

THIS WEEK

Today

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

Monday 12th August (St Anicetus)

9am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 13th (St Cassian of Imola)

9am Morning Prayer
1.10pm Said Mass

Wednesday 14th (St Maximilian Kolbe)

9am Morning Prayer

Thursday 15th (The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

9am Morning Prayer

Friday 16th (St Stephen of Hungry, St Roch)

Saturday 17th (St Hyacinth of Cracow)

Sunday 18th (9th SUNDAY OF TRINITY)

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

The Wednesday evening Mass will not take place in August, resuming at 7pm on Wednesday 4 September.

**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. You can either do this yourself by going to 'Stepney Welcome Service for Bishop Joanne' at Eventbrite or by letting Fr Alan know you wish to attend.

WELCOME TO ST JOHN ON BETHNAL GREEN



THE 8TH SUNDAY OF TRINITY 11 AUGUST 2019

Today's Hymns - New English Hymnal: 238, 383 (2nd tune), 280, 381

Introductory Sentence

All who take refuge in you will be glad; they will sing out their joy for ever; you will shelter them, so that those who love your name may exult in you.

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Genesis. 15. 1-6

A reading from the Book of Genesis

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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Second Reading: Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Gospel: Luke 12. 32-40

Alleluia, alleluia.

Do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. **Alleluia!**

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

Post Communion Sentence

What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands concerning the word of life, we declare to you, so that your joy may be complete.

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

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

**Thy Kingdom Come, by Malcolm Guite
from his seven sonnet sequence on The Lord’s Prayer**

Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth
Can we imagine what we’re asking for?
When all we know and all we think we’re worth
As vanity might vanish, disappear,
Fading before the splendours you reveal:
The beggars crowned with glory, all the meek
Exalted even as the mighty fall,
And everywhere the triumph of the weak.

And we, who have been first, will be the last
And queue for mercy like the refugees
Whom only moments earlier we passed
By on the other side. For now the seas
That separated are no more. The Sun
Is risen like justice, and his will is done.

**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.