



Welcome to St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

19 November 2023 Second Sunday Before Advent

Processional hymn 362

Glorious things of thee are spoken.

Offertory hymn 483

The Church of God a kingdom is.

Anthem

“My soul there is a country,” Hubert Parry

Communion hymn 225

Give me the wings of faith to rise.

Recessional hymn 494

Christ is the world’s true light.

Concluding music

Flute duet “The Swan” (from “Carnival of the Animals”), by Camille Saint-Saëns.

Laura and Maya Corbin.

The Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world’s salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed.
Through 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 are donated by Isabelle Gregory to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Nurser.

Today at 12pm we welcome for Holy Baptism Amahle, Seren and Zinzile Mguni-Jones, their family and godparents, and friends.

This week’s services and events

Weds 22 November

Morning Prayer 9am, in church
Coffee Morning, 11am -12:30pm

Thursday 23 November

Bible Study, 10:30 -11:15am, church vestry
Said Mass 12pm
Lunch Club in the Goose Green Centre 12:30pm

Sunday 26 November

Said Mass 8am, Sung Mass 10am
Evensong 6pm

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: Zephaniah 1.7,12–18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm 90: Satisfy us by your loving kindness.

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 5.1–11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For

you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25.14–30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you

have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy

slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

NOTICES

Thank you: to John Webber and the three choirs for the wonderful concert last Saturday. Just over £250 was raised in the retiring collection. This, and funds raised from the bar will go towards the Goose Green Centre Refurbishment.

Robes project: St John’s will be hosting the Robes project again on Saturday nights from 6 January until 23 March 2024. You can sign up to volunteer at <https://sites.google.com/view/st-johnsed-rob>. There will be information sessions for volunteers on Sunday 3 December after church and Saturday 16 December at 9-10am. If you would like to find out more about volunteering at St John’s, contact julie.whitney@kcl.ac.uk. If you would like to find out more about the Robes Project, see <https://rob.org.uk/>.

Information about Ceilidh at St John’s 25 November, 6-9pm in aid of the Goose Green Centre: Tickets for are now sold out and we have started a waiting list. If you are no longer able to attend or would like to be added to the list, please speak to Sue sue.oneill0826@gmail.com. If you are able to help us with setting up for the event at, please let Julie Whitney know. Set up will be at 2pm on 25 November. Donations of items to luxury hampers that will be in our raffle are needed . Please give any items to Martin in the week of 20 November. And do take a look at the updated plans for the refurbishment of the Goose Green Centre toilets displayed in the Foyer.

Bible Study: this Thursday 16 November, 10:30-11:15am in the Church vestry. All welcome.

Coffee Morning this Wednesday 22 November from 11am-12:30pm:

All welcome. On Wednesday 22 November, Goose Green Coffee Morning will be hosting a creative session on collage with The Arts Factory. If you would like to take part please email goosegreencoffeemorning@gmail.com or speak to Sue O'Neill.

Lunch Club on Thursday at 12:30pm in the Goose Green Centre: 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.

Gift aid: If you give by card in church and if you are a taxpayer, you can increase the value of your donations by 25% by gift aiding them. Please pick up a leaflet at the back of church next to the card machines for details. Thank you for your time and generosity.

Dates for your diary: Choral Evensong: 26 November, 6pm; **Messy Church services:** 10 December, 3.45-5pm; **Carols by the Green:** Saturday 9 December, 11am – 1pm; **Carol Service:** Sunday 17 December, 6pm.

Music events in 2024 - Evensong dates: Sundays at 6pm on 6 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).

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