



# Welcome to St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

**27 November 2022**  
**Advent I**

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## **Processional Hymn 6**

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes

## **Offertory Hymn 7**

Hills of the north, rejoice

## **Communion Anthem**

The Advent Sequence

## **Post Communion Hymn 466**

Thou whose almighty word

## **Angelus sung** (*words in sheet*)

## **Voluntary**

Bells – Jean Langlais

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

## **The Collect**

Let us pray

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

**Please join us for Choral Evensong tonight, Sunday 27 November at 6pm**

**Revd Alistair McCulloch is presiding at St Clement with St Peter today**

**Resuming the Chalice:** We now offer the Chalice (wine) at Holy Communion. No-one is obliged to take the wine; you are still making a full communion if you have the bread alone. Please do not try to instinct (dip) your wafer in the wine, for hygiene reasons. We would be grateful if you did not receive the chalice if you have an infectious illness; please see the notes or posters available at the back of church.

## **First Reading, a reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 122 – R:** I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to God's house'  
*(response at 8am mass only)*

## **2nd reading, A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 13: 11-end**

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew 24:36-44**

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore 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**

## **The Angelus**

*The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary:*  
**and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;**  
**blessèd art thou among women,**  
**and blessèd is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.**  
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,**  
**now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

*Behold the handmaid of the Lord:*  
**be it unto me according to thy word.**  
**Hail Mary, full of grace...**

*And the Word was made flesh:*  
**and dwelt among us.**  
**Hail Mary, full of grace...**

*Pray for us, holy Mother of God:*  
**that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

*Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts;*  
*that as we have known the incarnation*  
*of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel,*  
*so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection.*  
*Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **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.

**Special Collection** We are raising money to support the work of The Alzheimer's Society. You will be able to make a donation in a charity envelope, by card electronically or via our JustGiving page at any time: [www.justgiving.com/page/anne-coates-1667230134132](http://www.justgiving.com/page/anne-coates-1667230134132) For further information contact Rachel Mills or Anne Coates via the office email.

**Save the Date! – Carols by the Green**, Saturday 17 December 11am-1pm. Come along to sing your favourite carol, enjoy a mince pie and glass of mulled wine. Helpers will be needed – Set up Friday 16 Dec from 2pm or Sat 17 from 9am. Tidy away after the event, stewarding and welcoming visitors as well as helping on the stalls. Add your name to the sign-up sheets or email [office@stjohnseastdulwich.org](mailto:office@stjohnseastdulwich.org)

**The Strong and Steady Exercise Group:** A new exercise group is starting up as part of the Goose Green Coffee Morning programme of activities. The Strong and Steady Exercise Group is for older people who are starting to experience unsteadiness or losing confidence in their ability to stay balanced. The class takes you through a set of exercises that research has shown improves muscle strength and balance. The group lasts 1 hour each week (10-11am) and there will be up to 12 regular group members in attendance. A GP assessment is required plus an assessment by the instructor before you can join the group. There will be a weekly charge of £4. If you are interested or would like more information, please speak to Sue O'Neill or Jane Hawkins, or you can email [goosegreencoffeemorning@gmail.com](mailto:goosegreencoffeemorning@gmail.com)

**Goose Green Coffee Morning** – Held on Wednesday mornings 11am to 12.30pm. On 7 December we will be making Christmas Table Decorations in a creative session with The Arts Factory. There are limited places available. To book your place please email [goosegreencoffeemorning@gmail.com](mailto:goosegreencoffeemorning@gmail.com). If you would like to help at coffee morning please speak to or email Sue O'Neill ([sue.oneill0826@gmail.com](mailto:sue.oneill0826@gmail.com)), Christine Camplin ([christine.bannan@virgin.net](mailto:christine.bannan@virgin.net)) or Jane Hawkins.

**Lunch club** – Held in the Goose Green Centre on Thursdays (of term time) at 12.30 pm. Do join us for a two-course meal followed by tea or coffee (cost £5). Our Christmas lunch will be held on 15 December. 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).



**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.



St John's will be participating in the **Robes** project again this year. We will host 15 guests on Saturday nights between 7<sup>th</sup> January and 25<sup>th</sup> 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. The next session is on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 11:30am-12:30pm.