



# Welcome to St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

**17 September 2023**  
**Trinity 15**

## Music

### Processional hymn 387

Jesus, good above all other

### Offertory hymn 498

Son of God, eternal Saviour

**Anthem** Ave verum corpus, Elgar

### Communion hymn 373

How shall I sing that majesty

### Recessional hymn 439

Praise to the holiest in the height

### Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in D, Buxtehude

## The Collect

God, who in generous mercy  
sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in  
the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and  
active in service;  
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 look forward to welcoming Ernest and Finley Taylor, together with their parents, godparents, family and friends on the occasion of Ernest and Finley's Baptisms at 12pm.**

## This week's services and events

### Weds 20 September

Morning Prayer 9am, in church  
Coffee Morning, 11am - 12:30pm  
Said Mass 7:30pm  
PCC Meeting 8:00pm

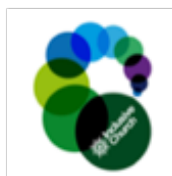
### Thurs 21 September

Morning Prayer 9am on Zoom  
Said Mass 12pm  
Lunch Club 12:30pm Goose Green Centre

### Sunday 24 September

Said Mass 8am, Sung Mass 10am

**A gift to St John's:** in church, please use the envelopes provided, or by contactless giving, or the QR code. If you are a taxpayer, completing a gift aid declaration can increase the value of your gift by 25%. *Thank you for your generosity!*



## **First Reading**

### **Genesis 50.15-21**

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

**Psalm 103.1-13 R:/** The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

## **Second Reading**

### **Romans 14.1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own

minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,

and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

## **Gospel Reading**

### **Matthew 18.21-35**

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have

patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported

to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

## NOTICES

### **Bishop Karowei Dorgu**

It is with great sadness that we received the news last week of the death of our brother and friend in Christ, Bishop Karowei, Bishop of Woolwich. Bishop Karowei was a wonderful guide, supporter and friend to us here at St John’s and we hold his wife, Mosun, son Timi and twin sister Collette, and all his family and friends in our prayers. Please do sign the condolence card that is at the back of church and that we will send to Mosun later this week.

### **Today - Special Collection Sunday 17 September – The Felix Project**

Thank you to Charlotte Hill, Chief Executive of the Felix Project, for coming to speak to us about the Felix Project during our 10 am Mass today. Please would you consider donating what you can to this important and worthwhile charity that works so hard to provide healthy meals to the most vulnerable in our communities.

**New Bible Study in church on Thursday mornings from 21 September** You are warmly invited to join a new Bible study group on Thursday mornings, 10:30-11:15 am in church. No previous experience necessary! We will meet in the choir vestry and tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Please do get in touch with me, Gemma, if you would like to find out more or have any questions [curate@stjohnseastdulwich.org](mailto:curate@stjohnseastdulwich.org). You are very welcome to bring pre-school children or babies with you!

**Tickets for our Ceilidh on 25 November are now on sale** We are having a Ceilidh to raise funds for our Goose Green Centre on 25 November, from 6-9pm. Wraggle Taggle, a professional Ceilidh band will be performing. Hot supper is included in the ticket price and we will run a Licensed bar. Adult Tickets £15 and children (5-16) £5. Tickets available after our 10am Mass or via Eventbrite.

**Harvest Festival and Black History Month Bring and Share lunch on 1 October 2023** Please sign up on the lists at the back of church with offers of food or help in setting up the hall before Mass.

**Choral Evensong Southwark Cathedral | October** Many congratulations to Ellen Roxby who will be awarded her RSCM Gold Award at Choral Evensong at Southwark Cathedral on 1 October. The service starts at 3pm and all are warmly invited.

**Goose Green Coffee Morning 11- 12:30pm every Wednesday in church.** Coffee morning is in need of a few more volunteers to help us welcome guests. Help can be as little or often as you can manage. If you are able to help, or have any questions, please contact Sue O'Neill or email Gemma, [curate@stjohnseastdulwich.org](mailto:curate@stjohnseastdulwich.org)

**Lunch Club Outing to Woodcote Garden Centre, 28 September** The Lunch Club will be having an outing on Thursday 28 September 10:30am to late afternoon. Transport from church and lunch provided. Tickets cost £5. For more information contact Barbara Deller 020 8693 2090 or Martin Howell 020 8249 7411.

**Choral concert at St John's 11 November 2023, 6:30pm** Please do come along to a choral concert in St. John's by the Church Choir, the Elm Singers, and Beckenham Youth Voices. This will include the Requiem by Gabriel Fauré. More details in due course.

**Next Choral Evensong at St John's November 26, at 6:00pm**

**Would you like to sing in a choir for choral evensong at Southwark Cathedral?** John Webber is gathering singers to sing Evensong at the Cathedral on 13 January, 2024. If you can read music (even if only basically) and would like to take part, please let John know. The first practice session will be on 15 October at 2.00p.m.

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