

THIS WEEK

Today

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

Monday 26th August (St Zephyrinus)

Tuesday 27th (St Monica)

9am Morning Prayer
1.10pm Said Mass

Wednesday 28th (St Augustine)

Thursday 29th (The Passion of St John the Baptist)

Friday 30th (St Fiacre)

Saturday 31st (St Aidan)

Sunday 1st September (11th SUNDAY OF TRINITY)

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

**The Induction and Installation of Rev Heather Atkinson
as Vicar of St Peter's, Bethnal Green
Monday 9 September, Supper at 7pm, Service at 8pm**

Tuesday 17 September – Concert in Church, Megan McKenna

**Welcome Service for Bishop Joanne, our new Bishop of Stepney
Friday 27 September, 7.30pm (doors open from 7pm)
St Mary Islington, Upper Street, N1 2TX**

All congregation members are invited to this, but we need to register our numbers. Too late to join Fr Alan's list, but you can do this yourself (TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATIONS) by going to 'Stepney Welcome Service for Bishop Joanne' at Eventbrite.

All members of St John's congregation are invited to join **the church Electoral Roll**. This is our membership list: anyone over the age of 16 who lives in the parish or who has attended the church for six months can join. For a form please see Clare, our Electoral Roll Officer, or Debbie, our Churchwarden.

WELCOME TO ST JOHN ON BETHNAL GREEN



THE 10TH SUNDAY OF TRINITY 25 AUGUST 2019

Today's Hymns - New English Hymnal: 418, 391, 443, 440 (omit * verses)

Introductory Sentence

Lord, hear my prayer and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; answer me in your righteousness.

The Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please 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**

First Reading: Isaiah 58. 9b-14

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honourable; if you honour it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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Second Reading: Hebrews 12. 18-29

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Gospel: Luke 13. 10-17

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath. **Alleluia!**

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Post Communion Sentence

I am the gate, says the Lord; whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find food.

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

**Forgive Us as We Forgive, by Malcolm Guite
from his seven sonnet sequence on The Lord's Prayer**

Forgive as we forgive: the prayer you give us,
Comes home so close yet radiates so far.
We set the limits on our own forgiveness;
As generous or grudging as we are.
The wounds we give and take in all our weakness,
The injuries that smoulder, burning slow,
The sins that others visited upon us,
Are ours to hold or utterly let go.

You tell the story of the wretched debtor,
The one forgiven everything he owed,
Who then exacted payment, to the letter,
From one who could not bear the given load.
Oh lift my given load that I, forgiven,
Might give away forgiveness, free as heaven.

Belfry Exhibition

The Art House Project: Not My Planet

First Thursday Opening – Thursday 5 September, 6-9pm

6-8th, 12-15th, 19-22nd September 7-9pm

There will be a big variety of art work on show using different media: paintings, photography, mixed media, sculpture, installations and video projections by twenty different artists from (or collaborating with) Art House Project.

Art work will address environmental issues raising awareness about our responsibility towards life conservation.