

Christ and St John, Isle of Dogs

‘Building a strong community through our Christian Faith’

Sunday 2 August 2026, The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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8am said Book of Common Prayer, Said

11am Parish Mass, President &

Preacher: Fr. Tom Pyke

5pm Baptism and Wedding bookings

6.30pm Evening Prayer led by Fr. Tom

Introit: The Father’s Kingdom comes to all who seek it *Music: Vashti Bunyan, Words: Tom Pyke*

Processional Hymn NEH 436 Praise, my soul the King of Heaven (tune: Praise my Soul)

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: Isaiah 55:1-5

Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is
not bread
and your earnings for that which does not
satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to
you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of
Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Psalm 145: 15 - end

The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.
**The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, ♦
and you give them their food in due season.**
You open wide your hand ♦
and fill all things living with plenty. [R]
**The Lord is righteous in all his ways ♦
and loving in all his works.**
The Lord is near to those who call upon him, ♦
to all who call upon him faithfully.
**He fulfils the desire of those who fear him; ♦
He hears their cry and saves them.**
The Lord watches over those who love him, ♦
but all the wicked shall he destroy.
**My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, ♦
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and
ever.**

Gradual: Rouen Alleluia and versicle

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14.13–21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from
there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But
when the crowds heard it, they followed him on
foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw
a great crowd, and he had compassion for them
and cured their sick. When it was evening, the

disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now at; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Communion Hymn: I am the bread of life, words and music Suzanne Toolan, arr. Colin Hand

**Recessional Hymn:
NEH 368 Guide me O thou great Redeemer (tune: Cwm Rhondda)**

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, Harry White, Iris Cane, John Edward

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Church of the Province of Uganda, commonly known as the Church of Uganda, is the Anglican Church in Uganda and one of the largest provinces in the worldwide Anglican Communion.

Its roots date back to 1877, when missionaries from the Church Missionary Society (CMS) arrived in Uganda. The faith grew rapidly, inspired by the witness of the Uganda Martyrs, whose sacrifice remains central to the Church's history.

The Church became an independent province in 1974 and today comprises more than 35 dioceses serving millions of Anglicans. Its mission focuses on sharing the Gospel, making disciples, and serving communities through education, healthcare, and social development. The Church of Uganda continues to be an influential voice within the Anglican Communion, known for its commitment to biblical teaching and mission.

Tues 3rd Aug	7.30 - 9.00 pm Bell Ringing Practice
Weds 4th Aug	6pm Choir Practice 7.15 Midweek week Healing Mass
Thurs 5th Aug	12 noon Prayers for world peace
Fri 6th Aug	8.30am BCP Morning Prayer, coffee & fellowship afterwards



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.

Collection for Fr Tom's Retirement Present

Michael Blaby is collecting funds on behalf of the PCC and Congregation of Christ Church for a present for Fr. Tom on his upcoming Retirement from Ministry after almost 40 years as a priest, including 20 years as Vicar of Christ Church.

If you would like to contribute, please visit <https://gofund.me/7e7f8edcf> to make a donation.

CHURCH TIMES

The 2026 Festival of Preaching 13th September 2026, Cambridge

This late summer festival aims to inspire, nurture and celebrate all who are called to proclaim the Gospel today – clergy, lay ministers and all who preach. Featuring outstanding speakers, it offers a stimulating and varied programme of worship, lectures and workshops.

The programme will enable participants to enrich their craft, rediscover their prophetic voice, learn new ways of engaging a distracted culture and addressing today's anxieties. Speakers confirmed for the 2026 programme include Nadia Bolz-Weber, Sam Wells, Isabelle Hamley, Selina Stone, Mark Oakley, Pádraig Ó Tuama and Nadim Nassar with more to be announced.

The events will be hosted by the large, city centre church, Great Saint Mary's, the University Church, and St John's College, with a range of accommodation and hospitality on offer.

To book a place at the Festival, and to arrange accommodation, please go to <https://festivalofpreaching.hymnsam.co.uk/cambridge-2026-ticket-page/>



Fr. Tom's Memory book

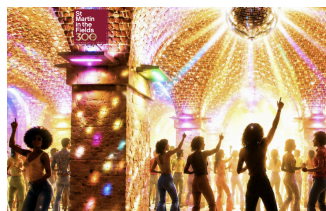
Here is the address of a memory book for Father Tom where you can send in good wishes and pictures: memorybook@parishiod.org.uk

Fr. Tom's final service at Christ Church will be on Sunday 30th August at 11am



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



The Authority of Women in the Mediaeval Church

Date: 06 September 2026

Time: 13:00

Cost: Free

Audience: Open to all

Location:

St Paul’s Cathedral, St Paul’s Churchyard, London, EC4M 8AD.

The founding of the first universities in the early 13th century led to the establishment of theology as an academic discipline. This had a profound impact not only on how we understand theology, but also on particular topics such as ordination.

In this talk, Lydia Schumacher will explore the impact this had on women’s ordination, how women were ‘defined out’ of ordination, and how their prior roles in ordained ministry were soon forgotten. Join us to dive into this history and explore what it means for us today.

Lydia Schumacher is Professor of Historical and Philosophical Theology at King’s College London. She is a specialist in medieval theology and church history and has published six monographs in this field, including Divine Illumination (2011), Theological Philosophy (2015), and Early Franciscan Theology (2019).



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