

Christ and St John, Isle of Dogs

‘Building a strong community through our Christian Faith’

Sunday 16 August 2026, The Dormition of the Mother of God

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

*5pm Baptism and Wedding bookings
6.30 Evening Prayer*

**Introit: ‘Sanna, Fresh Sounds 1, trad. Swahili.
Mass Setting: St Thomas Mass, David Thorne**

**Processional Hymn: NEH 21 A great and mighty
wonder**

Collect:

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your
grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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 56.1, 6–8

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the
Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices

will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Psalm 45.10-17 in The Parish Psalter with Chants

Gradual: Rouen Alleluia and versicle

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15.[10–20] 21–28

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them,
“Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the
mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes
out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples
approached and said to him, “Do you know that
the Pharisees took offense when they heard what
you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my
heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.
Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind.
And if one blind person guides another, both will
fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this
parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still
without understanding? Do you not see that
whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach
and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out
of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is
what defiles. For out of the heart come evil
intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality,
theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a
person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not
defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district

of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

Offertory Hymn: NEH 20 From east to west, from shore to shore (tune: Vom Himmel Hoch NEH 235)

Communion Hymn: NEH 19 Come, thou Redeemer of the earth vss 1-2 and 6-8

Recessional Hymn: NEH 186 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

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:

Harry White, Iris Cane, John Edward Smith, Banta Sillah

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Church in Wales is the Anglican Church in Wales and has a long and distinctive history. Christianity has been part of Welsh life since the early centuries of the Church, with figures such as St David, the patron saint of Wales, playing an important role in its story. Over the centuries, the Christian faith became deeply rooted in Welsh communities, shaping worship, culture and daily life.

The modern Church in Wales was formed in 1920 when the Church of England in Wales was disestablished and became an independent Province of the Anglican Communion. Today, it is made up of six dioceses and continues its ministry through worship, prayer, pastoral care, mission and service to local communities. As we remember this rich history, we can also pray for the Church in Wales as it looks to the future and seeks new ways of sharing the Gospel and serving the people of Wales.

Tues 18th Aug	7.30 - 9.00 pm Bell Ringing Practice
Weds 19th Aug	6pm Choir Practice
Thurs 20th Aug	12 noon Prayers for world peace
Fri 21st Aug	8.30am BCP Morning Prayer, coffee & fellowship afterwards
Sun 23rd Aug	11am Parish Mass - 5pm Parish Office open for Baptism and Wedding bookings 6.30 Evening Prayer

CHURCH TIMES

The Festival of Preaching returns to Cambridge on **13 September 2026**, offering a day of inspiration, worship, lectures and workshops for clergy, lay ministers and all who preach. The festival will explore how to strengthen preaching, find a prophetic voice and engage with today's changing culture and challenges. Speakers include Nadia Bolz-Weber, Sam Wells, Isabelle Hamley, Selina Stone, Mark Oakley, Pádraig Ó Tuama and Nadim Nassar. Events will take place at Great St Mary's, the University Church, and St John's College.

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



Caring for God's Creation - a cross Diocesan short course for the Season of Creation. Over the course of three evening sessions, it will explore what faithful discipleship looks like in a changing world and what it means to care for God's creation today.

This course will consist of three sessions between 7-9pm, during the Season of Creation on the 16th, 23rd and 30th of September.

It will explore the current picture of climate change and nature loss, reflect on what this means for Christians today, and suggest practical ways churches and individuals can respond.

No prior knowledge is required – all are welcome. It will be particularly valuable for Eco Church teams, parish Eco Reps, and church leaders, or anyone looking to deepen their understanding of environmental issues from a Christian perspective and develop confidence in taking practical action within their church and community.

Find out more and sign up on Eventbrite, using the QR Code



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 gla Christ Church. If you would like to contribute, please visit https://gofund.me/7e7f8edcf to make a donation.
	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 scan QR code 
	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. Professor Lydia Schumacher explores how the rise of universities and theology as an academic discipline in the 13th century influenced attitudes towards women and ordination. The talk will examine how women were gradually excluded from ordained ministry and how their earlier contributions were subsequently forgotten. The session will also consider what this history means for the Church today.
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