



St Luke's Church Fontainebleau

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Service of the Word
and Annual Church Meeting
26 April 2026

Service led by Rev'd Dr Donald McFadyen



Welcome to our service this morning.

The outline for today's service is contained in this service guide and from our [website](#).

You are invited to respond at various points with the words in bold print.

If you have any prayer concerns that you would like included in our prayers today there is a book at the back of the Chapel where you can write these down.

Our chaplain contact details: chaplain.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com



Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life.

It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity.

It is through encountering God within worship
that we are formed and transformed as his people.

As we sit quietly before this service commences let us prepare ourselves to meet Jesus and receive him into our hearts by spending a few moments in prayer and reflection.

WELCOME

"For all that has been, THANKS, for all that is to be, YES!"

(A prayer by Dag Hammarskjöld, a Swedish diplomat and the second Secretary General of the United Nations, who died at the age of 56 in an airplane crash as he travelled to a warring region of Africa. These stirring words were discovered after his death in his journals.)

Please stand as we sing our first Hymn.

OPENING HYMN: AT THE NAME OF JESUS (SOF 32)

1. AT THE NAME OF JESUS

Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess Him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

2. Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom He came;
Faithfully He bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious,

When from death He passed.

3. Bore it up triumphant
With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures
To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast,
Filled it with the glory
Of that perfect rest.

4. In your hearts enthrone Him;
There let Him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true;
Crown Him as your Captain

*In temptation's hour,
Let His will enfold you
In its light and power.*

*5. Brothers, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again,*

*With His Father's glory,
With His angel-train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him
King of glory now.*

THE GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION *Please sit or kneel as we pray together :*

In baptism we died with Christ, so that
as Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life.
Let us receive new life in him as we
confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living
bread.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life
eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Please stand as we say together :*

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of
the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sit for our first reading:

ACTS 2. 41-47

Those who welcomed Peter's message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell

their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We say together:

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now,**

**and shall be forever.
Amen.**

ANNUAL MEETING OF LES AMIS DE L'EGLISE ANGLICANE DE FONTAINEBLEAU

HYMN: THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD (SOF 1030)

*1. THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'll not
want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.*

Ref:

*And I will trust in You alone.
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

*2. He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.*

*3. And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.*

We sit for our second reading:

NEW TESTAMENT READING: JOHN 10:1-10

Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Annual Church Meeting Eglise Anglicane de Fontainebleau

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: WE BRING THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE (SOF 574)

During which an offering is collected:

*WE BRING THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE
Into the house of the Lord,
We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord.
We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord,*

*We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord.
And we offer up to You
The sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And we offer up to You
The sacrifices of joy.*

We say together:

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please be seated.

...
Merciful Father,
**Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

OUR NOTICES

THE SENDING OUT

We sing our Final Hymn:

FINAL HYMN: I WILL SING THE WONDROUS STORY (SOF 278)

1. I WILL SING THE WONDROUS STORY

*Of the Christ who died for me;
How He left His home in glory
For the cross on Calvary.
I was lost but Jesus found me,
Found the sheep that went astray;
Threw His loving arms around me,
Drew me back into His way.*

*2. I was bruised but Jesus healed me,
Faint was I from many a fall;
Sight was gone, and fears possessed me,
But He freed me from them all.*

*4. Days of darkness still come o'er me;
Sorrow's paths I often tread,
But the Saviour still is with me,
By His hand I'm safely led.*

*He will keep me till the river
Rolls its waters at my feet,
Then He'll bear me safely over,
All my joys in Him complete.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me;
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.*

THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do God's will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The dismissal:

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

You are invited to refreshments following the service, please stay for a chat and if we can be of help in any way, please speak to the clergy or to a member of the welcome team. You may also contact our chaplain at the following email address: chaplain.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com.



SAFEGUARDING AT SAINT-LUKE'S

Safeguarding is exactly what it says - guarding the safety of the members of our Church Community and as such it has its roots very firmly in our Christian duty to love one another. If you have any concerns, please contact our Safeguarding Officer, either in church or by email.

Our Safeguarding Officer is Roy Martin.

