

Christ and St John, Isle of Dogs

'Building a strong community through our Christian Faith'

Sunday 22 February 2026, The First Sunday of Lent

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Please take this sheet home with you

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 Pyke

Introit: *Invocabit me et exaudiam eum* They will call upon me, and I will answer them Chant 230, *The Anglican Chant Book, 'Trent'*

Processional Hymn: NEH 67 Forty days and forty nights (tune: *Aus der Tiefe*)

Collect:

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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: Genesis 2:15-17

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit

of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Psalm 51, Chant 102, *The Parish Psalter*, M. Camidge

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Gradual Hymn NEH 272 All for Jesus! vss 1, 4
(tune: All for Jesus)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

Communion Hymn: NEH 82 Drop, drop, slow tears
(tune: Song 46)

Communion Anthem *Take, O take me as I am*, J. Bell and WGWG

Recessional Hymn NEH 414 O for a closer walk with God
(tune Caithness)

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:

The Church of Ireland is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion and traces its origins to the earliest days of Christianity in Ireland. From the fifth century, missionaries such as St Patrick established Christian communities that became known for their scholarship, monastic life and missionary zeal across Europe. During the sixteenth-century Reformation, the church in Ireland was reformed along Anglican lines, retaining its ancient dioceses and cathedrals while adopting reformed theology and worship in the English tradition.

In 1871 the Church of Ireland was disestablished by Act of Parliament and became a self-governing church, ordering its life through a General Synod of bishops, clergy and laity. Today it serves communities across the whole island of Ireland, in both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Mon 23 Feb	9.10am School Mass (at St Luke's Primary School)
Tues 24 Feb	10.30 - 12noon Food Bank 4.30 - 6.30pm Joint Youth Group at St Luke's Millwall 7.30 - 9.00 pm Bell Ringing Practice
Weds 25 Feb	6pm Choir Practice 7.15 Midweek Said Mass
Thurs 26 Feb	11am Lent Course 'Love your Neighbour' in church 12noon Prayers for the peace of the world.
Sun 1 Mar	8am Book of Common Prayer Litany 11am Parish Mass 5pm Parish Office 6.30pm Evening Service



Fr. Tom is on pilgrimage this week. Fr. Tom has reached Aylesford, on the banks of the River Medway on his pilgrimage by stages. He will finish the journey at a future date turning south east towards Ashford, and then northeast to Canterbury. Thank you to everyone who has prayed with him, and to those - total strangers - who have talked with him on the way, and wished him Bon Camino 'good pilgrimage'.



Joint 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 next session is, **Tuesday 24th February, 2026, 4.30 - 6.30pm at St. Lukes Millwall.** 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.



London City Mission and the Churches of the Isle of Dogs are running an evening Lent Course on how to talk about your Christian faith to your Muslim neighbours. The next session is on Thursday 5th March, 7-9pm at St Luke's Millwall. Though one session has already happened there is still time to join the course. Sign up at

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdBFj6n63qn4CrOSH5aJqBCrfHGJWP3q7IHnDbe-D-qwsNYw/viewform?usp=header>



Lent course exploring the theme *Love Your Neighbour*, with a particular focus on the Church's Racial Justice Commission Report 2024

Every Thursday at 11.00 am
Venue: Christ Church
Dates: 26th Feb, 5th, 12th, 19th March



The together Alliance promotes unity, hope, and solidarity in response to growing division in society. It involves churches, mosques, temples, trades unions and other concerned organisations. The Together Alliance brings together organisations and individuals committed to standing against far-right influence in politics, affirming the importance of justice and community solidarity. Together Alliance is mobilising supporters for a major demonstration in London on **28th March 2026**. Anyone travelling from the Isle of Dogs is invited to **gather at Christ Church at 10.00 am to travel and march together**. For more details about the Together Alliance see www.togetheralliance.org.uk



Save the Date – APCM

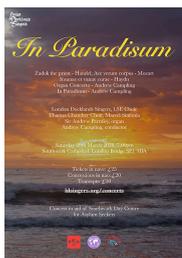
The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place on **Sunday 17 May**, after the service. Please keep this date free. Further details will be shared nearer the time.



Congregational Photo – Easter Day 2026 📸

On **Easter Day 2026**, we will be taking our next congregational photo **straight after the service**.

Please stay behind, smile broadly, and try not to disappear too quickly for washing up, chocolate, lunch, or naps. Easter bonnets welcome, enthusiasm encouraged, blinking discouraged. Let's capture the joy of Easter and proof that we were all actually there!



London Docklands Singers Concert at Southwark Cathedral, Sat 28 March, 7.30

London Docklands Singers with Thames Chamber Choir, the Choir of the London School of Economics and the Marcel Sinfonia

Andrew Campling, conductor
Sir Andrew Parmley, organ

This concert features Handel's *Zadok the Priest*, Mozart's *Ave verum corpus*, and Haydn's *Insanae et vanae curae*. Andrew Campling's *Concerto for Organ, Percussion and Strings* and *In Paradisum*

This concert is in aid of the Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers.



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