

SEA SUNDAY

Sunday 20th July 2025 at Grève de Lecq

On Sea Sunday, church congregations across the world gather to thank God for the important work of seafarers, their families and the work that 'The Mission to Seafarers' does in supporting this most dangerous and perilous way of life.

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of the Spirit of God
who hovered over the primal waters.
In the name of the Word of God
who parted the waters for Earth to appear.
In the name of the Wisdom of God,
who filled the deeps with amazing designs.
Amen.

Holy! Holy! Holy!

The oceans are filled with God's presence.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

**In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

**There is the sea, great and wide;
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**

Psalm 104 v.24-25

AMAZING GRACE! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there a thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Please take a pinch of salt from the bowls and taste it to stir your memory.)

**Lord of creation,
as we taste the sea salt:**

**We remember when we gazed in wonder in the ocean or at the seashore,
yet we confess we have polluted the seas and turned them into domains
to be conquered.**

**We remember the splash of the waves on our feet and the sand between
our toes,**

**yet we confess our greed has quickened global warming causing Arctic
regions to melt.**

**We remember the mystery of an endless horizon stretching out across
the ocean,
yet we confess we have loved our progress over the planet.
In your mercy, we are sorry and ask for your forgiveness.
Amen.**

A COLLECT PRAYER FOR SEAFARERS

Almighty God,
Creator of the oceans and land
whose Son sailed the seas and calmed the storms.
On this Sea Sunday,
anoint all seafarers with your Holy Spirit,
who breathed over the waters of creation,
that you will keep them safe from all the dangers of the sea
and give them courage when they face storms.
May they know your blessing on the families they leave behind.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

First Reading: Proverbs 8 v.22-36 (*Lorraine Wheeler, St. Owen's and Bethlehem Methodist Churches.*)

- ²² The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
- ²³ Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
- ²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
- ²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth —
- ²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
- ²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
- ²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
- ²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
- ³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
- ³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.
- ³² 'And now, my children, listen to me:
happy are those who keep my ways.
- ³³ Hear instruction and be wise,
and do not neglect it.
- ³⁴ Happy is the one who listens to me,
watching daily at my gates,
waiting beside my doors.
- ³⁵ For whoever finds me finds life

and obtains favour from the Lord;
36 but those who miss me injure themselves;
all who hate me love death.'

Second Reading: John 1 v.1-10 (*Mary Richardson, Bethlehem Methodist Church*)

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

SERMON: Revd. Kirsty Friend, Rector of St. Mary

BLESSING OF THE BOATS

(*Revd. Ian Pallent and Revd. Kirsty Friend.*)

The following hymn will be sung during the blessing of the boats.

ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:

*O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.*

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard,
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid the storm didst sleep:

*O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.*

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:

*O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.*

O Trinity of love and power
Our brethren shield in danger's hour
From rock and tempest, fire and foe
Protect them wheresoe'er they go:

*Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

(*Led by Steve Meiklejohn, The Parish Church of St. Owen with St. George.*)

THE LORDS PRAYER

**Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me

*Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word,
Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

BLESSING

May the Lord of the miraculous catch
be the one in whom all your hungers are satisfied.
May the Lord who calmed the seas
be your strong anchor of hope.
May the Lord who fished for people
be your pilot in following His example.
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Retiring Collection all to the work of The Mission to Seafarers.

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Sunday Services for Sunday 27th July

The Parish Church of St. Ouen with St. George (<i>One Joint Service</i>)	10:00am Morning Worship (<i>Ecce Homo Mission Service</i>)
St. Ouen's Methodist Church (<i>at St. Aubin Methodist Church</i>)	10:30am Morning Worship (<i>Joint Service with St. Aubin Methodists</i>)
Bethlehem Methodist Church	10:30am Morning Worship
The Parish Church of St. Mary	8:30am Holy Communion BCP 10:00am Parish Eucharist