

Welcome to St Luke's  
10.30am Sung Eucharist



*Adoration of the Magi, Giotto*

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Revd Dr Dan Inman

**Organ Prelude:** Prelude and Chaconne – Henry Purcell

**Mass Setting:** Schubert in G

**Introit Hymn:** 49ii (Brightest and best of the sons of the morning)

**Gradual Hymn:** 48 (Bethlehem, of noblest cities)

**Offertory Hymn:** 47 (As with gladness men of old)

**Final Hymn:** 52 (O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness)

**Organ Postlude:** Marche des Rois Mages – Théodore Dubois

# 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. Please speak to the sidespeople for details of how to access this room.

## People Today

**Duty Warden:** Barbara Schwepcke

**Welcome Team:** John & Alfie Stewart, Sam Akbay

**Communion Assistant:** Lama Harb

**Director of Music:** Jeremy Summerly

**Organist:** Rupert Jeffcoat

## The Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star White The Epiphany Gold or Principal Feast manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 60.1-6

*Read by Sam Akbay*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.  
This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 72.10-15

Edwin Monk (1819-1900)



*Please join with the choir in singing.*

10 The kings of Tharsis and of the isles | shall give | presents:  
the kings of Arabia and | Sa-ba | shall bring | gifts.

11 All kings shall fall | down be | fore him:  
all | nations shall | do him | service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor | when he | crieth:  
the needy also and | him that | hath no | helper.

13 He shall be fav'able to the | simple and | needy:  
and shall pre | serve the | souls · of the | poor.

14 He shall deliver their souls from | falsehood and | wrong:  
and dear shall their | blood be | in his | sight.

15 He shall live \*

and unto him shall be given of the gold | of A | rabia:  
prayer shall be made ever unto him \*  
and | daily shall | he be | prais'd.

## Second Reading: Ephesians 3.1-12

*Read by Zoe Phillips*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians .

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 2.1-12

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child;

and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

### Prayers of Intercession

*Led by Sophie Dobson*

### Communion Sentence

**Domine Dominus noster (mode ii)**

O Lord our governor; how excellent is your name in all the world!

### Organ Music During Communion

Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern – Niels Gade (1817-90)

### Communion Anthem

**Lo! star-led chiefs – William Crotch (1775-1847)**

Lo! star-led chiefs Assyrian odours bring,  
And bending Magi seek their infant King!  
Mark'd ye, where, hovering o'er His head,  
The dove's white wings celestial glory shed?



We welcome the family, friends and godparents of Arabella Ishoy Graham who will be baptised today in the parish. Please remember them all in your prayers.

## **Choral Evensong**

Choral evensong for the first Sunday of Christmas, broadcast on BBC Radio 3 by the Chapel Choir of Girton College, Cambridge, can be heard here on BBC iPlayer until the 27th of January:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m002686t>

Directed by Gareth Wilson (Director of Music at Christ Church), it features familiar and new Christmas music, much of it heard for the first time at Christ Church.

## **Banns of Marriage**

We publish the Banns of Marriage between Timothy Beaver and Eve Ryle Hodges. We assure them of our prayers as they prepare for their marriage at St Luke's in February.



## **Epiphany Party**

The first event for children in 2025 will be on Saturday 11 January from 10.30-12.00 at St Luke's as we celebrate the birth of Jesus and the arrival of the Three Kings. There will be stories, crafts, singing and many more activities and children are encouraged to dress up as kings.

Please contact Anna ASAP if you plan to attend.

In addition, Anna needs volunteers to help with the party, please let her know if you can assist her ([annastamenova@chelseaparish.org](mailto:annastamenova@chelseaparish.org)).

# Regular Events



**Sunday School** - St Luke's (10.30am) Christ Church (11.00am)  
Resumes 12 January.



**ABC Parent & Toddler Group** - Thursdays. Christ Church.  
10.00am-11.30am. Resumes 9 January.



**Youth Group**  
Every other Thursday. St Luke's Vestry. 5.00pm-7.00pm.



## Midweek Eucharist & Coffee

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



## Weekday Services

9.00am Morning Prayer  
Mondays at Christ Church  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at St Luke's

## Sunday Services

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| 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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