rachel Mills for achieving the Gold Award of the Royal School of Church Music

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

This week's services and events

Wednesday 4 December

9am Morning Prayer

11am Coffee Morning

Thursday 5 December

10.30am Bible Study in Choir Vestry

12pm Said Mass

12.30pm Lunch Club

Saturday 7 December

11am Carols by the Green

Sunday 8 December

8am Said Mass

10am Sung Mass

3.45pm Messy Church

First Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Psalm: 25

R:\ To you O Lord I lift up my soul

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 3.9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Post-communion prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 21.25-36

Jesus said to his disciples 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Notices

Bible Study takes place on Thursdays from 10.30-11.15am in the Choir Vestry. All are welcome, no previous experience necessary!

Food Bank and Christmas Another delivery to the food bank was gratefully received this week. Thank you for your continued support. Our last delivery before Christmas will be on 18 December. This is obviously a very difficult time for Food Bank users so please be as generous as you can. Some Christmas treats along with the usual staples would be much appreciated. Thank you

Robes Winter Shelter We have recently sent emails to former Robes volunteers, and some new volunteers, asking for their availability to join the rota for January-March when St John's will host a shelter on Saturday nights. If you have received this email, please reply to Lois Barmby as soon as possible so that we can have a finalised rota for our volunteers by mid-December. If you would like any more information, or if you would like to be asked for your availability please email Lois.barmby@hotmail.com or louiseemmapollard19@gmail.com Thank you, Lois and Louise, Robes Team Leaders

Robes Volunteer Training Sessions

Sat 30 Nov at 2pm in the Goose Green Centre/Church and Sun 1 Dec at 11.30am (1hr). You only need to attend one session. Please contact Louise or Lois for more information.

Are you looking for a fun and rewarding way to express yourself?

Join our choir and become part of a supportive community. Whether you're a seasoned vocalist who can read music, or a beginner who could follow a musical score, you'll have the opportunity to develop your skills, enjoy beautiful music, and create new connections. Be part of something special - speak to Director of Music John Webber to find out more.

Saturday 25 January 2025 Lay Ministry Taster Day. Find out more about the different types of ministries, with keynote speaker The Revd Canon Derek Walmsley. Trinity House SE1 from 10-2pm. To register your interest email learning@southwark.anglican.org

Carols by the Green: Saturday 7 December, 11am-1pm. Our Carols by the Green event is fast approaching! Can you help to extend a warm welcome to our neighbours this year? You can help set up, tidy up, staff one of our stalls, or be a welcomer at the door. We particularly need people to bake mince pies and whole or small cakes, also donations of homemade goods, jam, crafts, etc would be much appreciated. Please come if you can to help set-up on Friday 6 December from 2pm until 7pm, including arranging tables and tablecloths, putting up and decorating Christmas trees, etc. Please add your name and contact details to the sign up sheet in church, or contact the parish office. Thank you for all you do to make this a welcoming place.

Wednesday 4 December at 7.30pm:

our Parish Administrator, Elly, will be singing at a Christmas concert given by The Fourth Choir at Christ's Chapel at Dulwich Picture Gallery. Tickets: dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk

Friday 6 December marks the 60th anniversary of Dr Martin Luther King Jr's visit to St Paul's Cathedral. Special services and events are taking place to commemorate the anniversary. Visit stpauls.co.uk to find out more

Deutscher Weihnachtsgottesdienst

You are warmly invited to the next German church service which will be on 7 December at 4pm, at St Stephen's Church on College Road, SE21.

South London Welcomes Refugees is seeking landlords willing to rent out properties to refugee families through the Communities for Afghans programme. They are also looking for volunteers to join their community sponsorship group. If you're interested in helping or know someone who might be, please contact southlondonwelcomesrefugees@gmail.com

Events for Children and Young People at St John's

Messy Church: 8 Dec, 3.45-5pm Christmas.

Enjoy crafts, stories, music, and share refreshments. Everyone of all ages welcome. Just turn up! We love to have extra help at Messy Church, it makes a huge difference. Speak to Revd Gill or Gemma if you can help.



Giving to St John's

In church, please use the envelopes provided or one of our Tap to Donate machines. Alternatively, scan the QR code to give online. If you are a UK taxpayer, completing a gift aid declaration can increase the value of your gift by 25%. Thank you for your generosity.



Special Collections

Place2Be would like to thank the congregation of St John's for the generous collection of £1,085.75 which was raised in the special collection on the 15 September. Chloe, community and challenge events officer at Place2Be, writes: *'Thanks to your fundraising, children struggling with issues such as anxiety, trauma or self-harm can speak to a Place2Be counsellor and get the support they urgently need. A huge thank you again for helping to fund this life-changing service. Your fundraising will help ensure that every child has easy access to mental health support, whenever they need it.'*

Music Notices

Evensong: Sundays at 6pm 16 March, 22 June and 23 November 2025.

Saturday Morning Recitals for 2025, 11am

10 May Lucy Morrell (Head of Academic Music and College Organist at Dulwich College), 14 June Calum Ward (piano recital), 19 July Dorothea Harris (Organist at the Stadtkirche St. Michael in Schlüchtern, Hesse), 20 September Peter Wright (former Director of Music at Southwark Cathedral).

Admission to these recitals is free; retiring collection.



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If you would like to add anything to the notice sheet, please email your request to office@stjohnseastdulwich.org no later than the Wednesday in the week before you would like it to appear.