

Welcome to St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

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Processional Hymn 234

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Offertory Hymn 310

We hail thy presence glorious.

Communion Anthem

"Give us the wings of faith to rise," – Jack Abbott (commissioned piece)

Post Communion Hymn 272

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!.

Voluntary

Postludium – Flor Peeters (played by Nehara)

Organ played today by John Webber

The Collect

Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 a guest preacher, Revd Canon Joyce Forbes, Area Dean for Croydon North Deanery and Assistant Priest at St Stephen's Norbury and Thornton Heath

Our choir will be singing a specially commissioned anthem "Give us the wings of faith" by Jack Abbott, a black composer, musician & music student.

All Souls' Day Service on Sunday, October 30th at 6pm

First Reading, a reading from Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 No response.

Second Reading, a reading from 2 Timothy 3:14-4.5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." 'And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Notices

Please note that Revd Gemma Birt is away from the 13 October until 27 October

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 endeayour.

Black History Month - We will be marking Black History Month as St John's with a series of mid-week talks and a guest preacher. Everyone is warmly welcome! **Tuesday October 18th** – Forgotten fighters: the role of Black service men and women in armed conflict. This is the last in the series, but we will be running another series of Becoming Allies workshops soon.

Messy Church – The next service is this afternoon 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.

Trip to see SIX the Musical, Sunday 6 November 2022 – Please find letter at the back of church.

Goose Green Coffee Morning – Held on Wednesday mornings I Iam to 12.30pm. Wednesday 19 October: At I I:30 crime writer Julie Anderson will be giving a talk on the theme of crime and history; how the past is woven into contemporary crime fiction. 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 – 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).

Future Musical events – Choral Evensong Sunday 27 November at 6pm

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.

Foodbank Donations – Your generosity in these challenging financial times is much appreciated and any future donations will go to the Southwark Foodbank. Information on items required can be found at the back of church and on the centre noticeboard. We also have details 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/ for further information. Thank you for your generosity.



St John's will be participating in the **Robes** project again this year after a 2-year break due to the pandemic. We will host 15 guests on Saturday nights between 7th January and 25th March 2023.

Please do consider volunteering to support this project. If you have not volunteered before you can find more information at the back of church, on the Robes project website: https://robes.org.uk/ or talk to Julie Whitney. There are many ways in which you can support the project ranging from preparing a meal or doing the laundry to greeting, serving meals and staying overnight. You can get involved as little or as much as you feel comfortable.

If you would like to volunteer, please go to the St John's Robes hub: https://sites.google.com/view/st-johnsed-robes/home and select the appropriate application form. There are also paper application forms at the back of church. You will be able to indicate the way in which you would like to volunteer as well as your availability. We request that you attend ONE information session before volunteering. Please indicate which session you plan to attend in your application form. They will be held on Saturday 26th November 2-3pm and Sunday 4th December 11:30am-12:30pm.