

Christ and St John, Isle of Dogs

'Building a strong community through our Christian Faith'

Sunday 19 July 2026, The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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Please take this sheet home with you

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

**Introit Blessed, heavenly light shining through
earth's night (tune Arnstadt)**

**Processional Hymn NEH 413 Now thank we all our
God (tune: Nun Danket)**

Collect:

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to
come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

**Canticle: Unless a grain of wheat should fall,
Bernadette Farrell**

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gradual: Rouen Alleluia and versicle

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.24–30, 36–43

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Offertory Hymn NEH 461 There's a wideness in God's mercy (tune: Cross of Jesus)

Communion Anthem Ave Verum Corpus, W.A. Mozart

Communion Hymn NEH 369 Happy are they, they that love God (tune: Binchester)

Recessional 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, Mary Mansfield, Samantha McTasney, Kathy McTasney, Peter Harrison, Olive Joseph, Ken Lilley, Veronica Alexander, Mica-Rae Fulgence, Robert Hill, Paul Manley, Tony Goodman, Tommy Longley

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

And those who have died:

Ahmad Mashayekhi, Henry White

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan is one of the largest Anglican provinces in Africa and is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion. Christianity has a long history in Sudan, but the modern Anglican presence grew through missionary work in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Today, the Church serves communities across Sudan through worship, evangelism, education, healthcare, peacebuilding, and humanitarian outreach.

A significant milestone came in 2017, when the Episcopal Church of Sudan became an independent province of the Anglican Communion. Prior to this, it formed part of the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan and South Sudan. Following the creation of the independent Province of South Sudan, the Sudanese dioceses established the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, reflecting the country's changing political landscape while continuing their mission within Sudan.

One of the defining characteristics of the Episcopal Church of Sudan is its resilience. Even in times of conflict, churches have continued to gather for worship, nurture faith, and offer hope to those around them. The Province continues to play an important role in promoting peace, advocating for justice, and serving people regardless of their background or faith, embodying the Gospel through both word and action.

Tues 21st July	10.30 - 12noon Food Bank 7.30 - 9.00 pm Bell Ringing Practice
Weds 22nd July	10am departure, Foodbank Trip to Margate 6pm Choir Practice 7.15 Midweek Said Mass
Thurs 23rd July	12 noon Prayers for world peace
Fri 24th July	8.30am BCP Morning Prayer, coffee & fellowship afterwards
Sun 26th July	8am BCP Holy Communion 11am Parish Mass - 5pm Parish Office open for Baptism and Wedding bookings 6.30 Evening Prayer



Welcome to our guests today for this celebration of Fr. Tom's ministry
Especially from Hertfordshire, Birmingham and the Royal Naval Chaplaincy Service. Thank you to the London Docklands Singers who have swelled the choir, and their Director Andrew Campling.

Please do stay and enjoy some lunch with us.



Calling all those on the Church rotas - we use email distribution lists through ChurchDesk to send out emails from time to time. These can sometimes go to spam or junk folders by mistake. If you're on the rotas, we'd be grateful if you could double check these folders and re-route Parish emails to your inbox, so you don't miss any communications. Thank you.



Eco Church Volunteers Wanted

We are exploring ways to gain Eco Church accreditation, greener energy options, alternative space heating, even the possible installation of solar panels. Could you help lead this work? We are looking for volunteers to research opportunities and help develop plans for the PCC.

Please speak to Fr. Tom, if you are interested



Fr. Tom's Memory book

Here is the address of a memory book for Father Tom where you can send in good wishes and pictures: memorybook@parishiod.org.uk

Fr. Tom's final service at Christ Church will be on Sunday 30th August.



Fr. Brian Ralph is leading a Tower Hamlets Deanery visit to Rome 26-31 October this year.

For the full details, please go to




Daytime Disco at St Martins in the Fields
 Saturday 12 September, Saturday 26 September, Saturday 17 October, Saturday 31 October & Saturday 14 November
 Time: 2pm Experience one of London’s most iconic hidden venues like never before and get that irreplaceable disco euphoria, then walk out into the evening light ready for dinner, more drinks, or a fresh start tomorrow.

Tickets are strictly limited for this exclusive experience for over 18s only. Book online



Congratulations to those who worked so hard at the Fete!

It was a very successful and happy afternoon, and everyone said how professionally it was run. Well done!

The top earning stalls this year were:

- Raffle - £1,155.03
- Tea Tent - £453.90
- BBQ - £269.50
- Entrance - £224.70
- Family games - £199.50 (almost 3x last year)
- Bouncy Castle - £184.40
- Homemade Lemonade - £159.65 (more than 2x last year)
- Bottle Stall - £128.00
- Plants - £120.00

We are very grateful to everyone who provided stalls, entertainments and refreshments.



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