

Christ and St John, Isle of Dogs

‘Building a strong community through our Christian Faith’

Sunday 10 August 2025: The Eighth 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 376 I heard the voice of
Jesus say ‘come unto me and rest’ (tune:
Kingsfold)**

Collect:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both
here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Psalm 33.12–22

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.
**The Lord looks down from heaven;
he sees all humankind.**
From where he sits enthroned he watches
all the inhabitants of the earth—
**he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.**
**A king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.**
The war horse is a vain hope for victory,
and by its great might it cannot save.
**Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
to deliver their soul from death
and to keep them alive in famine.**
Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and shield.
**Our heart is glad in him
because we trust in his holy name.**
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

Gradual: Rouen Alleluia

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 495 God is working his purpose out (tune: Benson)

Communion Hymn Seek ye first the kingdom of God

**Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things
Shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia.**

**Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu, alleluia.**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you.
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and it shall be opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia.**

**Recessional Hymn NEH 239 Lord of all
hopefulness, Lord of all joy (tune: Slane)**

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


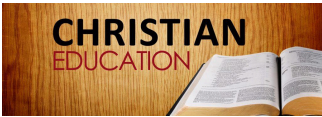





And those who have died:

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 Province of the Anglican Church of Rwanda traces its roots to two missionary doctors of the British Church Missionary Society, Arthur Stanely Smith and Leonard Sharp, coming from Kabale, in Uganda, which began a mission movement in the Eastern area of Gisaka, in Rwanda, from 1914 to 1916. They would reach Rukira in 1922. Geoffrey Holmes, a captain from the British Army, would start an Anglican mission in Gahini, in 1925. In 1926, Harold Guillebaud baptised the first converts at Gahini. Guillebaud would later translate Christian books into Kinyarwanda. In the years that followed, more Anglican missions were created, including one started by Geoffrey Holmes in Kigeme, in 1931.

Tues 5 Aug	10.30 am Food Bank 7.30 - 9.00 pm Bell Ringing Practice
Weds 6 Aug	No Choir rehearsal during August No Midweek service during August
Thur 7 Aug	12 noon Prayers for the World Peace
Fri 8 Aug	8.30 am BCP Morning Prayer and Fellowship at Christ Church
Sun 10 Aug	8am Said Mass 11am Parish Mass 5pm Parish Office 6.30 pm Evening Prayer

	<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>For more details follow the below link:</p> <p>Stepney Thanksgiving Service & Farewell to Bishop Joanne Stepney Lives</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> <p>Let's share good food, fellowship, and fun as we gather together in God's love.</p> <p>Bring your family and friends – there's a place and food for everyone.</p>
	<p>Harvest Festival on 5 October September 2025 - (Please note the change in date)</p> <p>Join us for Harvest Sunday on 28th September.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Let's come together as a community to celebrate and receive the Lord's blessings for the fruits of our labour and His abundant provision.</p> <p>All donations will be distributed to local families and to our food bank.</p>
	<p>Choir recruitment</p> <p>Come and sing, and enjoy learning what your voice can do, with encouragement and training.</p> <p>Choir Practice is on Wednesdays at 6pm</p> <p>Jessica Wu, our Director of Music looks forward to working with you to make music.</p>
	<p>Parish Giving Scheme, Sign up here! PGS is, far and away, the best and easiest way to give to support the church's work. Please scan the QR code to begin.</p>
	<p>Contact information for Christ Church</p> <p>Address: Manchester Rd, Isle of Dogs, London, E14 3DR</p> <p>Nearest DLR Station: Island Gardens</p> <p>Fr. Tom Pyke tel no: 07753616499. Email: tom.pyke@parishiod.org.uk</p> <p>Churchwardens Joan Small & Ionica Lashmar : churchwardens@parishiod.org.uk</p> <p>Interim Parish Safeguarding Officer: Joan Small safeguarding@parishiod.org.uk</p> <p>Church Website: https://www.parishiod.org.uk/</p>