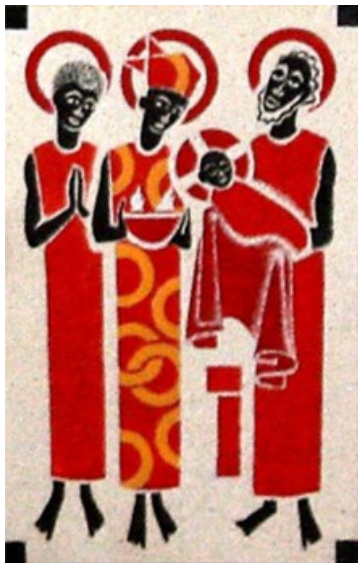


## Welcome to St Luke's 10.30am Sung Eucharist



*Presentation of the baby Jesus at the Temple, fresco designed and painted in 1963 by Dom Georges Saget  
Keur Moussa Abbey Church, Keur Moussa, Senegal*

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Revd Dr Sam Hole

**Duty Warden:** Jeffrey Buchan

**Sidespeople:** Ursula Pearce, Luke Skiff, John & Alfie Stewart

**Intercessor:** Janet Gower

**Communion Assistant:** Greg Lim

**Hymns:** 427, 44, 57, 235

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Heyr, himna smithur – Thorkell Sigurbjörnsson

**Organ Music:** Magnificat (Primi Toni) - Johann Pachelbel

Mit Fried und Freud fahr ich dahin - J. S. Bach (BWV 616)

Fugue on 'Magnificat' - J. L. Krebs (BWV 735)

## Welcome!

A warm welcome to St Luke's, whether it is your first time here or you are a regular worshipper. Everyone is very welcome to receive Communion or a blessing. Please follow the directions of the sidespeople. If it would be easier for you to receive Communion in your pew, please speak to one of the sidespeople. Gluten-free wafers (square in shape) are also available; please ask the priest when you receive Communion. There is an induction loop system in the church for those who are hard of hearing. Hearing aids should be moved to the "T" position.



### Sunday School

Sunday School at 10.30am at St Luke's and at 11.00am at Christ Church except for 5 February, when there's a Family Service at Christ Church at 9.30am.



### ABC Parent & Toddler Group

Christ Church, Thursdays from 10.00am-11.30am.



### Youth Group

St Luke's Vestry every other Thursday from 5.00pm-7.00pm.  
Next meeting on 9 February.

## Week Day Services

Monday 30 January	9.00am Morning Prayer	Christ Church
Tuesday 31 January	9.00am Morning Prayer	St Luke's
Wednesday 1 February	9.00am Morning Prayer	St Luke's
Thursday 2 February	9.00am Morning Prayer	St Luke's
Thursday 2 February	12.30pm Midweek Eucharist Preceded by coffee from 11.00am	St Luke's

## Sunday Services in February

8.00am	BCP Eucharist	St Luke's
10.30am	Sung Eucharist	St Luke's
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Christ Church
3.00pm	Choral Evensong	St Luke's

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## **Collect**

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **First Reading: Malachi 3.1-5**

*Read by John Stewart*

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 24.7-end

Richard Goodson (1688-1740/41)



7. Lift up your heads O ye gates \*  
and be ye lift up ye ever | last-ing | doors:  
and the King of | glo-ry | shall come | in.
8. Who is the | King of | glory:  
it is the Lord strong and mighty \*  
even the | Lord — | mighty in | battle.
9. Lift up your heads O ye gates \*  
and be ye lift up ye ever | last-ing | doors:  
and the King of | glo-ry | shall come | in.
10. Who is the | King of | glory:  
even the Lord of hosts \*  
he | is the | King of | glory.

## Second Reading: Hebrews 2.14-end

*Read by Helly Summerly*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading: Luke 2.22-40**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Notices

## Some Important Future Dates in Our Parish's Life

### Ash Wednesday

22 February

Services at 8.00am, 12.30pm and 8.00pm (with choir)

St Luke's

### Lent Talks

Monday 6, 13, 20 and 27 March

7.30pm

St Luke's Vestry

### Palm Sunday

2 April

Followed by Fr Samuel's leaving party

St Luke's, processing to Christ Church

### Confirmation

23 April

10.30am

St Luke's

### APCM

Wednesday 17 May

7.00pm

St Luke's Hall

**Fr Samuel is Running the London Marathon** on Sunday 23 April for London Youth, a charity supporting disadvantaged young people across the city, and which our parish has partnered with in delivering the Summer Programme. He has set a target of £2,000 to raise, so if you would like to donate, please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sam-rylands1>. It's a fantastic charity and any support would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

**Christopher Wren, Henry Moore and the Bach Family** will all be in the same room on Friday 3 February (12.30pm-1.15pm). St Stephen's Walbrook hosts regular organ recitals on a Friday lunchtime. The organ recitals are free, you can munch your lunch, and even come and go as you please. If the music (played by Rupert Jeffcoat) doesn't appeal, then one's mind can wander/wonder at the architecture and the magnificent altar. Nearest Tube is Bank.

**Bible Study Group** at St Luke's on Tuesdays from 10.00am-11.00am. Discussions will focus on the readings for Sunday 5 February, which are: Isaiah 58.1-9a, 1 Corinthians 2.1-12, Matthew 5.13-20.

**Family Service** on Sunday 5 February at 9.30am at Christ Church. No Sunday School at St Luke's (10.30am) or Christ Church (11.00am).

### **Half Term Children's Activities for Reception Class and Over**

-- Monday 13 February, 10.30am-12noon, St Valentine's Day's Celebration with a story and arts and crafts in St Luke's Vestry.

-- Wednesday 15 February, 10.30am, V&A Museum. We will be doing a workshop to design a traditional Korean mask and learn about traditional and modern Korean culture. We will be meeting at 10.30am at the front entrance of the museum. Parents and carers are welcome and need to be present with children throughout the trip. Please bring water and a packed lunch. Please let Anna know ASAP if you plan to attend. The workshop is suitable for children 5+.

### **Parish Pancake Party - All Ages Welcome!**

Following last year's success, we will again be holding a parish pancake party. The party will be on Tuesday 21 February - Shrove Tuesday - in St Luke's Vestry at 4.00pm. There will be special activities for children. People of all ages most welcome! Please let Anna know ASAP if you would like to attend, so we have sufficient supplies.

## Church of England Announcement On Same-Sex Marriage

Last week the Church of England announced the result of its six-year long period of discernment on questions of sexuality. The particularly fraught question was that of same-sex marriage in church. On this point, the bishops have decided not to propose the introduction of same-sex marriage in church, or to allow the blessing of such civil marriages. They have, however, introduced liturgies which offer prayers and ask for God's blessing on the couple.

Our parish is a member of Inclusive Church, which seeks to challenge all kinds of discrimination within the church – whether on grounds of disability, ethnicity, economic power, gender, gender identity or sexuality. As such we express pain that the fruit of the Spirit we see in same-sex relationships, including of many in our parish, continues not to be honoured by the Church. Yet we also recognise the pain of those who, in great faithfulness, do not want to see change in the Church's teaching. The clergy are available to speak with anyone who has been affected by this announcement. We pray for the continued discernment of the Church in this area, and for our shared life as the Body of Christ.

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