

Welcome to St Luke's  
10.30am Sung Eucharist



*Sadao Watanabe, 1979: The True Vine*

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Revd Eileen McGregor

**Organ Prelude:** Concerto in C - John Stanley

**Mass Setting:** Stanford in C

**Introit Hymn: 113** (Love's redeeming work is done)

**Gradual Hymn: 102** (A brighter dawn is breaking)

**Offertory Hymn: 310** (We hail thy presence glorious)

**Final Hymn: 478** (Ye watchers and ye holy ones)

**Organ Postlude:** Voluntary in D - William Croft

# 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.

If you are new here, please introduce yourself to one of the sidespeople, identifiable by their name badges. They will be pleased to meet you and give you more information about our parish life. Please also stay behind after the service for refreshments.

Our main order of service is the coloured booklet. Hymn numbers can be seen on the front of this booklet and on the wooden board in church. The collect and readings can be read on the following pages of this booklet.

During term-time (except for the first Sunday of the month), children aged 3-11 are invited to leave the church for Sunday School after the Collect, returning during the distribution of Communion. Children in Year One and below should be accompanied by one parent.

There is an unsupervised creche for children aged 0-2 in the vestry, with a video livestream of the service. Please speak to the sidespeople for details of how to access this room.

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.

## People Today

**Duty Warden:** Jeffrey Buchan

**Welcome Team:** Owen Ryan, Allan Sanderson, Sam Akbay

**Communion Assistant:** Simon Hills

**Director of Music:** Jeremy Summerly

**Organist:** Rupert Jeffcoat

## The Collect

Almighty God, who through your only–begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Acts 8.26–40

*Read by Owen Ryan*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over to this chariot and join it.’ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ He replied, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: ‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.’ The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What

is to prevent me from being baptised? He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 22.25-end

*Please join with the choir in singing.*



- 25 My praise is of thee in the great | con-gre | gation:  
my vows will I perform in the | sight of | them that | fear him.
- 26 The poor shall eat | and be | satisfied:  
they that seek after the Lord shall praise him \*  
your | heart shall | live for | ever.
- 27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves \*  
and be turn'd | unto the | Lord:  
and all the kindreds of the | nations shall | worship  
be | fore him.
- 28 For the kingdom | is the | Lord's:  
and he is the | Governor a | mong the | people.
- 29 All such as be | fat up-on | earth:  
have | eat-en | and — | worshipp'd.
- 30 All they that go down into the dust shall | kneel be | fore him:  
and no man hath | quicken'd his | own — | soul.
- 31 My | seed shall | serve him:  
they shall be counted unto the Lord | for a | ge-ne | ration.
- 32 They shall come and the heav'ns shall de | clare his | righteousness:  
unto a people that shall be born | whom the | Lord hath | made.

## Second Reading: 1 John 4.7–21

*Read by Donald Cunningham*

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading: John 15.1–8

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Led by Sophie Dobson*

## Communion Sentence (mode viii)

*Ego sum vitis vera et vos palmites, qui manet in me, et ego in eo, hic fert fructum multum, alleluia, alleluia.*

I am the true vine, and you are the branches; he who abides in me and I in him, he it is who bears much fruit, alleluia, alleluia.

## Organ Music During Communion

Jesus bids us shine - Kenneth Leighton (1929-88)

## Communion Motet

### **A Hymne to Christ – Imogen Holst (1907-84)**

In what torne ship soever I embarke  
That ship shall be my embleme of thy Arke;  
What sea soever swallow mee, that flood  
Shall be to mee an embleme of thy blood;  
Though thou with clouds of anger do disguise  
Thy face; yet through that maske I know those eyes  
Which, though they turne away sometimes  
They never will despise

I sacrifice this lland unto thee  
And all whom I lov'd there, and who lov'd mee;  
When I have put our seas twixt them and mee  
Put thou thy sea betwixt my sinnes and thee  
As the trees sap doth seeke the root below  
In winter, in my winter now I goe  
Where none but thee, th'Eternall root  
Of true Love I may know

## **Notices**

### **Welcome!**

Today we welcome the Revd Eileen McGregor, who is the Associate Vicar at St Nicholas, Chiswick, and thank her for being with us.

### **Tea, Talk & Walk in the Chelsea Physic Garden - Free To Attend**

The Chelsea Physic Garden hosts free monthly sessions for people in the local community who have limited connections with others and green spaces. Participants will be greeted by a team of staff & volunteers in the Learning Centre. There is time to chat and have a refreshment before a slow, guided walk around the garden in small groups. To sign up, please contact the Parish Office. Dates: Tuesday 7 May, lead by Fr Brian; and Tuesday 4 June, lead by Fr Baxter. 10.00am-12.00pm. Meet at 10.00am. Royal Hospital Road entrance.

## New Rota - Help Needed Please

We will shortly begin compiling the rotas for the June to November period. A huge thank you to those who are currently engaged in the worshipping life of our parish. The work of the whole people of God, is very clear Sunday by Sunday in welcoming, reading the scriptures, leading intercessions, offering refreshment, accompanying our children in Sunday School, hospitality and many other ways. It is only together that parish worship can happen, so please sign up to join the rotas and be involved. Email: [parishoffice@chelseaparish.org](mailto:parishoffice@chelseaparish.org)

**Rotas for Sunday 5 May** — If you are unable to help as noted below, please contact Tracy ([parishoffice@chelseaparish.org](mailto:parishoffice@chelseaparish.org)) no later than Monday 29 April.

