

Christ and St John, Isle of Dogs

'Building a strong community through our Christian Faith'

Sunday 7 December 2025: Christingle Service

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8am said Book of Common Prayer Mass

11am Parish Mass, President & Preacher : Fr. Tom Pyke

5pm Parish Office for Baptisms and Weddings

6.30 Evening Prayer

Introit: *Populus enim Sion habitabit*, O people in Zion, you shall weep no more, Chant 2, Parish Psalter, M. Gamidge

Processional Hymn NEH Processional Hymn: NEH 10 Long ago, prophets knew (tune: Personent Hodie)

Christingle Carol, Away in a manger

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.**

Collect:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the
earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the
wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the
asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the
adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the
Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal
to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him,
and his dwelling shall be glorious.

**Psalm 72:1-7, 18&19 as NEH 55 Hail to the Lord's
anointed (tune: Cruger) vss 1-3**

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles
and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the gentiles;
in him the gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Gradual Hymn NEH 407 Lord, they word abideth
(tune: Ravenshaw) vss 1, 5)**

Gospel Reading: Luke 23: 33-43

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’ ”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and

Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

**Offertory Hymn: NEH 11 O come, O come.
Emmanuel (tune: Veni Emmanuel)**

**Communion Hymn NEH 21 A great and mighty
wonder (tune: Es ist ein ros’ entsprungen)**

**Recessional Hymn NEH 6 Hark the glad sound, the
Saviour comes (tune: Bristol)**

**Please remember in your prayers those who are ill
in body, mind and spirit:**

Mary Martinson, Samantha McTasney, Kathy McTasney, Dominika Marchioro, Peter Harrison, Olive Joseph, Jasmine, Ken Lilley, Robert Hageman, Deborah Herbert.

‘The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up’ (from James 5:14)

And those who have died:

Joan Livett, Tommy Price, Gloria Small, Linda Green, Trevor Stansfield, Jean Farrigua

‘May they rest in peace, and rise in glory’ (from traditional Christian liturgy)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Anglican Church of Australia is The Church of Bangladesh (Bengali: চার্চ অব বাংলাদেশ) is a united Protestant church formed by the union of various Protestant churches in Bangladesh, principally the Anglican and Presbyterian denominations. The Church of Bangladesh is a member of the Anglican Communion and the World Communion of Reformed Churches.

The Church of Bangladesh currently has three

dioceses – Dhaka Diocese (Archbishop Samuel Sunil Mankhin), Kushtia Diocese (Bishop Hemen Halder), and Barisal Diocese (Bishop Shourabh Pholia). There are a total of 8 deaneries and 115 parishes under the three dioceses. The population is about 22,600. Membership is

diverse, including many different cultures. About half of the total members are from the Garo, Santal, Marma and Chakma ethnic groups of Bangladesh.

Mon 8 Dec	9.15 School Mass, St Luke’s School Hall
Tues 9 Dec	10.30 - 12noon Food Bank 6.30pm PCC Standing Committee 7.30 - 9.00 pm Bell Ringing Practice
Weds 10 Dec	6pm Choir Practice 7.15pm Midweek Mass
Thurs 11 Dec	12 noon Prayers for the Peace of the World
Fri 12 Dec	8.30 am BCP Morning Prayer and Fellowship at Christ Church
Sun 14 Dec,	8am Book of Common Prayer said Mass 11am Parish Mass and Sunday School Nativity Play 5pm Parish Office 6.30pm Evening Service

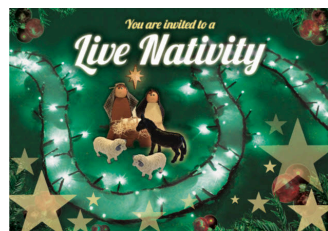
	<p>Advent and Christmas Services at Christ Church</p> <p>Sun 7th Dec Christingle Service Thu 11th Dec 6.30pm Carol-Singing Sat 13th Dec 2pm Mudchute Farm Nativity Sun 14th Sunday School Nativity Play Thu 18th Dec 6.30pm Carol-Singing 21st Dec 3pm Carol Service Wed 24th Dec 5pm Children and Families Service. Wed 24th Dec 11.30pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity Thu 25th Dec 11am Mass for Christmas Day</p>
	<p>Orlando Chamber Choir: Mary's European Christmas: This Advent concert turns attention to Mary on her journey to Bethlehem. Drawing on Italian, French, Spanish, Germanic, Flemish and English traditions, the music offers a short tour of Europe in the lead-up to Christmas. Interval refreshments: wine, mince pies, panettone and stollen.</p> <p>Event is on 11 December 2025 at St Botolph's without Bishopsgate, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3TL, at 7:30pm for more details please check the link below: Mary's European Christmas Diocese of London</p>



Hong Kong Fire Fundraising Concert
Christ Church, Isle of Dogs
Saturday 13 December at 7.30 pm

Join us for an evening of music in support of post-fire relief efforts in Hong Kong.
Entry: £6. All proceeds will go directly to relief work.

For more information, please follow the link [Hong Kong Fire Relief Fundraising Concert 香港火災支援籌款音樂會 — Jessica Wu, Pianist](#)



Mudchute Nativity 13th December 2025

If you would like to take part as a reader in this year's Nativity, please give your name in at the church office, or to Sabeeta Leghari. Stella has kidney offered to help with refreshments. We are also looking for two readers. Your participation and support will be greatly appreciated. This event, like the Palm Saturday equivalent, is an important part of our partnership with St Luke's Church.



Berliners' Visit

Our friends from Berlin will be visiting us soon!
Welcome our international guests, share our community spirit, and enjoy fellowship together over the May bank holiday 2026. We need hosts to open their homes and to our Berlin friends during their stay: 30th April to 4th May. Please contact Tamsin at tamsinw@icloud.com if you can help.



Christmas Carols @ The Space
with the London Docklands Singers

Mondays 8th and 15th December 8:00 PM
The Space, Isle of Dogs, E14

Please join LDS in 2025 for its annual Christmas Carol Concerts at The Space, on 8th and 15th December. As always the programme will include traditional favourites, plus some less familiar carols from different parts of the world. Mulled wine and mince pies provided by Hubbub. All proceeds to Crisis – the national charity for homeless people.

Tickets

Available online from The Space and on the door subject to availability



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