ST LUKE'S &
CHRIST CHURCH
CHELSEA

20 September 2026
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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



*An Orthodox icon of today's parable*

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Revd Lydia Cook

**Organ Prelude:** Prelude, op. 11 – Anatoly Lyadov
**Introit Hymn: 232** Awake, my soul, and with the sun
**Hymn: 140** Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
**Offertory Hymn: 259** Come, ye thankful people, come
**Final Hymn: 492** O God of earth and altar
**Mass Setting:** Haydn Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo
**Organ Postlude:** Ballo del Granduca – Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

# 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.

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

**Verger:** Tom Mendel
**Duty Warden:** Janet Gower
**Welcome Team:** Christopher Francisco, Amelia Wellings-Thomas
**Communion Assistant:** Tafara Makuni
**Director of Music:** Jeremy Summerly
**Organist:** Rupert Jeffcoat

## Children's Blessing

*Adults say to children:*
We bless you as you learn, play and grow in faith.

*Children say to adults:*
We bless you as you learn, worship and grow in faith.

***All say together:***
**To the glory of God. Amen.**

## The Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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: Jonah 3.10 – end of 4

*Read by Tafara Makuni*

A reading from the book of Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was

faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

This is the word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 145.1-8

*Please remain seated and join with the choir in singing:*




1 I will magnify thee O | God my | King:
and I will praise thy | Name for | ever and | ever.
2 Ev'ry day will I give | thanks unto | thee:
and praise thy | Name for | ever and | ever.
3 Great is the Lord and marvellous worthy | to be | prai'ed:
there is | no end | of his | greatness.
4 One generation shall praise thy works | unto an | other:
and | de — | clare thy | power.
5 As for me I will be talking | of thy | worship:
thy glory thy | praise and | won-drous | works;
6 So that men shall speak of the might of thy | marvel-lous | acts:
and I will | also tell | of thy | greatness.
7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness | shall be | shew'd:
and men | shall sing | of thy | righteousness.
8 The Lord is | gracious and | merciful:
long | suff'ring and | of great | goodness.



Today, for the third and final time, we publish the Banns of Marriage between Aleesa Khokhar & Simon Fayyaz. We assure them of our prayers as they prepare for their wedding in October at St Luke's.

## Second Reading: Philippians 1.21-30

*Read by Amelia Wellings-Thomas*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 20.1–16

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the

vineyard." 'When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Led by Helly Summerly*

## Communion Sentence (plainchant mode v)

*Tu mandasti mandata tua custodiri nimis: utinam dirigantur viae meae, ad custodiendas justifications tuas.*

You have decreed that your commandments be kept diligently: O that my ways may be guided towards the keeping of your statutes.

## Organ Music During Communion

Daydream No. 1 – Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

## Communion Anthem

*Hear my prayer – Moses Hogan (1957-2003)*

O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the mornin' when I rise:
It's your servant bound for glory; O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.
O Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within your arms:
It's your servant bound for glory; O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.
When my work on earth is done, and you come to take me home.
Just to know I'm bound for glory, and to hear you say well done.
Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy…mercy. Amen.

# Notices

Following our previous message, we would like to thank the many parishioners who have been in contact to express their concern and support. By way of further update, a member of our bellringing team was injured in an accident last Sunday at St Luke's. The injured party was stabilised at the scene and subsequently transferred to hospital, where he is currently being treated for his injuries. Please continue to hold everyone involved in your prayers and we will endeavour to provide further updates when we can.

As a result of this incident, may we remind parishioners that there should be no parking in the turning circle outside St Luke's on a Sunday. This measure ensures that emergency services have access, should it be required. Thank you for your cooperation.

**New Parish Office Hours** - The parish office will now be open from 9.30am-3.00pm Monday-Friday. The office is located in the crypt of St Luke's.

**Morning Prayer** at Christ Church has been moved to St Luke's. The schedule for Morning Prayer will now be 9.00am Mondays-Thursdays at St Luke's.

**Three Choirs Evensong** on Sunday 27 September at All Saints, Fulham at 6.00pm. No Choral Evensong at St Luke's on that day.

**Churches Together Eco Service** on Thursday 1 October at 7.00pm at St Luke's. Please mark your diary and plan to join us.

**Bible Study** Tuesdays at 10.00am in the Parish Office. All welcome!

**The Box Hedging** around the Memorial Rose Garden in St Luke's Gardens has suffered badly with the summer's heatwave and hosepipe ban and needs replacing with more resilient planting. Should you wish to help fund this project in memory of a loved one, you can do so at: NatWest Acct Name: PCC of St Luke and Christ Church Chelsea, Acct Number: 29615410, Sort Code: 60-05-14, Ref: Hedging

**Fraud & Scam Awareness Briefing** in St Luke's vestry on Wednesday 23 September at 10.30am.

**Harvest Festival Service** will take place on Sunday 4 October and we are able to accept donations of * pasta & pasta sauce * rice * tea bags * jam * tinned soup, tuna, tomatoes, fruit * toiletries. Cash donations: NatWest Acct Name: PCC of St Luke & Christ Church Chelsea, Acct No: 29615410, Sort Code: 60-05-14, Ref: Food



# Regular Events

## Sunday School

St Luke's (10.30am) Christ Church (11.00am)

## ABC Parent & Toddler Group

Christ Church. Thursdays. 10.00am-11.30am. £3 donation per child please.

## Youth Group

For more information, please contact Jess Masters-Carrer jess@ymic-london.org

## Midweek Eucharist & Coffee

St Luke's. Thursdays. Coffee from 11.15am-12.15pm in the narthex, followed by the eucharist at 12.30pm.

## 9.00am Morning Prayer

Mondays, 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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