



Welcome to St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

29 January 2023 Candlemas

Introit: The Candlemas Ceremony

Processional Hymn 33 *omit vs 2 & 3*
Of the Father's heart begotten

Offertory Hymn *on sheet*
Before the throne of God above

Communion Anthem
When to the temple Mary went, Eccard

Recessional Hymn 478
Ye watchers and ye holy ones

The Angelus

Voluntary Fiat lux, Théodore Dubois

The Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day
presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The flowers in the sanctuary today have been given by Tayo Olatunde, to the Glory of God, and in memory of Grace O. Olatunde on the anniversary of her birthday.

This week's services and events

Today	Messy Church, 3.45 - 5pm, all welcome!
Wednesday and Thursday	Morning Prayer, 9am <i>on Zoom, link in weekly email</i>
Wednesday 1 February	Coffee Morning, 11am
Thursday 2 February	Said Mass, 12pm. Lunch Club, 12.30pm
Sunday 5 February	Said Mass 8am, Sung Mass 10am Southwark Sinfonietta Concert 4pm



First reading: Malachi 3.1–5

Thus says the Lord God:
See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Psalm 24: *The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory*

Second reading: Hebrews 2.14–18

Since the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel reading: Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Offertory Hymn:

1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea:
a great High Priest whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

3. Behold him there! the risen Lamb!
my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with my Lord, I cannot die;
my soul is purchased by His blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Saviour and my God
with Christ my Saviour and my God

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Notices

Quiz Night, in aid of the Goose Green Centre Improvements: Come along to our Quiz Night on Wednesday 8 February from 7.00-10.00 pm. Tickets include supper, with veggie and meat options, and cost £10 for adults, £5 for under 16s, or £50 for a table of six. They are on sale after the 10am Sunday Mass or contact: Martin Howell, 07939 288885, mjhbr3@gmail.com, or office@stjohnseastdulwich.org. Invite your friends!

Also, look at our display in the foyer to see our plans to improve the facilities in the Goose Green Centre, take a leaflet to find out more and add your name to lend your support. You can buy a mug, ask us about writing a letter of support.

Robes: we are hosting guests for the Robes project on Saturday nights until 25 March 2023. There are still gaps in the rota for Sunday morning shifts, so if you can help with breakfast or clearing up, please speak to Julie Whitney or Revd Gemma.

Photography exhibition in support of the **Robes** Project at the Jeannie Avent Gallery, 14 North Cross Road. Eve Milner, who very generously does a lot of photography for Robes, has an exhibition of her wider work from 2-7th February. See poster at the back of church or her Instagram @evemilnerphotography, <https://www.instagram.com/evemilnerphotography/>

Southwark Foodbank: The Carols by the Green event in December raised £1236.19 for Southwark Foodbank, a fantastic result! Thank you to all who supported this event and gave so generously of their time and money.

Want to get involved? We are looking for people who would like to join our team of servers at the 10am Mass on Sunday mornings. No experience is necessary, full training will be given. Please get in touch with Revds Gill or Gemma if you are interested in participating in this ministry.

Concert in Church: Hear music from the Southwark Sinfonietta, Sunday 5 February, 4pm. Music by Mozart and the Josef and Michael Haydn. £10 and £8; pay on entry, children go free.

Covid measures: We continue to take precautions so that 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.

Requests for prayer: if you would like to add someone to our prayer list please contact Revd Alistair McCulloch mccullocha95@gmail.com, or a member of the clergy team.

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. Please 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.

Transatlantic slavery, report and exhibition: A report into the Church of England's links to historic transatlantic slavery can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/5b6fbd27>. Lambeth Palace Library is currently hosting a small exhibition, '**Enslavement: Voices from the Archives**' to 31 March 2023, weekdays 9:30 to 5, admission free. Lambeth Palace Rd, opp. St. Thomas's Hospital nr Garden History Museum. Also online at <https://tinyurl.com/2tpn9xfg>

Organ recitals: two organ recitals by John Webber, both Fridays at 12.30pm: 3 February at St. George's, Beckenham High Street, music by J S Bach and Frank Bridge; 10 February at St. Stephen Walbrook in the City, with music by J S Bach, Florence Price, Alexandre Guilmant and Relf Clark. All welcome. Retiring collection.

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