

## THIS & NEXT WEEK

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May (St Julius of Durustorum)

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> (St Bernard of Montjoux)

9.15am Morning Prayer

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

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> (7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE)

9.15am Morning Prayer

10am Parish Mass

11.10am Election of Churchwardens and Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May (St Joan of Arc)

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> (The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June (St Justin Martyr)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> (St Elmo)

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> (St Charles Lwanga)

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> (St Petroc)

12.00 Concert in church: Daylight Music – MINIHI, Rattle & Fatima Lahham

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> (PENTECOST – WHIT SUNDAY)

9.15am Morning Prayer

10am Parish Mass

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN ST JOHN'S

Saturday 4 June, 12-2pm, Daylight Music - MINIHI, Rattle, and Fatima Lahham

Thursday 16 June, 4pm, Corpus Christi Procession beginning at St Barnabas, passing through St John's and continuing to St Matthew's, Bethnal Green

Friday 17 June, 12pm, Funeral in church

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

## WELCOME TO ST JOHN ON BETHNAL GREEN



## THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

26 MAY 2022

*Introductory Sentence*

Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? Alleluia!

This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*The Greeting*

God has gone up with a shout,

**The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**

*First Reading: Acts 1:1-11*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This,' he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Alleluia. Christ is risen

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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*The Collect*

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

*Second Reading: Ephesians 1.15-23*

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the church at Ephesus

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*The Gospel: Luke 24.44-53*

Alleluia, alleluia. Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord. Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. **Alleluia.**

Jesus said to the disciples, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*Preparation of the Table*

Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The Breaking of the Bread*

Lord we died with you on the cross.

**Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

**Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

*The Giving of Communion*

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.

The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

**Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb. Alleluia.**

*Post Communion Sentence*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, alleluia.

*Post Communion Prayer*

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**We thank you, Lord,**

**That you have fed us in this sacrament,**

**United us with Christ,**

**And given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet**

**Prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

*Final Reading: Acts 1. 12, 13a, 14*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*Responsory – to each line the response is:*

**Make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

*The Dismissal*

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit,

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia**