

Christ and St John, Isle of Dogs

'Building a strong community through our Christian Faith'

Sunday 25 January 2026, The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle,

End of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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Please take this sheet home with you

8am said Book of Common Prayer Mass

11am Parish Mass, President Fr. Tom Pyke;

Preacher: Mr Michael Blaby

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,
 who caused the light of the gospel
 to shine throughout the world
 through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:
 grant that we who celebrate his wonderful
 conversion may follow him in bearing witness to
 your truth;
 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: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
 and before you were born I consecrated you;
 I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

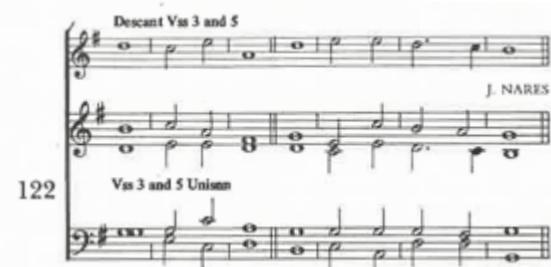
Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me,

'Do not say, "I am only a boy";
 for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
 and you shall speak whatever I command you.
 Do not be afraid of them,
 for I am with you to deliver you,
 says the Lord.'

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

'Now I have put my words in your mouth.
 See, today I appoint you over nations and over
 kingdoms,
 to pluck up and to pull down,
 to destroy and to overthrow,
 to build and to plant.'

Psalm 67, Chant 122, *The Parish Psalter*, J. Nares



God be merciful unto / us and / bless us: and shew
 us the light of his countenance, and be / merci·ful /
 unto / us:

That thy way may be / known · upon / earth: thy
 saving / health a /-mong all / nations.

Let the people / praise thee · O / God: yea let / all
 the / people / praise thee.

O let the nations re /-joice and · be / glad: for thou
 shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the /
 nations · up /-on / earth.

Let the people / praise thee O / God: yea let / all the / people / praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring / forth her / increase: and God even our own / God shall / give us · his / blessing:

God / shall / bless us: and all the / ends of · the / world shall / fear him.

Second Reading: Acts 9:1-22

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was

baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

Gradual Rouen Alleluia

Gospel Reading: Matthew 19:27-end

Peter said to Jesus 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Offertory Hymn: NEH 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say (tune: Kingfold)

Communion Hymn NEH 294 Just as I am, without one plea (tune: Saffron Walden)

Communion Anthem Take, O take me as I am, J. Bell and WGWG

Recessional Hymn NEH 486 We have a gospel to proclaim (tune: Fulda)

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:

Iglesia Anglicana de Chile is the Anglican province serving Chile and has been part of the worldwide Anglican Communion as an autonomous province since 2018. Its roots go back to the nineteenth century, when Anglican congregations were first

established mainly among immigrants and foreign residents, and later grew into Spanish-speaking Chilean communities across the country. Today the church is organised into four dioceses covering central and southern Chile, with congregations in both urban and rural areas. It is marked by Anglican liturgical tradition, pastoral care rooted in local communities, and an ongoing commitment to mission, theological education, social justice, and engagement with Indigenous peoples

Mon 26 Jan	9.15 - School Mass at St Luke's School
Tues 27 Jan	10.30 - 12noon Food Bank 7.30 - 9.00 pm Bell Ringing Practice
Weds 28 Jan	6pm Choir Practice 7.15 Midweek Mass in St John's Chapel
Thurs 29 Jan	12noon Prayers for the peace of the world
Fri 30 Jan	8.30 am BCP Morning Prayer and Fellowship at Christ Church
Sun 01 Feb	8am Book of Common Prayer said Mass 11am Parish Mass 5pm Parish Office 6.30pm Evening Service

Response of the Tower Hamlet's community to UKIP's plan for a so-called 'Walk with Jesus' march in Whitechapel.

On Monday Fr. Tom and other local clergy attended a meeting at the Town Hall to discuss this attempt to disrupt community harmony in Tower Hamlets using Christian identity as a weapon. Our disquiet as Christian leaders at such a blatant and cynical twisting of the Gospel message of love clearly registered with those who have responsibility for authorising and controlling public marches, and this one will not go ahead on the 31st January in Tower Hamlets. The full statement from United East End (Muslims and Christians and other faiths working together) can be read on our eNewsletter, along with a statement from Canon Dr Angus Ritchie from the Centre for Theology and Community.

Though the march will not now go ahead, you can still sign a petition registering your support for this stand against UKIP's motives and actions at <https://unitedeastend.org.uk>. Please be warned that the petition form isn't well-designed, and takes careful reading, but it is genuine and heart-felt. Fr. Tom



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. 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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