



# Welcome to St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

**5 December 2021**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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### **Processional hymn**

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

### **Offertory**

Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown

### **During Communion**

*"Sleepers, wake!" – Felix Mendelssohn*

### **Post Communion**

Thou whose almighty word

### **Angelus**

### **Recessional Voluntary**

*Fugue in C minor – J S Bach*

**Organ played today by John Webber**

### **The Collect**

*Let us pray*

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**

**The fragrant Christmas tree has generously been donated by East Dulwich Flowers with thanks and to the Glory of God.**

### **Covid measures at St John's –**

- Please notify us if you develop symptoms within 48 hours of your visit by contacting our churchwarden, Julie Whitney, by calling or text on 07786 686 385
- We recommend and expect people to wear a face covering, use hand sanitiser and maintain social distancing.
- Thank you for all you do to keep our worship safe.

### **Old Testament Reading 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle – The Benedictus R/ Blessed be the Lord who sets his people free**

### **New Testament Reading 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 to 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## Notices

**Goose Green Coffee Morning** - This Wednesday 8 December we will be making some simple Scandi-style Christmas cards. Do drop in from 11am to 12.30pm if you'd like to give it a try. If you would like to be added to the Coffee Morning mailing list or to find out more, please email [sue.oneill0826@gmail.com](mailto:sue.oneill0826@gmail.com)

**Lunch Club** – Our lunch club meets in the Goose Green Centre every Thursday in term time at 12.30 pm for a two course meal followed by tea or coffee (cost £5). If you would like to join us or would like further information, please contact Barbara Deller (020 8693 2090) or Martin Howell (020 8249 7411) or just turn up on the day between 12.15 & 12.30pm.

**Messy Church** The final date for 2021 is next Sunday 12 December. If you would like to come, please book tickets via [Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) Tickets are free. We look forward to seeing you! Please get in touch with Julie Whitney, Gill or Gemma if you would like to help. The more the merrier, or messier!

**CDs for sale** - Looking for a Christmas present? After the 10am Mass, we'll be offering you organ music on CDs, outside if the weather is dry. Suggested donation £5, which will go towards the work of St. John's Church.

### Dates for your diaries

**Sat 18 Dec** – Carols by the Green from 11am

**Sun 19 Dec** – Christmas carol service in church at 6pm (Ticketed)

**Fri 24 Dec** – Christingles services at 3pm and 4.30pm (Ticketed)

**Fri 24 Dec** – Midnight Mass at 11.30pm (Ticketed)

**Sat 25 Dec** – Christmas day 10am Sung Mass (Ticketed)

**Sun 26 Dec** – St Stephen's day (Boxing Day) 10am Sung Mass (Ticketed)

**Please note**, all our ticketed events will go live on **Monday 6 Dec at 1pm**. If you are unable to access Eventbrite please speak with a church warden or Denise Fulgoni in the office by completing the sign-up sheet at the back of church, email or phone to reserve a ticket.

**Our “Carols by the Green” event** will take place on Saturday 18th December. We are looking for volunteers to help with setting up and down, serving drinks / cakes and running stalls. We would also welcome Christmas produce. The produce stall will sell homemade jams, marmalades, mincemeat, puddings and Christmas cakes. All items on the produce stall should be securely packaged and include ingredient labels. Finally, we are looking for donations of cakes and mince pies. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Julie on [julie.whitney@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:julie.whitney@kcl.ac.uk) or Denise in the office or indicate your willingness to help on the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

**Robes project 2022** Due to the ongoing pandemic, Robes project guests will stay in hotel accommodation again this year. Volunteers from St John's can still help with the project by donating support packages for the 18 guests on the scheme. St John's will be providing support packages for each guest (which include snacks and drinks) in January and March 2022. Please visit <https://forms.gle/tV8APw2XUwKMMDgx7> or contact Julie at [julie.whitney@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:julie.whitney@kcl.ac.uk), if you would like to donate a support package. If you'd like to find more about the Robes project, do visit their website: <https://robes.org.uk/>

**"Living in Love and Faith"** We will be running this 5 week course, every Tuesday from 18th January 2022 (with no session on 15th February as it is half term) from 8pm -9:15/30 pm. We very much hope to be able to do this in church, COVID precautions permitting. Flyers at the back of the church with course details and contact information.

**Choral Evensong at Rochester Cathedral** If you would like to sing in a large, gathered choir on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, please speak to John Webber for more information. You will need to be able to read music.

**Please help support** the continuing work of St John's by making a donation – you can leave a cash donation in the bowl in church; make a card donation outside the porch after services or use this QR code to donate online. If you are a taxpayer, you can increase the value of your gift by 25% by completing a *Gift Aid* declaration. Please visit our website for further information. Thank you for your generosity.



## Processional Hymn

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free,  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us for ever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

## Offertory Hymn

Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly  
crown  
When thou camest to earth for me;  
But in Bethlehem's home there was found  
no room  
For thy holy nativity:  
*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
There is room in my heart for thee.*

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,  
Proclaiming thy royal degree;  
But of lowly birth didst thou come to  
earth,  
And in great humility:  
*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
There is room in my heart for thee.*

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word  
That should set thy people free;  
But with mocking scorn and with crown of  
thorn  
They bore Thee to Calvary:

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
There is room in my heart for thee.*

When all heaven shall ring, and her choirs  
shall sing,  
At thy coming to victory,  
Let thy voice call me home, saying,  
Yet there is room,  
There is room at my side for thee:  
*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
There is room in my heart for thee.*

## Post Communion Hymn

Thou whose almighty word  
Chaos and darkness heard,  
And took their flight;  
Hear us, we humbly pray,  
And where the gospel day  
Sheds not its glorious ray  
Let there be light.

Thou who didst come to bring  
On thy redeeming wing  
Healing and sight,  
Health to the sick in mind,  
Sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
Let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,  
Life-giving, holy Dove,  
Speed forth thy flight;  
Move o'er the waters' face,  
Bearing the lamp of grace,  
And in earth's darkest place  
Let there be light.

Blessed and Holy Three,  
Glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
Boundless as ocean's tide  
Rolling in fullest pride,  
Through the world far and wide  
Let there be light.

## 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:**  
**blessed art thou amongst women,**  
**and blessed 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...**

And the Word was made flesh.  
**And dwelt among us.**

**Hail Mary...**

Pray for us, O 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, we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, thy Son,  
was made known by the message of an angel,  
may by his passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection.  
Through the same Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**