



# Welcome to St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

**7 August 2022**  
**Trinity 8 Sunday**

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## **Processional Hymn 362**

Glorious things of thee are spoken.

## **Gradual Hymn 393**

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us.

## **Offertory Hymn 294**

Just as I am, without one plea.

## **Post Communion Hymn 391**

Let all the world in every corner sing.

## **Voluntary**

*“Basse et Dessus de Trompette” – Nicholas Clerambault*

***Organ played today by  
Dr Harry Bramma***

## **The Collect**

Let us pray

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and  
govern both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws and the  
works of your commandments; that  
through your most mighty protection,  
both here and ever, we may be  
preserved in body and soul; through  
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and for ever.

**Amen**

**Today we welcome Coco Lang, Theo & Charlie Mills for baptism at 12pm.**

**During the summer: For pastoral issues please contact Revd Rosemary  
until 9 August and Revd Gill from 10 August.**

**For any other matter, please contact Denise Fulgoni.**

**The St. John's Church Choir and organists are leading the services at  
Derby Cathedral this weekend.**

**Our Choir are then on summer break until 4 September.**

## **First Reading from the book of Genesis 15.1–6**

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’ But Abram said, ‘O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’ But the word of the Lord came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness..

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 33 R:/ Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own!**

## **Second Reading from Hebrews 11.1–3,8–16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 12:32-40**

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Notices**

**The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God.**

**Covid measures at St John's** – face coverings are recommended and hand sanitiser is available for you to use. We are still trying to maintain some social distancing to protect those most vulnerable in our community. Thank you for helping us in this endeavour.

**Volunteers needed** to help count money from collections etc. after the 10.00 service on the last Sunday of the month for a couple of hours. Counting takes place in the Centre and you would be needed every two months if I have enough volunteers to form two teams. For more information or to volunteer, please contact the Treasurer, Sarah Goudge, in person or on 07980 419604

**Goose Green Coffee Morning** – Do join us, all welcome for coffee, cake and chat every Wednesday morning from 11 until 12:30. And if you would like to help at coffee morning on a regular or ad hoc basis, please speak to or email Sue O'Neill (sue.oneill0826@gmail.com), Christine Camplin (christine.bannan@virgin.net) or Jane Hawkins. Your help would be greatly appreciated to keep up with our increasing visitor numbers. 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) and if you can do some gardening during Coffee Morning, Martin Howell would be very happy for some volunteers.

**Foodbank Donations** – In these challenging financial times, if you can provide donations to our Foodbank collection that would be much appreciated. During the summer school holidays many families struggle to provide for their children. Information on alternative provision can be found on the centre noticeboard.

**Lunch club** – Is now on its Summer Break and will return on **Thursday 8 September**. Held in the Goose Green Centre on Thursdays (of 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).

**Messy Church** – The next service is on 11 September at 3.45pm after the summer break, please do join us. You can let Julie or Gemma know that you plan to attend. Flyers with future dates are at the back of church. If you would like to help at a future event please contact Julie Whitney, Revd. Gill or Revd. Gemma.

**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 make a note of the title borrowed in the book provided on top of the bookshelf.

**Future Musical events** – Organ and Violin recital Saturday 17 September at 11am, Choral Evensong Sunday 9 October and 27 November at 6pm



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