St John the Evangelist

East Dulwich

Sunday 1 November
All Saints' and All Souls'

8am Said Mass
10am Sung Mass with Baptism
6pm All Souls' Evening Service

We welcome Alma Lopez who will be baptised today at St John's. Please pray for Alma, her godparents, family and friends on the occasion of her baptism.

Music & Hymns
Processional: 197 For all the sainnts who from their labours rest
Psalm: 34 Those who trust in God will understand truth
Gradual: Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days! (words overleaf)
Offertory: 381 Jerusalem the golden
Anthem: O thou, whose all-redeeming might
Communion: 396 Let saints on earth in concert sing
Recessional: 475 Ye holy angels bright
Voluntary: Toccata in A minor by JP Sweelinck

With thanks to Callum Orr for playing the organ today.

Collect
Almighty God, you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship in the mystical
body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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

Post-communion prayer
God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Forthcoming services and events

Wednesday 4 November
11am Coffee Morning

Thursday 5 November
12pm Said Mass
12.30pm Lunch Club

Saturday 7 November
7.30pm Lambeth Wind Orchestra Concert

Sunday 8 November - Remembrance Sunday
8am Said Mass
10am Sung Mass
3.45pm Messy Church

First Reading: Revelation 7.9–end

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Psalm 34

R: Those who trust in God will understand truth

Second Reading: 1 John 3.1–3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Gospel: Matthew 5.1–12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

Notices

Bakers and makers! We will be grateful for donations of homemade produce for our stall at Carols by the Green. Homemade jam, chutney, cakes, cards etc are all welcome. Please let Sarah Sarker or Louise Pollard know if you can offer a contribution.

Any good quality used toys or children's books would be greatly appreciated for our toy stall. Please contact Ann Lloyd to arrange collection 07941856297.

Some dates for your diary:
Remembrance Sunday - 8 November.
This year's Carols by the Green will take place on Saturday 5 December from 11am-1pm. Our Carol Service will be on Sunday 20 December at 6pm. Our ever-popular Christingle Services will be at 3pm and 4.30pm on Christmas Eve.

Are you our new PCC secretary?
After years of faithful service Christine Camplin is stepping down from her role, we are hugely thankful for all she has done. If you are interested in supporting the life of St John's in this way, please speak to Revd Gill to find out more about what it involves.

Racial Justice Group We will meet immediately after today's 10am Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend.

First Holy Communion: on Sunday 22 November, the feast of Christ the King, we are planning to admit children to Holy Communion during our 10am service. This is for Children aged 7 or over, with parent's permission. Our next preparation sessions are on Sundays 1 and 15 November at 4pm. Contact Revd Gill if you would like your child to join in.

Parish retreat: Join us for a short retreat for Advent - an opportunity for stillness and reflection as we begin our Advent journey. Canon Michael Rawson, Sub-Dean of Southwark Cathedral will join us and lead our reflections. The retreat will take place at Wychcroft, the Diocesan Retreat Centre in Surrey, from the evening of Friday 27 November, until after lunch on Sunday 29 December. Take a leaflet and return the registration form to Gill Nash. Support with transport can be arranged. Email Revd Gill on vicar@stjohnseastdulwich.org if you have any questions.

Giving to St John's

By adding a gift to the collection taken during the service, you can allow St John's to continue to be a caring presence in the community and to keep this beautiful and sacred place of worship open to all. Please use the gift aid envelope provided if you are a UK taxpayer. You can also make a contactless card or cash donation, or use this QR code. If you wish to give regularly, contact us or visit www.stjohnseastdulwich.org/donate/

Charity Christmas Cards

We are selling Pecan Christmas cards at the back of church . These are from left over stock from a few years ago.
They are £5 a pack.
Please bring cash if you wish to purchase them. All proceeds will go to Pecan.

Music Notices

Choral Evensong - our Choir will sing Choral Evensong on Sunday 22 November at 6pm. The music includes responses by Richard Ayleward, canticles in B Minor by T Tertius Noble and anthem O thou, the central Orb by Charles Wood. All are welcome

Choral Evensong 2027: February 28, June 27, November 28 (please note this change from previously advertised November 7)

Carol Service: You are invited to join the Choir for the Carol Service on Sunday 20 December at 6pm. Do speak to John Webber (or email him) if this would interest you. You will be invited to rehearse midweek with the Choir and on the day from 4pm. it would help if you are able to read music, if only at a basic level.

St John's Children's Choir

Our children's choir rehearses after school on Tuesdays until 4.40pm. The choir is open to children in years 3-6. It's free to join and no choral singing experience or music reading ability is required. To register your interest for joining in September, or to find out more, please email our Children's Choir Director, Elly, on sjedchildrenschoir@gmail.com

Recital dates in 2027

8 May: Peter Wright (Former Director of Music at Southwark Anglican Cathedral)
12 June: Piano recital by Calum Ward (St. Laurence, Catford)
10 July: Jonathan Holmes (St. Mary, Ewell)
18 September: Irene Wolstenholme (Battersea)

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