

Christ and St John, Isle of Dogs

'Building a strong community through our Christian Faith'

Sunday 8 February 2026, Second Sunday before Lent (Sexagesima)

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8am said Book of Common Prayer Litany
11am Parish Mass, President & Preacher Fr. Tom Pyke
5pm Parish Office for Baptisms and Weddings
6.30 Evening Prayer, led by Fr. Tom

Introit: Venite, adoremus, et procidamus
Come, let us worship and bow down, Chant 13,
The Anglican Chant Book, H. Lawes

Processional Hymn: NEH 466 Thou, whose almighty word (tune: Moscow)

Collect:

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme
over all things,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:3

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God

called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Psalm Praise 138, Timothy Dudley Smith & Michael Baughen

**O thank the Lord for he is good,
The Lord of Lords, the God of Gods—
His love is everlasting.**

**His wisdom brought the heavens forth,
He spread the seas and formed the earth—
His love is everlasting.**

**The sun to rule, the day he gave,
The moon and stars to reign at eve—
His love is everlasting.**

**He struck the sons of Egypt down,
With might hand and outstretched arm—
His love is everlasting.**

**He led his people Israel out,
The seabed dry beneath their feet—
His love is everlasting.**

**He brought them safely through the sea
And Pharaoh's hosts he swept away—
His love is everlasting.**

**He led them on through desert lands
To vanquish great and mighty kings—
His love is everlasting.**

**In troubled times he stoop to aid,
He hears our call and meets our need—
His love is everlasting.**

**O thank the Lord for he is good,
O praise the name of heaven's God—
His love is everlasting.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:18–25

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 labour, 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 & Versicle

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:25–34

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father

feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Offertory Hymn: NEH 397 Let us with a gladsome mind (tune: Monkland)

Communion Hymn NEH 264 All things bright and beautiful (tune: Royal Oak)

Communion Anthem: Brother James' Air (The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want), SA&Men, arr. Alan Ridout

Recessional Hymn: NEH 263 All creatures of our God and King, vss 1-4,7 (tune: Laast Uns Erfreuen)

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui The Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui is the Anglican Church in Hong Kong and Macau. Anglican Christianity arrived in Hong Kong in the mid-19th century after the territory became a British colony, led by missionaries of the Church of England who established churches, schools, and social services, including St John's Cathedral in 1849. For many decades the church was administered from overseas under the Diocese of Victoria, but during the 20th century it gradually localised, developing Chinese congregations and clergy. In 1998, following long preparation and shortly after the Hong Kong handover, it became a fully self-governing province of the worldwide Anglican Communion under the name Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, while remaining in communion with Anglican churches globally.

Mon 9 Feb	9.15 - School Mass at St Luke's School KS 1 10.15 - School Mass at St Luke's School KS 2
Tues 10 Feb	10.30 - 12noon Food Bank 3.45 Pancake Party 7.30 - 9.00 pm Bell Ringing Practice
Weds 11 Feb	6pm Choir Practice 7.15 Midweek Mass in St John's Chapel
Thurs 12 Feb	12noon Prayers for the peace of the world
Fri 13 Feb	8.30 am BCP Morning Prayer and Fellowship at Christ Church
Sun 15 Feb	8am Book of Common Prayer said Mass 11am Parish Mass 5pm Parish Office 6.30pm Evening Service



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. We have twenty guests coming - 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 during the Christmas Season. The final total is £315.13 to which is added to the Gift Aid to make £393.91.



This thank you card is from Ruari, the gentleman who played the trumpet during the service a couple of weeks ago.

Dear Father Tom,

Thank you for welcoming me to your church service a week ago. It means a lot to me to be part of the service through music making. Wishing you all the best for 2026.

Regards
Ruari



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This photo was taken on 31 Dec 2025 in Ballater, UK



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