

Christ and St John, Isle of Dogs
'Building a strong community through our Christian Faith'
Sunday 18 January 2026
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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, led by Fr. Tom

Introit: Omnis terra adoret te All the earth shall worship you, Chant 122, The Parish Psalter, J. Nares

Processional Hymn NEH 485 Thy hand, O God, has guided (tune: Thornbury)

Collect:

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches
of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands;
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born;
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord
and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength—
he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

**Psalm 40: 1-12 as I waited patiently for the Lord,
Psalm Praise 88, vss 1,3 Michael Baughen and
David Wilson**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the
will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gradual Rouen Alleluia

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found

his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Offertory Hymn: NEH 498 Son of God, eternal Saviour, vss 1,2,3,5 (tune: Everton)

Communion Hymn NEH 302 O thou, who at thy eucharist didst pray (tune: Song 1)

Anthem Ave verum corpus, Edward Elgar, arr. Alan Ridout (SA+Men)

Recessional Hymn NEH 435 Onward, Christian soldiers, vss 1,4,5 t (tune St Gertrude)

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

Mary Martinson, Mary Mansfield, Samantha McTasney, Kathy McTasney, 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:

Jean Farrigua, Linda Green, Trevor Stansfield, Dominika Marchioro

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Province de l’Eglise Anglicane du Congo traces its origins to Anglican missionary work in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, particularly through the efforts of the Church Missionary Society in

what was then the Congo Free State. As local congregations grew and indigenous leadership developed, the church steadily moved toward self-governance. In 1961, shortly after the country's independence, the Anglican Church in Congo was formally constituted as a province within the

worldwide Anglican Communion. Since its foundation, the province has played a vital role in evangelism, education, healthcare, and peace-building, bearing Christian witness amid social and political challenges.

Mon 19 Jan	9.15 - School Mass at St Luke's School
Tues 18 Jan	10.30 - 12noon Food Bank 7.30 - 9.00 pm Bell Ringing Practice
Weds 19 Jan	6pm Choir Practice 7.15 Midweek Mass in St John's Chapel
Thurs 20 Jan	12noon Prayers for the peace of the world
Fri 21 Jan	8.30 am BCP Morning Prayer and Fellowship at Christ Church
Sun 23 Jan	8am Book of Common Prayer said Mass 11am Parish Mass 5pm Parish Office 6.30pm Evening Service



Youth club dates & venue

We now have a Joint Youth Group run between Christ Church, St Luke's Church and City of Peace, with youth workers and volunteers from the churches. Our calendar is going to start with sessions, 4.30 - 6.30pm on

- Tuesday 10th February, 2026 @ Christ Church (Crypt)
- Tuesday 24th February, 2026 @ St. Lukes Church

The planned age range is 12 and upwards. If you would like to become a member or if you would like to volunteer, see Fr. Tom or come along on the day.



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 tamsinvw@icloud.com if you can help.



Creative Cathedral at St Paul's Cathedral

On the first Saturday of Half Term (14th February) The education and events team at St Paul's (our Cathedral Church) are running a morning of creative family-based activities, followed by a family-friendly eucharist.

Free admission to the Cathedral with a ticket. Go to stpauls.co.uk/whatson



Thank you to everyone who has supported the Children's Society by their Christingle giving and carol singing. To date we have raised £256.03 The final piece of the jigsaw will be our Candlemas service on Sunday 1st February, which will be the last opportunity this season to make a donation. Perhaps, between now and then, you could set up your own collecting tin at home to count your blessings, and share them with vulnerable young people.



Join Trees for Cities and the local community to plant new trees in Millwall Park!

Trees for Cities is working with Tower Hamlets Council to plant new trees in Millwall Park. The trees are intended to provide future shade, habitats for wildlife and visual interest to paths and spaces in the park.

TfC would like to invite you to their Community Planting Day, taking place on Saturday 31st January 2026, 10am-3pm at Millwall Park, E14 3NQ.

This activity is suitable for all ages. No experience is required. Trees for Cities will provide all the tools and equipment you need as well as guidance on tree planting from our team. There will also be a free hot lunch and refreshments provided.

To find out more and sign up to the event, please visit:
www.treesforcities.org/millwall-park



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