

### Further Ahead

Tuesday 19 March, 7pm, Concert in church – William Bishop

Thursday 21 March, 7.30pm: Collation and Licensing of Rev Erin Clark as Rector of St Matthew's, Bethnal Green (at St Matthew's, of course!)

Tuesday 26 March, 7pm: Concert in church – Dylan Carlson

Friday 29 March, 7pm & 10pm: Concerts in church – William Basinski & Lawrence English

Sunday 31 March, 10pm: Mothering Sunday Mass

### Grand Union Orchestra: Sounding Bethnal Green, February – April 2019

The Grand Union Orchestra is the acknowledged pioneer and leading exponent of cross-cultural music-making in the UK. Sounding Bethnal Green is a series of events on the first and third Friday of each month at St John's, to bring to the attention of local residents the extraordinary variety of people and cultures on their doorstep.

As much a social as a cultural event, Sounding Bethnal Green is a series of informal evenings combining performance, interview, discussion and practical workshop. Led by professional artists from all parts of the world who have settled in East London, they will highlight the remarkable demographic of the area, its history and the music flourishing locally.

Come along and listen, join in, contribute and, of course, meet your neighbours! Bar open throughout. Admission: pay what you can.

**15 March: Focusing on the music of Somalia and the Congo.**

**5 April: Led by Bulgarian percussionist Lilia Iontcheva, focusing on the songs and dance rhythms of Eastern Europe and the Balkans**

### GIFT AID

If you have signed a Gift Aid form in the past and have changed address or are no longer paying tax, please tell Fr Alan. If you give through the Free Will Offering envelopes and now pay tax please do fill out a Gift Aid form.

### ST JOHN'S ELECTORAL ROLL

This is the basic list in every parish of all those entitled to vote on elections within the Church of England. Those entitled to have their names on this roll have to be 16 years of age or more and they must reside in the relevant parish or be regular worshippers in church whose roll they wish to join. The roll is completely renewed every six years, at which point all members have to re-apply for membership or else their names will be deleted. By this means, the continuing validity of the roll is maintained.

This is the year in which a new roll is formed. Forms are available at the back of church and need to be filled in by early March. For further information please speak to Clare Barnett, our Electoral Roll Officer, or one of the Churchwardens.

## WELCOME TO ST JOHN ON BETHNAL GREEN



### THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 10 MARCH 2019

Today's Hymns - (New English Hymnal): 383 (2<sup>nd</sup> tune), 393, 339, 418

#### *Introductory Sentence*

Jesus in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

#### *The Collect*

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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**

#### *First Reading: Deuteronomy 26. 1-11*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses spoke to the people, saying: When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring

the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

*Second Reading: Romans 10. 8b-13*

A reading from St Paul's Letter to the church in Rome.

What does scripture say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

*The Gospel: Luke 4. 1-13*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*Post Communion Sentence*

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

*Post Communion Prayer*

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

## THIS WEEK

### Today

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

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March (St Eulogius)

9am Morning Prayer

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> (St Maximilan)

9am Morning Prayer  
1.10pm Said Mass  
7.30pm Church Council meets in the Vaughan Room

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> (St Euphrasia)

9am Morning Prayer  
7.30pm Said Mass (or possibly 7pm)  
8pm Lent Reflection Group meets in the Vaughan Room (or possibly 7.30pm)

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> (St Matilda)

9am Morning Prayer  
6pm First Thursday Art Exhibition: Rosie Dahlmere

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> (St Longinus)

12.4pm Belfry Exhibition: Rosie Dahlmere - Delphyne  
6.45pm Concert in church: Grand Union Orchestra (see below)

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> (St Heribert of Cologne)

9.15am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Said Mass (Book of Common Prayer)  
12.4pm Belfry Exhibition: Rosie Dahlmere - Delphyne

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> (THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT)

9.15am Morning Prayer  
10am Parish Mass  
12am Ss Peter & Paul Knanaya Church (Jacobite Syrian Orthodox) Service  
12.4pm Belfry Exhibition: Rosie Dahlmere - Delphyne  
5pm Christchurch London Service

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