



Welcome to St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

12 February 2023 Second Sunday before Lent

Processional Hymn 339

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Offertory Hymn 486

We have a gospel to proclaim

Communion Anthem

Never weather-beaten sail, Thomas Campion

Communion Hymn 424

O Love divine, how sweet thou art!

Recessional Hymn 436

Praise, my soul the King of heaven

Voluntary

Toccata in G minor – Johann Pachelbel

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have created
the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand
in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

Amen

**The flowers in the sanctuary today have been given by
Betty Reid, to the Glory of God,
and in loving memory of her mother, Edna Gordon.**

This week's services and events

Wednesday and Thursday

Morning Prayer, 9am on Zoom, link in weekly email

Wednesday 15 February

Coffee Morning, 11am, with Chinese Calligraphy

Thursday 16 February

Said Mass, 12pm • no lunch club this week

Sunday 19 February

Said Mass 8am • Sung Mass 10am

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First reading: Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so.

God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.'

So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Psalm 136: *For his mercy endures for ever*

Second reading: Romans 8: 18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel reading: Matthew 6:25-34

Jesus taught his disciples, saying:
'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,

or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Notices

Covid measures: We continue to take precautions so everyone can feel safe and welcome in church. We keep extra spacing and ventilation indoors; 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.

Thank you to everyone who came along the Quiz Night in aid of the Goose Green Centre refurbishments, and especially to Martin Howell, Harvey Edgington and our volunteers who made it possible.

The Strong and Steady Exercise Group: held in the Goose Green Centre, for older people who are starting to experience unsteadiness or losing confidence in their ability to stay balanced. Speak to Sue O'Neill, Jane Hawkins, or email goosegreencoffeemorning@gmail.com

Goose Green Coffee Morning: Wednesdays 11am - 12.30pm. Volunteers welcome: please contact Sue O'Neill, sue.oneill0826@gmail.com, Christine Camplin, christine.bannan@virgin.net or Jane Hawkins. To receive the Coffee Morning email or find out more, email Sue O'Neill.

Lunch club: 12.30pm in the Goose Green Centre on Thursdays (term time). Come along for a two-course meal with tea or coffee (cost £5). To join us or for further information, please contact Barbara Deller, 020 8693 2090 or Martin Howell, 020 8249 7411.

Lent 2023 at St John's East Dulwich:

For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.

Ash Wednesday: our Ash Wednesday service is on Wednesday 22 February at 8pm. Start our season of Lent with worship, reflection and prayer. With the imposition of ashes. All welcome.

Choral Evensong: Sunday 26 February, 6pm. Join us for a beautiful service of music and readings to mark the first Sunday of Lent.

Lenten reading: join the ministry team in reading "Being Human: bodies, minds, persons" by Rowan Williams, (SPCK 2018). A thoughtful exploration of human being and well-being.

Wednesday Morning Prayer: come along at 9am to say morning prayer together, followed by a short discussion of the Rowan Williams book. One the following Wednesdays: 8, 15, 22 and 29 March. *There will be no online morning prayer on those days.*

15 good minutes: If the sermon has got you thinking, and you have thoughts and questions to share, stay after the 10am service for **fifteen good minutes**. Each Sunday in Lent, the preacher will be available for an opportunity to discuss that week's sermon, for 15 minutes. Bring your coffee to the lady chapel after the service. All welcome.

Bring your Palm Crosses to church: Please bring in your palm cross from last year, it will be used to prepare ashes for this year's Ash Wednesday service. Place it in the basket at the back of church, thank you.

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