



Welcome to St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

20 March 2022 Third Sunday of Lent

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Processional hymn No.393

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Offertory hymn No.383

Jesu, lover of my soul.

Communion Anthem*

'Eia, mater, fons amoris' ("Stabat Mater") – G B Pergolesi **Or Hymn 64 as directed.**

Post Communion hymn HON 541

(words on additional sheet of Notices)

What a friend we have in Jesus

Voluntary

Praeambulum supra "Jesus, Meine Freude" – Johann Krebs

Organ played today by Nicky Jones

The Collect

Let us pray

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was
crucified: mercifully grant that we,
walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of
life and peace; 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

Today we welcome Heath Barnes Walker for his baptism here at St John's.

***Communion Anthem translation** - Love's sweet fountain, Mother tender,
Haste, this hard heart soft to render, Make me sharer in thy pain.

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

Old Testament – Isaiah 55.1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63 R/ My soul thirsts for you, O my God

New Testament – I Corinthians 10.1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 13.1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Notices

Lent Call - The theme of the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call this year is "home", and money raised will support projects helping those in need of shelter, security, and a place to call home. You can make a cash donation today using the specially labelled envelopes, or take an envelope away and bring it back next week.

You can also donate online here: <https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/events/lent-call/> or via the donate page on our website www.stjohnseastdulwich.org or by following the link on the QR code.



Many thanks for your generosity.

Ukraine - St John's has donated £500 to the Ukraine emergency appeal from our reserves. If anyone would also like to make an individual donation, you can do so here: <https://www.dec.org.uk>

Goose Green Coffee Morning – On Wednesdays 16 and 23 March coffee morning will be offering clay workshop sessions. These will be led by the Arts Factory, who will guide us in making decorative coral tiles, inspired by the work of Courtney Mattison. The sessions will take place over 2 weeks, both starting at 11 am. If you are interested please contact Sue O'Neill. There are limited places which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. No previous clay experience required; these will be enjoyable and enriching sessions for everyone.

Can you help with some gardening while at the coffee morning? Martin Howell would be very happy with some volunteers.

If you would like to be added to the Coffee Morning mailing list or to find out more, please email sue.oneill0826@gmail.com

Lunch Club – Meeting in the Goose Green Centre 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).

Weekly Envelope Scheme – new packs of envelopes for members of the congregations who give by weekly envelope are available for collection at the back of church. Please maintain social distancing when collecting your pack. If you would like to talk about giving regularly to St John's by envelope or Direct Debit by the Parish Giving Scheme, please speak to a member of our Stewardship Team, Martin Howell, Claire Nylander or Elizabeth Stanton.

Confirmation Preparation - We will be running Confirmation preparation classes at St John's after Easter in anticipation of the Deanery Confirmation service which will be held on 19 June 2022. The sessions will be an opportunity to learn more about what it means to be confirmed and to ask questions big and small about the Christian faith. The sessions will be held at St John's from 4-5pm, for 4 Sundays from 15th May, 2022 (no session on 5th June). Please contact Gemma for further information curate@stjohnseastdulwich.org

St John's Black History Library - There is a small library at the back of the church containing books for all ages including young adults, and a collection of inclusive books for small children. Everyone is welcome to borrow them - please just make a note of the title borrowed in the book provided on top of the bookshelf and make a note of the date it was returned.

Stop press! Look out for a new title coming soon - In Search of Mary Seacole: The Making of a Cultural Icon. It tells the story of Mrs Seacole's nursing and healing work in Crimea, which made her the most well-known Black woman in Victorian Britain.

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.

Date for the diary - Choral Evensong at St John's on Sunday 15th May at 6pm.



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