

## THIS WEEK

### Today (TRINITY SUNDAY)

9.15am Morning Prayer

10am Parish Mass

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June (St Florence)

9am Morning Prayer

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> (St Eusebius of Samosatra)

9am Morning Prayer

1pm Said Mass

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> (St Alban)

9am Morning Prayer

No Mass today

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> (St Etheldreda)

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> (Birth of John the Baptist)

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> (St Febronia)

9.15am Morning Prayer

9.30-10.30am Office Hour in church, for booking of Baptisms, etc

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

9.15am Morning Prayer

10am Parish Mass

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT ST JOHN'S

Friday 1 July, 9pm, Arun Ghosh - Canticle of the Sun

Wednesday 6 July, 7.30pm, The Carice Singers - Lend An Ear, The Legacy of Ralph Vaughan Williams

Saturday 16 July, 12-2pm, Daylight Music - Gordon McIntyre, Emma Kupa, and Alexia Avina

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Before the disruption of the last two years we shared out a wide variety of roles to keep services and the church running smoothly. Please let Fr Alan know if you would consider any of these opportunities.

**Readers:** joining the rota to read a Bible reading in the Sunday Mass;

**Intercessors:** leading the prayers in the Sunday Mass, either writing your own, or using a set form;

**Servers:** joining the altar party to carry a candle or the incense;

**Sacristan Assistant:** helping Frani to set up and clear away the items needed for the Mass;

**Eucharistic Minister:** taking Communion to those unable to attend Sunday Mass and, once we reintroduce it, assisting with the wine Chalice in the Mass;

**Church Watcher:** being in church for a set time to have the doors open for visitors.

## WELCOME TO ST JOHN ON BETHNAL GREEN



## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022

Hymns: (New English Hymnal): 232, 480, 285, 475

### *Introductory Sentence*

We look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

### *The Collect*

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 65. 1-9*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

The word of the Lord through the prophet: I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am,' to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.' These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and

from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

*Second Reading: Galatians 3. 23-29*

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Church in Galatia

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ; there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

*The Gospel: Luke 8. 26-39*

Alleluia, alleluia.

With authority and power the Lord commands the unclean spirits and out they come!

**Alleluia!**

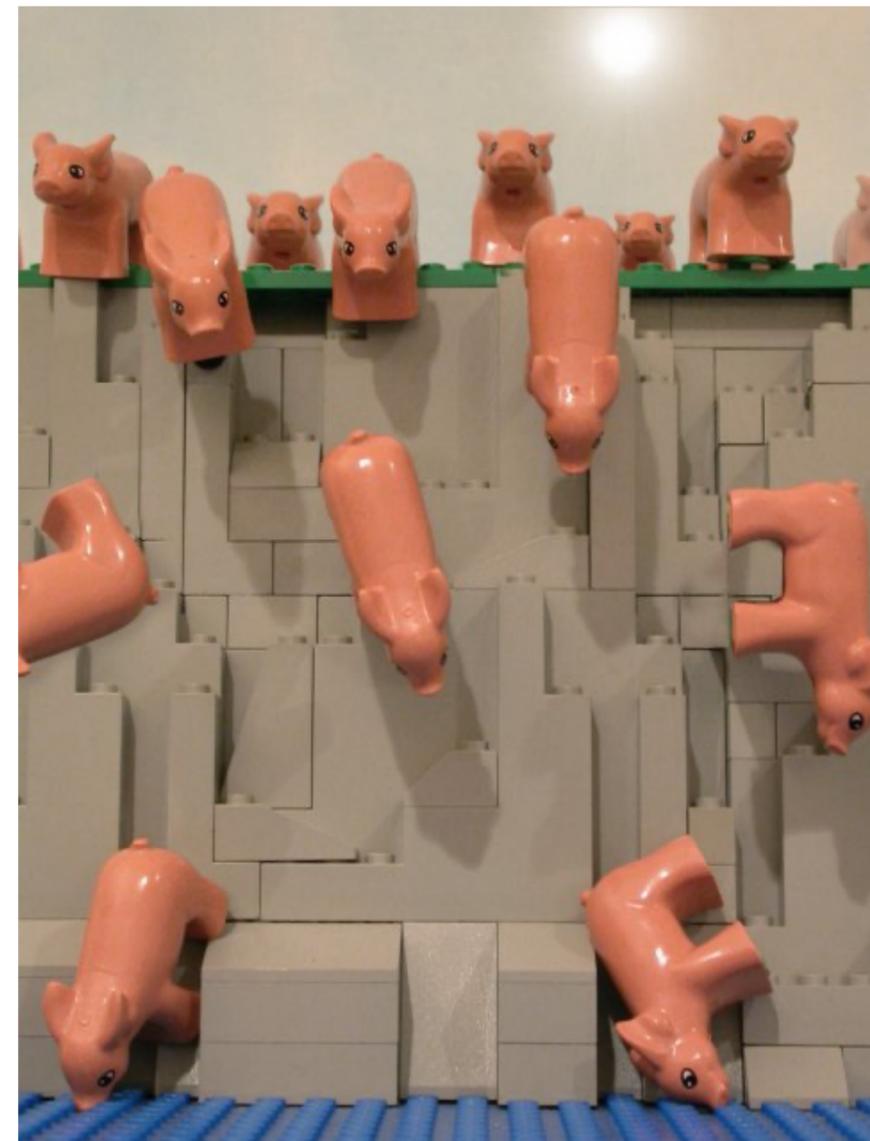
Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' - for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

*Post Communion Sentence*

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel; he heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.

*Post Communion Prayer*

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



The Gerasene Pigs, from the Brick Testament, Bible stories told in Lego!