



Welcome to St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

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Trinity 13

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The Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Music at 8am and 10am Masses

Today's organ music is by Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Before / Procession: *Trio in E flat major, Op.49, No. 6*

During 8am Communion: *Andante in D flat, Op.162, No. 9*

During 10am Communion: *Verses from Psalm 104 (music by JW)*

At the end: *Scherzoso from Sonata No. 8*

If you develop COVID-19 symptoms or test positive within 48 hours of visiting St John's please contact us straight away by calling or texting Gemma Birt (details above) or our churchwarden, Julie Whitney, on 07786 686 385. If this happens we will inform the congregation, without revealing the identity of the person concerned.

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 7: 1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

NOTICES

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Rachel Mills to the glory of God and in celebration of Andrew Whitaker's 86th birthday.

COVID-19 measures at St John's. We are continuing with our Covid prevention measures at St John's. This means that we will recommend and expect people to wear a face-covering, use hand sanitiser and maintain social distancing. We are the body of Christ, and we are mindful of those who are more vulnerable or anxious at this time. We will resume singing in due course, and will take one step at a time. If you would like to comment on these measures, or if you have any questions, please speak to a member of clergy.

St John's 2021 Organ Recital Series

Admission free; retiring collection. Recitals begin at 11am and last forty minutes

18 September Michael Overbury (*Newark, Nottinghamshire*)

9 October Michel Szostak (*Poland*)

6 November Paul Gobey (*Rotherhithe*)

Thursday Midday Mass will resume on 9 September.

There will be a short service on Sunday 5 September to bless the new rosemary plants which have been planted in the knot garden, outside the Goose Green Centre. Each plant has been given in memory of a loved one. Join us outside after the 10am Mass.

Goose Green Coffee Morning. From 1 September Coffee Morning will meet every Wednesday at the slightly earlier time of 11am, until 12.30pm. Do join us if you can. At present Coffee Morning is mostly meeting in the churchyard, so long as the weather is not too wet! On 1 September we will be hosting a talk on Zoom by Friends of the Earth about Community and Renewable Energy. If you would like to be added to the Coffee Morning mailing list or to find out more, please email sue.oneill@virgin.net

Organ Recital. John Webber will be playing the four manual organ at St George's, Beckenham on Saturday 11 September at 11am. Music by J. S. Bach ("Great" Prelude and Fugue in C minor), Florence Price, Alexandre Guilmant and three eighteenth century Iberian pieces. All welcome; free admission, retiring collection.

Organ Recital by Michael Overbury at St John's – Saturday 18 September, 11am. Music by Buxtehude, Soler, John Blow and others. Free admission; retiring collection.

Messy Church. Please put the dates of our next Messy Church services in your diaries: Sunday 12 September, 10 October, 14 November, 12 December, all at 4pm. Get in touch if you would like to help. The more the merrier, or messier!

Making a regular donation to St John's. If you have recently joined St John's please consider making a regular donation to help fund the work of the church. The easiest way to do this is by setting up a Direct Debit using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), either online by visiting www.parishgiving.org.uk or by phone, 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm, quoting Parish name: East Dulwich St John. Leaflets on the Parish Giving Scheme are also available at the back of church. Please ask a member of our stewardship team if you have any questions: Claire Nylander after the 8am Mass or Martin Howell or Elizabeth Stanton after the 10am Mass. You can also contact Martin on 020 8249 7411.

Safeguarding. At St John's we are committed to ensuring that our church is a safe place for everyone, and especially for children and vulnerable adults. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to a member of our Safeguarding Team: Mary Dawson, Tina Hampson, Joy Taylor, Revd Gill O'Neill, wardens Julie Whitney and Jim Nurton, or email via office@stjohnseastdulwich.org.

Alternatively, contact the Interim Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser: Moira Murray, moira.murray@southwark.anglican.org, 020 7939 9423, 07982 279 713. Out of office hours, call 020 3874 6743. If you have urgent concerns about the safety of a child or vulnerable adult, please contact the police.

Psalms, Psinging and Psandwiches! Come and explore psalmody at this regional event of the Hymn Society on 2 October from 10am to 3.30pm, here at St John's. All welcome, sandwich lunch provided. This will be a really interesting day studying psalms and the variety of ways they can be sung. It will be led by speakers from Bedford, Reading and Gloucestershire. Tickets are on sale from 10 August: to attend in person £10 <https://tinyurl.com/psalmspp>, livestream £5 <https://tinyurl.com/psalmsppls>, on the door £12. Volunteers to help on the day would also be appreciated; contact John Webber maggieandjohn1@googlemail.com or Sue O'Neill sue.oneill@virgin.net.

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