



Welcome to St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

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Processional Hymn 5

Hark! A herald voice is calling

Offertory Hymn 12

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Communion Anthem

Advent Message – Martin How

Post Communion Hymn 388

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Angelus

Voluntary

Preludio (from Sonata No.3 in C minor)
– Alexandre Guilmant

*Organ played today by
John Webber*

The Collect

Let us pray

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen

Christmas at St John's – Carols by the Green, Sat 17 Dec 11-1

Traditional Carol service, Sun 18 Dec 6pm

Christingle Services, Sat 24 Dec at 3pm & 4.30pm

Midnight Mass @ 11.30pm

Christmas day Festival Sung Mass 10am

First Reading, A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (11: 1-10)

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72 – R\): In his time shall the righteous flourish

2nd reading, A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 15: 4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (3: 1-12)

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Notices

Covid measures at St John's – We are continuing to take some precautions to ensure that everyone can feel safe and welcome in the church. Additional spacing, ventilation in the building and you are encouraged to wear a face covering if this is your preference. Please consider staying at home if you have symptoms such as a persistent cough, temperature, vomiting or diarrhoea. Thank you for helping us in this endeavour.

Revd Gill has resigned as Area Dean, remaining in post until her successor is appointed. With the agreement of Archdeacon Jonathan, from 5 December Gill will be taking Mondays off in addition to the usual Saturday.

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

Special Collection - We are raising money to support the work of The Alzheimer's Society. You can 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 For further information contact Rachel Mills or Anne Coates via the office email.

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

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. If you would like to help at coffee morning please speak to or email Sue O'Neill (sue.oneill0826@gmail.com), Christine Camplin (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). 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/ 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 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. 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.