

THIS WEEK

Today

9.15am Morning Prayer
10am Sung Mass
5pm Christchurch London Service

Monday 13th May (St Euthymius the Enlightener)

9am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 14th (St Matthias)

9am Morning Prayer
1.10pm Said Mass

Wednesday 15th (St Sophia)

9am Morning Prayer
7pm Said Mass

Thursday 16th (St Brendan the Voyager)

9am Morning Prayer

Friday 17th (St Pascal Baylon)

Saturday 18th (The Ancyra Virgins)

9.15am Morning Prayer
9.30am Said Mass (Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 19th (5th SUNDAY OF EASTER)

9.15am Morning Prayer
10am Parish Mass
12am Ss Peter & Paul Knanaya Church (Jacobite Syrian Orthodox) Service
5pm Christchurch London Service

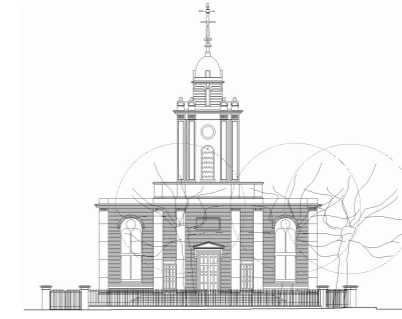
Further Ahead

Wednesday 22 May, 7pm – Archdeacon’s Visitation, with Swearing In of Churchwardens and Common Fund 2020 Presentation, at St Paul’s Old Ford (No Mass at St John’s that evening).

Saturday 25 May, 11am-2pm (probably!) – Globe Town Assembly Community Gathering on the Market Square. A celebration of the local community, with stalls to promote local groups and projects. St John’s will have it’s own stall and needs volunteers to tell people what we do (fits neatly with the discussion at our Annual Meeting!).

Thursday 30 May, Ascension Day – discussing with the other Bethnal Green churches whether any are interested in a joint evening service, either here or at one of them.

WELCOME TO ST JOHN ON BETHNAL GREEN



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 12TH MAY 2019

Hymns: (New English Hymnal): 338, 282, 231, 352

Introductory Sentence

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia! Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas.² She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, ‘Please come to us without delay.’ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, ‘Tabitha, get up.’ Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from The Revelation to St John

After this 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 worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever 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."

The Gospel: John 10:22-30

Alleluia, alleluia.

I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah,* tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.* The Father and I are one.'

Post Communion Sentence

The Lord will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms and carry them in his bosom, Alleluias!

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please join us for refreshments at the back of church after the service

Our New Bishop of Stepney

Press Release from the Diocese last Tuesday:

The Venerable Dr Joanne Woolway Grenfell, currently Archdeacon of Portsdown, has today been announced as the Diocese of London's next Bishop of Stepney, an area covering the boroughs of Hackney, Islington and Tower Hamlets.

Joanne is the current Archdeacon of Portsdown in the Diocese of Portsmouth. Her life in the Church of England has taken her from outer housing estates and inner city parishes, chaplaincy, diocesan ministry, and cathedral outreach, through to her current strategic role as archdeacon.

Joanne will formally take up her post in September 2019, after her consecration in July, and will join the College of Bishops in the Diocese of London. As well as her role for the Stepney Area, she will be the lead bishop for social responsibility and, along with the Bishop of London, take a lead for safeguarding.

The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, Bishop of London, said:

"This is a hugely exciting appointment for London. Joanne is a person of prayer and theological reflection. She is a person committed to spiritual growth, with an understanding and love of the diversity we see across London. I am sure she will provide inspirational Christian leadership across the Stepney Area, and across the capital as a whole."

The Venerable Dr Joanne Woolway Grenfell, Bishop-designate of Stepney, said:

"It is a joy and a privilege to be asked to become the next Bishop of Stepney and to live in this gloriously diverse and creative part of the capital. I am looking forward to listening to local people to learn what is already happening here, and to discerning how I can best support churches to be confident, growing communities as they live out the good news of the gospel. There are particular opportunities and challenges here – empowering young people, celebrating each other's many gifts, seeking the common good, working across different communities – and I am excited at the thought of being part of God's work, with others, across Hackney, Islington and Tower Hamlets."

(Fr Alan adds: the important piece of information missing from this Press Release is that Joanne served her first Curacy in the Parish of Kirkby, where I had also been both a Curate and a Team Vicar. We didn't overlap, but we have a common grounding in Priestly Ministry!)