10.30am at St Luke's: Duty Warden: Barbara Schwepcke

Welcome Team: John/Alfie Stewart, May Leong, Sam Akbay

Readers: 1st-Ramani Leathard, 2nd-Sophie Dobson, Communion Assistant: Ramani Leathard, Intercessions: Barbara Schwepcke

3.00pm at St Luke's: Welcome Team: R. Alexander Porter,

Ken & Janet Gower, Readers: 1st-Henry Skeoch, 2nd-Miranda Savage

11.00am at Christ Church: Welcome Team: The Ellards, Titi Perez

Readers: 1st-TBC, 2nd-J. David Bertram, Intercessions: Valerie Brunskill, Communion Assistant: Jane Ellard

## Baptisms

Charlotte Quinn and Ludo Dickinson will be baptised at Christ Church today and Orion Oztop will be baptised at St Luke's. Please keep Charlotte, Ludo and Orion in your prayers.



## Today, 6.00pm, Chelsea Old Church

Handel Messiah Part III, J. S. Bach Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen BWV51. A liturgical performance with sermon. Free admission, retiring collection. Drinks reception afterwards in Petyt Hall.



# Electoral Roll Is Open For Revision

Please check to see if your name is on our parish's Electoral Roll, which is posted at the back of the church. If your name is not listed, please fill in the form provided and post it in the box or return it to the Parish Office. The clergy will be glad to help if you have questions.

Thank you to those who have already filled in new forms; your names will be added when we revise the list. The new roll will be in both churches from Sunday 28 April for you to check your entry. At that time, amendments can be made but no new names can be added until after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which will take place on Wednesday 15 May in St Luke's Hall at 7.00pm. Details about the meeting will be sent shortly. You are warmly invited to attend the APCM and being on the roll entitles you to vote on any of the issues that may come up.

What is the Electoral Roll? Every church in the Church of England has a list or "Electoral Roll" of all the people who have been baptised, are aged 16 or over, and who either live in the parish or have been attending the church for more than six months. (It is not connected with the national Electoral Register, although the name sometimes causes confusion!)

How does it help to be on the list? The total number of people on the Electoral Roll is sent to the Diocese of London, which is in overall charge of church finances and governance for this area. The size of our parish (measured by the Electoral Roll) can affect how many clergy are sent to work here, the number of representatives we can have on wider church bodies, and some fundraising applications.

Do I need to do anything else? Being on the roll does not involve any further commitment from you, or any obligations. But it does count for us, and also means we have clearer records and are better able to assess which areas of the church are growing and which need more work.

## A New Met for London - Have Your Say



**METROPOLITAN  
POLICE**

You are invited to the third community workshop to help with planning A New Met for London within The Royal

Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. The event will be hosted by Superintendent Owen Renowden. Also present will be a number of officers who work in the borough, including staff from emergency response policing; neighborhoods' policing, and detectives working in criminal investigations. This will be a workshop style event to jointly problem-solve, explore lived experiences and work on a local plan for A New Met for London. Thursday 9 May, 6.00pm-9.00pm. Chelsea Old Town Hall. Book: <https://shorturl.at/nul34>

## Min-Jung Kym Piano Recital

Tuesday 14 May, St Luke's, 6.00pm-9.00pm



This special fundraising evening with acclaimed pianist Min-Jung Kym in conversation with Dr. Sian Williams is in support of the Friends of The Royal Marsden, Chelsea. The event will feature compositions by Beethoven, Liszt and Brahms, along with unexpected musical delights. This solo recital,

entitled 'Sounds for the Soul', promises to be a rich musical experience. The music will be interspersed with narrative about the selection of music, emotions and understanding how music therapy can be a formidable aid for complementary therapy.

For tickets, go to: <https://shorturl.at/uwJNZ>

## Plant Sale

Plan to buy some plants to brighten up your home and your garden and your life at the plant sale on Sunday 5 May in the courtyard at Chelsea Old Church. Entrance via the East Gate on Chelsea Embankment. 10.00am-4.00pm.



## Listen Out for the Full Peal

On Saturday 4 May at 2.30pm, the bellringers at St Luke's will begin ringing a full peal in celebration of the first anniversary of the coronation of King Charles III.

# Regular Events



## Sunday School

Sunday School each Sunday  
St Luke's at 10.30am  
Christ Church at 11.00am



## ABC Parent & Toddler Group

ABC at Christ Church each Thursday from 10.00am-11.30am.  
Suggested donation of £3 per child per session.



## Youth Group

The group meets Thursdays from 5.00pm-7.00pm in  
St Luke's Vestry. Contact [madymcdaniel@chelseaparish.org](mailto:madymcdaniel@chelseaparish.org)  
for more information or to sign up.



## Midweek Eucharist & Coffee

In St Luke's Narthex every Thursday with coffee from  
11.15am-12.15pm followed by the eucharist at 12.30pm.



## Regular Services

### Weekdays

Monday, 9.00am Morning Prayer, Christ Church  
Tues, Wed & Thurs, 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Luke's  
Tuesday, 1.00pm, Eucharist, The Royal Marsden Chapel  
Thursday, 12.30pm Midweek Eucharist, St Luke's

### Sunday

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



## Keep in Touch

Sign up to receive our weekly email newsletter using the  
QR code to visit our parish website. The box to enter your  
email address may be found at the bottom of the page.

# Giving to St Luke's & Christ Church

We are committed to our vision of being

'Two Churches; One Parish. The heart and soul of Chelsea.'

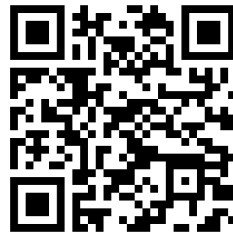
Every adult and child in our church and parish community has a part

to play in making that vision reality

through prayer, service and giving.

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