

THIS WEEK

Today

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

Monday 19th August (St Arnulf of Metz)

9am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 20th (St Bernard of Clairvaux)

9am Morning Prayer
1.10pm Said Mass

Wednesday 21st (St Jane Frances de Chantal)

Thursday 22nd (St Symphorian)

Friday 23rd (St Rose of Lima)

Saturday 24th (St Bartholomew)

Sunday 25th (10th 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 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.

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WELCOME TO ST JOHN ON BETHNAL GREEN



THE 9TH SUNDAY OF TRINITY 18 AUGUST 2019

Today's Hymns - New English Hymnal: 484 (t. 167), 360, 294, 478

Introductory Sentence

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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: Jeremiah 23. 23-29

A reading from the Prophecy of Jeremiah

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Second Reading: Hebrews 29 – 12.2

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they

had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Gospel: Luke 12. 49-56

Alleluia, alleluia.

You will be hated by all because of my name, says the Lord; but the one who endures to the end will be saved. **Alleluia!**

Jesus said, ‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’ He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?’

Post Communion Sentence

If you hear my voice and open the door, says the Lord, I will come in to you and eat with you and you with me.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

**Daily Bread, by Malcolm Guite
from his seven sonnet sequence on The Lord’s Prayer**

*Give us this day our daily bread we pray,
As though it came straight from the hand of God,
As though we held an empty plate each day,
And found it filled, by miracle, with food,
Although we know the ones who plough and sow,
Who pick and plant and package whilst we sleep
With slow backbreaking labour, row by row,
And send away to others all they reap,*

*We know that these unseen who meet our needs
Are all themselves the fingers of your hand,
As are the grain, the rain, the air, the land,
And, slighting these, we slight the hand that feeds.
What if we glimpsed you daily in their toil
And found and thanked and served you through them all?*

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.