



Welcome to St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

11 February 2024 Sunday before Lent Racial Justice Sunday

Processional

Amazing Grace

Offertory 440

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of
Creation

Anthem

“Give us the wings of faith,” Jack Abbott

Communion Brother, Sister

Recessional

Christ be our light.

Voluntary

Trumpet tune in D Major, John Stanley

The Collect

Merciful God,

you are righteous and love justice:
stir the hearts of your people that,
rejoicing in our diversity,

we may repent of the wrongs of the past,
and, by your grace, seek the peaceable
kingdom of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever.

Amen

**The flowers in the Sanctuary have been given to the Glory of God and to
celebrate the 80th birthday of Bryan Grant.**

This week's services and events

Today

8am Said Mass, 10am Sung Mass

Wednesday 14 February

Ash Wednesday

9am Morning Prayer

11am-12:30pm, Coffee Morning

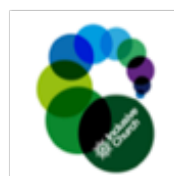
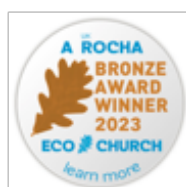
1pm Said Mass with imposition of ashes

8pm Ash Wednesday Mass with imposition of ashes

Sunday 18 February

8am Said Mass, 10am Sung Mass, 12pm Holy Baptism

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

Micah 6: 6-8

The reading is taken from the prophet Micah

‘With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of
rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? ’
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Psalm 146 R\: Happy are they who have
the God of Jacob for their help.

Second Reading

Galatians 3: 27-29

The reading is taken from the letter to the
Galatians

As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is
no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer
slave or free, there is no longer male and
female; for all of you are one in Christ
Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you
are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to
the promise..

Gospel Reading Luke 7: 36-end

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with
him, and he went into the Pharisee’s house
and took his place at the table. And a woman
in the city, who was a sinner, having learned
that he was eating in the Pharisee’s house,
brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She
stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and
began to bathe his feet with her tears and to
dry them with her hair. Then she continued
kissing his feet and anointing them with the
ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had
invited him saw it, he said to himself, ‘If this
man were a prophet, he would have known
who and what kind of woman this is who is
touching him—that she is a sinner.’ Jesus
spoke up and said to him, ‘Simon, I have
something to say to you.’ ‘Teacher,’ he
replied, ‘speak.’ ‘A certain creditor had two
debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and
the other fifty. When they could not pay, he
cancelled the debts for both of them. Now
which of them will love him more?’ Simon
answered, ‘I suppose the one for whom he
cancelled the greater debt.’ And Jesus said to
him, ‘You have judged rightly.’ Then turning
towards the woman, he said to Simon, ‘Do
you see this woman? I entered your house;
you gave me no water for my feet, but she
has bathed my feet with her tears and dried
them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but
from the time I came in she has not stopped
kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head
with oil, but she has anointed my feet with
ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins,
which were many, have been forgiven; hence
she has shown great love. But the one to
whom little is forgiven, loves little.’ Then he
said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’ But
those who were at the table with him began
to say among themselves, ‘Who is this who
even forgives sins?’ And he said to the
woman, ‘Your faith has saved you; go in
peace.’

NOTICES

Thank you – Diocese of Jerusalem and the Al Ahli Hospital, Gaza, appeal. Thank you for your generosity with this special collection which took place in November and December last year. We have raised £1453.24 which we will be donating to the Diocese of Jerusalem.

Today is Racial Justice Sunday. It is an initiative of the ecumenical body, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. This year's Racial Justice Sunday theme is "Exodus", shining a light on the many millions of people around the world who are forced to leave their homes. Racial prejudice plays a dominant role in the hostile approach to refugees. Our service today aims to affirm and celebrate our calling as the people of God to work for justice in our world. We also look forward to Sunday 17 March when the Revd Guy Hewitt, the Church of England's first Racial Justice Director, will be joining us as guest preacher.

Palm crosses: In preparation for Ash Wednesday, if you have a palm cross from last year, please bring it in and leave it at the back of church today.

Messy church is looking for volunteers: We are delighted with how established and joyful Messy Church has become. At our last Messy Church, we were joined by over 40 children plus their parents and carers. Please join us in supporting this expression of God's love and hospitality for our community. There are a range of ways you could support our Messy Church ministry including helping to set up and tidy up, being there as an extra pair of hands during the service or with preparation and serving of the meal afterwards. If you are able to help in any way, even you can only commit to 2-3 services a year, please contact Gill, Gemma or Julie.

Goose Green Coffee Morning: Would you like to be part of your community? Are you good with people? Join our kind, positive team which welcomes 20-30 people here every week at our popular Coffee Morning, which runs on Wednesdays from 11am to 12.30pm. We are looking to expand our team of Coffee Morning Helpers to help it run smoothly. The role can involve setting up, making and serving tea and coffee, chatting with our visitors and clearing up afterwards. If you can't stay for the whole time, we need help to set up and/or take down chairs and tables before and after each session. You can volunteer weekly or less frequently, we can be very flexible. Helping at Coffee Morning is hugely rewarding, for many who attend it may be their main social activity in the week. Studies show that volunteering is enormously beneficial for our mental well being: connecting with others in a meaningful way reduces stress and gives a sense of purpose. If you are available on Wednesdays, even if not every week, and would like to find out more, please speak to or email Sue O'Neill (sue.oneill0826@gmail.com).

Robes project: continues every Saturday evening until 24 March. We still have a few gaps on the rota that need filling. Please speak to Julie or go to the Robes hub at <https://sites.google.com/view/st-johnsed-rob/home>

Thursday 15 February: Bible Study and Midday Mass and Lunch Club Will be on a break for half term this week. We will return next week Thursday 21 February!

Special Collection Sunday 18 February

For this collection we will be supporting the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call. This year the Bishop's Lent call is raising funds for projects that focus on peace with justice and resilience and wellbeing in our diocese, as well the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, and our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe.

MUSIC NOTICES

Upcoming Evensong dates: Sundays at 6pm on 3 March; 16 June; 24 November 2024.

Organ recital dates: Saturdays at 11am on 11 May (James Carpenter, Beckenham Baptist Church); 13 July (composite recital); 21 September (Terence Atkins, Barnet Parish Church).

Song and Piano recital by students from the Trinity Laban Conservatoire, Saturday 8 June at 11am.

Organ recitals by John Webber: Saturday 17 February, 1pm, Penge Congregational Church.

The Hymn Society is holding a day of talks on Saturday, 20 April 2024 at Union Chapel, near Highbury and Islington Station. Sessions include reflections on post-Covid worship, singing the German Reformations, Ancient & Modern and English Hymnal - rivals or partners, and trends in Baptist worship - united or divided in song? The day will end with an Act of Worship with plenty of hymn singing. Registration and hot drink from 10:00am Ends approx. 3:30pm. Cost: £10. Book by contacting John Webber on maggielandjohn1@gmail.com

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