

Welcome to St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

6 March 2022 First Sunday of Lent

Processional hymn No.67

Forty days and forty nights.

Offertory hymn No.76

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said.

Communion Anthem

'Turn thy face from my sins'— Thomas Attwood

Post Communion hymn No.353

Dear Lord and Father of mankind.

Voluntary

"On Bended Knees" (from the collection "From the Southland") - Harry T Burleigh. Played by Sian Conlon with details in notices.

Organ played today by John Webber

The Collect

Let us pray

Almighty God,

whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

Covid measures at St John's -

- Face coverings are recommended, we ask that you use hand sanitiser and maintain social distancing. Thank you for all you do to keep our worship safe.
- 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

Churchyard: informal meeting postponed to Sunday 13th March after the 10am Mass. Everyone is welcome to join in - it will take place during/after coffee in the churchyard (weather permitting). Please bring lots of ideas!

Old Testament – Deuteronomy 26.1–11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91 R/ You, O Lord, are my refuge, my God, in whom I put my trust.

New Testament - Romans 10.8b-13

But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 4.1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Notices

Contact details during Revd Gill's sabbatical (31/01 to 20/03):

Revd Gemma Birt will be the first point of contact for pastoral matters, funerals and church services, working with the rest of our clergy team.

For other matters, please contact our churchwardens, Jim Nurton or Julie Whitney, or our Parish Administrator, Denise Fulgoni. All contact details can be found on the weekly pew sheet, or on the "Contact Us" page of our website.

If you have a Safeguarding concern, please get in touch with Mary Dawson, or the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Pamela Chisholm.

Voluntary piece played by Sian Conlon -

Born in 1866, Harry T Burleigh was an American classical composer, arranger and renowned singer. He was the first black composer to develop characteristically American music, and made black music available to the classical world by introducing and arranging spirituals.

He won a scholarship to the National Conservatory of Music in New York at the age of 26. To support himself he worked as a handyman at the Conservatory and the story goes that whilst simultaneously cleaning walls and singing spirituals, he was heard by the Director, none other than the Czech composer Dvorzak, who had used his own country's folk music to infuse his compositions. He encouraged Burleigh to do the same with black American music, declaring: 'In the melodies of Black America I discover all that is needed for a great and noble school of music.'

Church Flowers 2022 - You can offer your gift in thanksgiving of a person or an event. Specially labelled gift aid envelopes are available at the back of the church along with flower request forms which include a suggested donation, or you can pay contactless and denote as flowers. If you have any queries, please contact Denise Fulgoni in the parish office.

Goose Green Coffee Morning – This week's coffee morning from I lam is indoors, with social distancing and ventilation still in place to keep us as safe as possible. Wrapping up warm is still advised! If you would like to be added to the Coffee Morning mailing list or to find out more, please email sue.oneill0826@gmail.com Can you help with some gardening while at the coffee morning? Martin Howell would be very happy with some volunteers.

Lunch Club – Meeting in the Goose Green Centre on Thursday 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).

Messy Church – Next Sunday 13 March, please take a flyer from the back of the church with future dates. If you would like to come, please book tickets via Eventbrite.co.uk Tickets are free. Please get in touch with Julie Whitney or Gemma if you would like to help. The more the merrier, or messier!

Lent 2022: As we begin Lent we would like to encourage everyone to think about something they could give up or take up that is eco-friendly. For example, you could walk or cycle a certain journey instead of using a car, stop using a type of packaging or take up an environmentally friendly activity. For more information or inspiration, please speak to Tayo Olatunde, one of the wardens or visit https://arocha.org.uk/. And please share what you're doing so we can include a round up in The Gander! Please also check the Bishop's Lent appeal flyer at the back of church.

Future Organ Recitals at St John's - There are three organ recitals to look forward to during 2022, all on Saturdays at 11.00a.m: Peter Smith (at one time based here) on May 14th, Norman Harper (Herne Hill) on June 25th. and Ann Hubble (violin) & Richard Pilliner (organ) on September 17th. All welcome; free admission, but we suggest a donation towards our expenses at the end.



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