

Christ and St John, Isle of Dogs

‘Building a strong community through our Christian Faith’

Sunday 17 August 2025: The Ninth 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 468 Through the night of
doubt and sorrow, vss 1, 3, 4, 6 (tune: Marching)**

Collect:

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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 23.23–29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed! I have dreamed!” How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Psalm 82

God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

**“How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked? Selah**

Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

**Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”**

They have neither knowledge nor understanding;
they walk around in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**I say, “You are gods,
children of the Most High, all of you;**

nevertheless, you shall die like mortals
and fall like any prince.”[a]

**Rise up, O God, judge the earth,
for all the nations belong to you!**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others

were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gradual: Rouen Alleluia and versicle

Gospel Reading: Luke 12.32–40

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Offertory Hymn: NEH 134 The head that once was crowned with thorns (tune: St Magnus)

Communion Hymn NEH 431 O Thou who camest from above (tune: Hereford)

Recessional Hymn NEH 396 Let saints on earth in concert sing (tune: Dundee)

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 Diocese of Nyahururu – The Anglican Church of Kenya The church was founded as the diocese of Eastern Equatorial Africa (Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania) in 1884, with James Hannington as the first bishop; however, Protestant missionary activity had been present in the area since 1844, when Johann Ludwig Krapf, a Lutheran missionary, landed in Mombasa. The first Africans were ordained to the priesthood in 1885. In 1898, the diocese was split into two, with the new diocese of Mombasa governing Kenya and northern Tanzania (the other diocese later became the Church of Uganda); northern Tanzania was separated from the diocese in 1927. Mass conversions of Africans began as early as 1910. In 1955, the diocese's first African bishops, Festo Olang' and Obadiah Kariuki, were consecrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Geoffrey Fisher, in Uganda. In 1960, the province of East Africa, comprising Kenya and Tanzania, was formed with Leonard James Beecher as archbishop. The province was divided into two, with Festo Olang' being the first African archbishop of the new province of Kenya in 1970. Manasses Kuria was the Archbishop of Kenya from 1980 to 1994.

Tues 19 Aug	10.30 am Food Bank 7.30 - 9.00 pm Bell Ringing Practice
Weds 20 Aug	No Choir rehearsal during August No Midweek service during August
Thur 21 Aug	12 noon Prayers for the World Peace
Fri 22 Aug	8.30 am BCP Morning Prayer and Fellowship at Christ Church
Sun 24 Aug	8am Said Mass 11am Parish Mass 5pm Parish Office 6.30 pm Evening Prayer

	<p>Churchill and St Paul's: Icons of the finest hour</p> <p>On 30 January 1965, Sir Winston Churchill's coffin, draped in the Union Jack and borne by Grenadier Guardsmen, entered St Paul's Cathedral for his State Funeral. Broadcast worldwide, the ceremony honoured a leader and a landmark that had both withstood the Blitz, symbolising hope during WWII. Allen Packwood will explore key moments where Churchill and the Cathedral's histories intertwined and shaped each other.</p> <p>Date: 07 September 2025 Time: 13:00 Location: Wren Suite at St Paul's Cathedral, London EC4M 8AD</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, 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>Please write your ideas on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.</p>
	<p>Back to Sunday on 21 September 2025</p> <p>Come and reconnect! We invite everyone old friends, new faces, families, neighbours to join us for Back to Church Sunday.</p> <p>Stay after the service for a delicious BBQ!</p>



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.



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 - *Editor*)

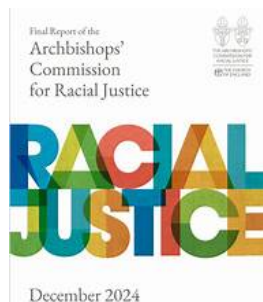
Date: Sat 30th November Time: 10am - 2pm
Location: Christ Church Isle of Dogs



Berliner's 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



Final report of Archbishops' Commission for Racial Justice published

The commission identifies four priorities as key to further progress:

- Nurturing a worship culture in the Church of England that reflects the rich mix of backgrounds and accents present within the church today.
- a robust structure of governance in place across its many component parts that ensures that a sustained focus on racial justice becomes a normal part of its policy and practice.
- an adequate complaints system in place that will enable those who have been treated badly to have their negative experiences genuinely heard. Church leaders need to move from a defensive stance where complaints are ignored, or managed away, to a progressive stance where complaints drive learning and progress.
- barriers to full participation for all within the Church of England identified in the report "Behind the Stained Glass" must be addressed in a sustained and comprehensive manner.



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