



# Welcome to St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

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**Trinity 12 Sunday**

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## Welcome back to the St John's Choir.

**Processional Hymn** *words on sheet*  
Christ triumphant, ever reigning.

**Offertory Hymn 95**  
When I survey the wondrous cross.

**Communion Anthem**  
"Ave verum corpus" – W A Mozart

**Post Communion Hymn 388**  
Jesus shall reign where'er the sun.

**Voluntary**  
*Ciacona in E minor – Dietrich Buxtehude*

**Organ played today by**  
**Niall Baxter**

## The Collect

Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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**

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

**Harvest Lunch/Black History Month Celebration:** We will be holding a harvest Lunch/Celebration of the start of Black History Month on Sunday 2 October after the 10.00am Mass. To help with the catering arrangement, please let us know if you are going to attend by adding your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church. There are also sign-up sheets for offers of help with the food and various tasks. The lunch is free but donations towards the work of the church will be gratefully received.

## **First Reading from the book of Deuteronomy 30.15–20**

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 1 R:/ Lord my delight is in your law.**

## **Second Reading a letter from Paul and Timothy to Philemon 1–21**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 14:25-33**

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

### **Notices**

**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.

**Come and Sing!** - Ever fancied having a go at singing but don't know where to start? Want to find out what part you can sing, soprano, tenor etc? Remember enjoying music lessons at school but not sung since? Ever been told you can't sing? Join us after church (11.30am) on Sunday 18 September for our "Come and Sing" event and have a go - 45 minutes of singing fun. Sign up sheet at the back of church or let John Webber know, or simply turn up on the day. All ages are welcome, we'd love to see you!

**Goose Green Coffee Morning** – Do join us, all welcome for coffee, cake and chat every Wednesday morning from 11 until 12:30. This week we will be holding a Feedback and Planning Meeting during coffee morning. This is a chance to give your views on how coffee morning is working for you, and to hear about news and plans for coffee morning this autumn.

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. If you would like to be added to the Coffee Morning mailing list or to find out more, please email Sue O'Neill.

**Lunch club – Returns 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, 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.

**For our Children and Young People (ages 10+)** - Please join us for pizza and learning about being an acolyte and serving at the Altar on 18th September at 4:30pm. We will have a short and fun session learning about what the role of acolytes and servers are and then have pizza together in church. Please do come along even if you are not sure about whether being an acolyte or server is something you would like to do: it will be a good way to meet with other young people in St John's after our long Covid enforced disruptions. Please let Gemma (curate@stjohnseastdulwich.org) know if you would like to come.

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

**Foodbank Donations** – In these challenging financial times, if you can provide donations to our Foodbank collection that would be much appreciated. Information can be found on the centre noticeboard of the local options and schemes to support those in our community.



**A gift to St John's** - If you are in church, please use the envelope provided and leave it in the bowl at the back of church. Alternatively, you can make a card donation when you leave church or by using this QR code. 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 [www.stjohnseastdulwich.org/donating-to-st-johns/](http://www.stjohnseastdulwich.org/donating-to-st-johns/) for further information. Thank you for your generosity.