

Christ and St John, Isle of Dogs

'Building a strong community through our Christian Faith'

Sunday 7 Septmebr 2025: The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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Please take this sheet home with you

8am Book of Common Prayer Mass

11am Parish Mass, President & Preacher :

Fr. Tom Pyke

*5pm Parish Office for Baptism, Wedding and
Safeguarding applications*

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

**Processional Hymn NEH 232 Awake, my soul, and
with the sun (tune: Morning Hymn)**

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is
afraid and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said 'See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may

live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.'

Psalm 1 - NEH 369 Happy are they, they that love God (tune: Binchester)

Second Reading: Philemon 1–21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To our beloved co-worker Philemon, to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:

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

I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do

nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

One thing more: prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you.

Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my co-workers.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were travelling with him, and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Offertory Hymn: NEH 231 Who are these, like stars appearing (tune: All Saints)

Communion Hymn: NEH 236 Lord, as I wake, I turn to you (tune: Daniel)

Recessional Hymn NEH 235 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go (tune: Song 34 [Angels’ Song])

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, Jean Farrigua, Robert Hageman, Deborah Herbert, Sarah Bryant, Mushtaq Barkat

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

And those who have died:

Tom Keighley, Joan Livett, John Skeels, Blake Simms.

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa, known until 2006 as the Church of the Province of Southern Africa, is the province of the Anglican Communion in the southern part of Africa. The church has twenty-five dioceses, of which twenty-one are located in South Africa, and one each in Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia and Saint Helena.

In the 2001 South African Census, there were a recorded 1.7 million Anglicans out of a total South African population of close to 45 million. No census information has been available since although further studies have been done.

Tues 9 Sep	10.30 - 12noon Food Bank 7.30 - 9.00 pm Bell Ringing Practice
Weds 10 Sep	6pm Choir Practice 7.15pm Midweek Mass
Thur 11 Sep	8-1pm 'Give Thought for Your Community', a time of reflection and prayer (please see the relevant notice below)
Fri 12 Sep	8.30 am BCP Morning Prayer and Fellowship at Christ Church 9:30 am to 11:00 am Toy Library
Sun 14 Sep	8am Said BCP Mass 11am Parish Mass 5pm Parish Office 6.30 pm Evening Prayer

	<p>Assylum seekers at the Britannia Hotel on Marsh Wall.</p> <p>For church leaders on the Isle of Dogs our major concern is the wedge that is being driven down the middle of our community. Division like this will affect our relationships going forward .</p> <p>The church leaders on the Isle of Dogs are agreed that we need to bring prayer to this situation:</p> <p>St Luke's Millwall hosted a Global Week of Prayer meeting on Friday.</p> <p>Christ Church will open next Thursday for a morning called 'Give Thought for Your Community' from 8am - 1pm. This is open to people of all faiths and none, a time for reflection.</p> <p>A monthly prayer walk is due to begin on Tuesday 16th Sep, 8.45 - 9.45am, starting from St Luke's Millwall. This will be on the third Tuesday of the month. Other churches will offer opportunities for prayer, and we'll keep you posted.</p>
	<p>Relaunch of The Toy Library</p> <p>Our Toy Library is open every Friday from 9:30 am to 11:00 am – a welcoming space for parents, carers and little ones to enjoy toys (and borrow them) play, and socialise with children of their own age.</p> <p>We also hold a Pram Service once a month a short, child-friendly service with songs, prayers, and stories. This will be on the first Friday of the month from 3rd October, at 11am. Parents, carers, grandparents and children welcome!</p>
	<p>Stepney Thanksgiving Service & Farewell to Bishop Joanne - 22 September 2025</p> <p>Join us for an evening of worship, thanksgiving, fellowship and edifying story-telling as we celebrate and give thanks for mission in Stepney, and as we take an opportunity to say thank you and farewell to Bishop Joanne.</p> <p>From 6:30pm to 9:00pm at Christ Church Spitalfields</p>
	<p>Autumn Education Programme – Your Ideas Needed!</p> <p>We are planning our Autumn Education Programme and would love to hear what topics you would like to study or explore together.</p> <p>There are some really interesting ideas appearing on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Please mark any you particularly like with a tick</p> <p>Please write your further ideas on the sign-up sheet.</p>



Back to Church Sunday on 21 September 2025

Come and reconnect! We invite everyone old friends, new faces, families, neighbours to join us for Back to Church Sunday. Stay after the service for a community BBQ

Please tell Fr. Tom or Sabeeta Leghari if you can provide a salad or a pudding for the BBQ. Please take some flyers and post them through your neighbours' doors. Draw their attention to the banner on the church fence.



Harvest Festival on 5 October 2025 - (Please note the change in date)

Join us for Harvest Sunday on 5th October.

Please bring along your harvest gifts of food and produce as we give thanks for God's blessings and share them with those in need.

All donations will be distributed to local families and to our food bank. On Saturday 4th October, from 10am there will be a work party to tidy and decorate the church.

St Luke's Day Service

We are all invited to the St Luke's Millwall Patronal Festival on Sunday 19th October at 10-.30am, with lunch afterwards. There will not be an 11am service at Christ Church that day. Other service will happen as normal



Get ready to step into the festive spirit at our Christmas Fayre!

Join us for a joyful day filled with stalls, crafts, delicious seasonal treats, and plenty of Christmas cheer.

There will be homemade cakes, raffles, gift stalls, children's activities, and maybe even a special visit from Father Christmas! *(but all of this will only be true if you volunteer - We particularly need a lead organiser for the event Editor)*

Date: Sat 30th November Time: 10am - 2pm

Location: Christ Church Isle of Dogs



Berliners' Visit

We are thrilled to announce that our friends from Berlin will be visiting us soon! This special visit is a wonderful opportunity to welcome our international guests, share our community spirit, and enjoy fellowship together over the May bank holiday 2026.

We are looking for hosts to open their homes and show hospitality to our Berlin friends during their stay: 30th April to 4th May. Please contact Tamsin at tamsinvw@icloud.com to host our guests from Berlin or you need further information



Parish Giving Scheme, Sign up here! PGS is, far and away, the best and easiest way to give to support the church's work. Please scan the QR code to begin.



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