

# St John the Evangelist

East Dulwich

## Sunday 8 September

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Said Mass  
10am Sung Mass  
3.45pm Messy Church

### Music & Hymns

**Processional:** Father, Lord of all creation - words on separate handout

**Gradual:** 385 Jesu, the very thought of thee

**Offertory:** 285 For the beauty of the earth

**Anthem:** "God be in my head" by George Oldroyd

**Communion:** 421 O King enthroned on high

**Post Communion:** 146 Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty

**Voluntary:** Flourish for an Occasion by Noel Rawsthorne

### Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 11 September

11am Coffee Morning with author talk

### Thursday 12 September

12pm Said Mass  
12.30pm Lunch Club

### Saturday 14 September

10am Allyship Workshop

### Sunday 15 September

8am Said Mass  
10am Sung Mass  
12pm Baptism Service

### **First Reading: Isaiah 35.4–7a**

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance, with terrible  
recompense. He will come and save you.'  
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the  
lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the  
speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break  
forth in the wilderness, and streams in the  
desert; the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Psalm: 146

**R): Happy are they who have the God  
of Jacob for their help**

### **Second Reading: James 2.1–10 [11–13] 14–17**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of  
favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord  
Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and  
fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a  
poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if  
you take notice of the one wearing the fine  
clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while  
to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or,  
'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions  
among yourselves, and become judges with evil  
thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.  
Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be  
rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that  
he has promised to those who love him? But you  
have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who  
oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into  
court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent  
name that was invoked over you? You do well if  
you really fulfil the royal law according to the  
scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as  
yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit  
sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.  
For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one  
point has become accountable for all of it. [For  
the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery',  
also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do  
not commit adultery but if you murder, you have  
become a transgressor of the law. So speak and  
so act as those who are to be judged by the law  
of liberty.

For judgement will be without mercy to anyone  
who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over  
judgement.] What good is it, my brothers and  
sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have  
works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is  
naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to  
them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill',  
and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what  
is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no  
works, is dead.

### **Gospel: Mark 7.24-37**

Jesus went away to the region of Tyre. He entered  
a house and did not want anyone to know he was  
there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a  
woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit  
immediately heard about him, and she came and  
bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a  
Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him  
to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to  
her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair  
to take the children's food and throw it to the  
dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs  
under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he  
said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the  
demon has left your daughter.' So she went home,  
found the child lying on the bed, and the demon  
gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre,  
and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of  
Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They  
brought to him a deaf man who had an  
impediment in his speech; and they begged him to  
lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private,  
away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his  
ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then  
looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him,  
'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately  
his ears were opened, his tongue was released,  
and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to  
tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the  
more zealously they proclaimed it. They were  
astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done  
everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear  
and the mute to speak.'

# Notices

**Sunday 8 September, 3.45-5pm: Messy Church.** Messy Church includes fun activities, music and children's tea - come along and be part of the fun! All welcome.

## **Black History Month Thanksgiving Service, Southwark Cathedral, 5 October**

Join the annual Black History Month Thanksgiving Eucharist, 10.30am-1.30pm, a day of fellowship, learning and celebration, this year's theme is 'music at the heart of change'. Panel discussion follows with Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, and special guests. Find out more and book your place: [southwark.anglican.org/bhm](https://southwark.anglican.org/bhm)

**Wednesday 11 September:** Our guest speaker at Coffee Morning is author Rachel Blackmore. Rachel will talk about her debut novel *Costanza*. Set in Baroque Rome, it tells the story of Costanza Piccolomini, muse of the world-famous sculptor Gian Lorenzo Bernini. The talk starts at 12pm, with coffee and chat from 11am.

**Sunday 15 September, 11.30am: St Clement with St Peter Summer Fayre**  
Stalls, attractions, live music. Entrance in Barry Road - all welcome.

**Racial Justice Group, 8 Sep:** Bible study continues in the vestry after the 10am Mass. All are welcome.

**Goose Green Centre:** works on the GGC entrance and toilets continue, please avoid the construction area. The refurbished toilet in the Hall includes baby-changing facilities. Any questions, please speak to a warden or deputy.

**Bible Study, Thursdays 10.30-11.15am in the Choir Vestry:** Bible Study will begin again on 19 September. We will be studying the book of Esther over the next few sessions. All welcome, no previous experience needed, please contact Gemma if you have any questions.

**Becoming Allies and Unconscious Bias Workshop,** Saturday 14 Sep: 10am - 2pm, in church, with light lunch and refreshments. An opportunity to explore, in a safe setting, what it means to be an ally in the context of challenging racial injustice. It will be led by two members of our congregation, Joy Taylor and Laura Williams, who both have professional experience of facilitating group learning. Everyone is welcome to attend, please contact Joy Taylor, [joytaylor@sky.com](mailto:joytaylor@sky.com), or Laura Williams, [laura.howellwilliams@ntlworld.com](mailto:laura.howellwilliams@ntlworld.com) if you would like to attend, or if you have any questions.

## Events for Children and Young People at St John's

**Preparation for First Holy Communion** On Sunday 3 November 2024 we are planning to admit children to Holy Communion during our 10am service. If your child is aged 7 and above and would like to learn more about Holy Communion, they are warmly invited to join the sessions that Julie Whitney will be running in October during our 10am Mass, culminating in a lovely tea party for the children at the end of October. Please speak to or email Revd. Gemma for further information: [curate@stjohnseastdulwich.org](mailto:curate@stjohnseastdulwich.org)

## Confirmation preparation session for Young People

Revd. Gemma will be leading a series of Confirmation/ Youth Group sessions for young people on Tuesday afternoons (after school) in September. We have a few young people who will be coming as they will be confirmed in November at the Cathedral. If any other young people would like to come along to find out more about what confirmation is or would just like to come to along to listen, or ask questions big or small, you will be most welcome. Tea, toast, biscuits and juice will be provided! Please email me, [curate@stjohnseastdulwich.org](mailto:curate@stjohnseastdulwich.org), if you have any questions or if you are interested in being confirmed.

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## Special Collections

**Sunday 15 September** for **Place2Be**, the UK's leading children's mental health charity, providing mental health services within schools across England, Scotland, and Wales. Their mission is to improve the mental wellbeing of children, families, and school communities, combating stigma and improving attitudes towards mental health. With 1 in 5 children in the UK now having a probable mental health condition Place2Be's work has never been more important. In 2023 Place2Be worked with 520 schools, reaching over 298,000 children and young people. Watch a short video which outlines the work of the charity: [youtube.com/watch?v=-XYOqFRI0Q8](https://youtube.com/watch?v=-XYOqFRI0Q8)

## 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.



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## Music Notices

**Evensong:** 6pm 24 November 2024

### Saturday Morning Recitals, 11am

**21 September:** organist Terence Atkins, Barnet, featuring music by JS Bach, Samuel Wesley, Louis Vierne and William Lloyd Webber, amongst others.

*Admission to these recitals is free; retiring collection.*



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