

## THIS WEEK

### Today

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

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September (St Justus)

9am Morning Prayer

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> (St Gregory the Great)

9am Morning Prayer  
1.10pm Said Mass

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> (St Birinius)

9am Morning Prayer  
7pm Said Mass

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> (St Bertin)

9am Morning Prayer  
6-9pm First Thursday Belfry Exhibition: Not My Planet

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> (St Magnus)

7-9pm Belfry Exhibition: Not My Planet

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> (St Regina)

9.15am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Said Mass (Book of Common Prayer)  
7-9pm Belfry Exhibition: Not My Planet

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> (12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF TRINITY)

9.15am Morning Prayer  
10am Parish Mass  
5pm Christchurch London Service  
7-9pm Belfry Exhibition: Not My Planet

**Belfry Exhibition - The Art House Project: Not My Planet**

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

**6-8<sup>th</sup>, 12-15<sup>th</sup>, 19-22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Monday 9 September, 8pm – Licensing of Rev Heather Atkinson as Vicar of St Peter's, Bethnal Green**

**Tuesday 17 September – Concert in Church, Megan McKenna**

## WELCOME TO ST JOHN ON BETHNAL GREEN



### THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF TRINITY 1 SEPTEMBER 2019

Today's Hymns - New English Hymnal: 124, 362, 137, 468

#### *Introductory Sentence*

The Lord waits to be gracious to you; he will rise up to show mercy to you; for the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

#### *The Collect*

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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: Ecclesiasticus 10. 12-18*

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

Words spoken by the wise bring them favour, but the lips of fools consume them. The words of their mouths begin in foolishness, and their talk ends in wicked madness; yet fools talk on and on. No one knows what is to happen, and who can tell anyone what the future holds? The toil of fools wears them out, for they do not even know the way to town. Alas for you, O land, when your king is a servant, and your princes feast in the morning! Happy are you, O land, when your king is a nobleman, and your princes feast at the proper time— for strength, and not for drunkenness. Through sloth the roof sinks in, and through indolence the house leaks.

#### *Second Reading: Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16*

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you

yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*The Gospel:* Luke 14. 1, 7-14

Alleluia, Alleluia.

The least among all of you is the greatest, says the Lord. **Alleluia!**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

*Post Communion Sentence*

By God's will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

*Post Communion Prayer*

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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

## The Final Two Sonnets by Malcolm Guite from his seven sonnet sequence on The Lord's Prayer

### The Time of Trial

*Oh do not bring us to the time of trial,  
Deliver us, deliver us from evil.  
How is it that your own petitions fail  
As evil slams its hammer to the anvil?  
For you were brought to trial and not delivered  
You let the prince of darkness do his worst  
The sun shrank from that sight, the whole world shivered,  
The fount of blessing let himself be cursed.*

*How is it? Is it that your dereliction  
Makes possible the answer to my prayer?  
Am I delivered by your bitter passion,  
As you face every evil for me there?  
Unanswered answerer, forsaken friend,  
Bring me to my beginning through your end.*

### Thine is the Kingdom

*The kingdom and the power and the glory,  
The very things we all want for ourselves!  
We want to be the hero of the story  
And leave the others on their dusty shelves.  
How subtly we seek to keep the kingdom,  
How brutally we hold on to the power,  
Our glory always means another's thralldom,  
But still we strut and fret our little hour.*

*What might it mean to let it go forever,  
To die to all that desperate desire,  
To give the glory wholly to another,  
Throw all we hold into that holy fire?  
A wrenching loss and then a sudden freedom  
In given glories and a hidden kingdom.*

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