His email address is: sgofficer.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com

CHURCH NOTICES

Annual Chaplaincy Meeting 2026

Please note that our ACM 2026 will take place on Sunday, April 26th 2026 within our worship service, beginning at 10.30am. The meeting will include the Annual Meeting of Les Amis, the part of St Luke's through which charitable raising of money and donations takes place. Afterwards we'll have a bring and share lunch, our first opportunity to eat together as a church family for a long time. Do come and be part of it!

Sunday School: dates of the next sessions

- May 3, 17, 31
- June 14, 28.

Men's breakfast

The next breakfast will be on Saturday May 9th, 10:00-11:30am at Donald and Netta's apartment, 2 rue des Bois. All men very welcome to come and enjoy friendship over croissants and coffee. Please just let Donald know that you're coming: chaplain.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com.

Leading Intercessions

Our prayers on a Sunday morning are an important and integral part of our worship. We have a rota for our Intercessions which is separate from the other sign-up rota. If you would be interested in joining our merry band of intercessors, please drop Netta a line at mcfadyens@hotmail.com or send an SMS to Netta at +33 (0) 6 81 87 62 57.

Do ask if you are unsure or if you have any queries. Thank you.

A LETTER FROM BISHOP ROBERT INNES



Eastertide 2025

For licensed and PtO clergy, wardens, Readers, archdeaconry synod reps in the archdeaconries of France and Switzerland plus other licensed clergy in the diocese, London and Brussels office staff

Dear Friends,

Archdeacon of France, Monaco and Switzerland

The Venerable Dr Peter Hooper, Archdeacon of France and Switzerland, will be leaving the Diocese in the summer.

Peter 're-joined' us in December 2020 having been a Chaplaincy Warden in the Toulouse area for many years in the 1990s and early 2000s. He was an ordinand in our Diocese. He served some 15 years of Parish Ministry in the Leicester Diocese before coming back to us as Archdeacon.

During his time as Archdeacon, Peter has recruited a remarkable 20 chaplains for France and 7 for Switzerland. He has been active ecumenically with both Protestant and Catholic colleagues in France and The Old Catholic Church in Switzerland. He has led ground-breaking constitutional work in France, enabling our chaplaincies to have new constitutions that conform with revised French law. He established a new national legal presence for the Archdeaconry which has enabled us to become members of the Federation of Protestant Churches. In the post Brexit environment, much work has been done to establish an effective visa route for priests coming newly into France as well as understanding the complicated Swiss work-permit process at a Cantonal Level.

Peter's work has often involved gruelling and difficult engagement with chaplaincy conflict, where he has achieved resolution to some deeply entrenched issues. In the 'Post Covid-era', Peter has been travelling for about 150 days a year. He has become something of a diocesan expert for cost-effective travel arrangements in and around France and Switzerland.

With his recent marriage to Liz in May of last year, combined with the amount of travel required to effectively fulfil the role of Archdeacon, Peter has, after a good deal of soul-searching (and conversations with me), discerned that he now needs to better balance his vocation as a husband in (newly) (re-)married life and his role as an ordained priest.

As part of this re-balancing, Peter will be returning to the Diocese of Leicester, taking up a role to assist in the change process taking place in the Diocese. Peter will be saying farewell to the Diocese in Europe and colleagues at various events over the coming few months, including our June Synod.

We are enormously grateful for all that Peter has given us, and I hope that his remaining months with us - last official working day will be 31st July - are happy and fulfilling. Arrangements for archidiaconal cover in France and Switzerland from August, and the appointment of a successor to Peter, will be put in train soon.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Robert Gibraltar in Europe." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert Gibraltar in Europe

GIVING TO SAINT-LUKE'S

The Anglican Church of St. Luke's Fontainebleau is 100% self-funded and our ministry depends on God's faithfulness and the faithful giving of time, talents, and money from our congregation as we seek to serve Jesus Christ through welcome, worship, and witness.

GIVING TO ST LUKE'S CAN BE MADE IN A VARIETY OF WAYS:

1. Regular monthly giving by bank transfer. This is by far the easiest and most efficient way to provide regular financial support to St Luke's (bank details at the bottom of page).
2. Occasional or one-off donations via Bank Transfer.
3. Regular or occasional giving by cheque: either by sending a cheque made payable to "Eglise Anglicane de Fontainebleau" to the Treasurer or simply placing a cheque in the collection basket during the service.
4. Cash offerings in the collection basket in the service (Euros preferably !). Please consider replacing any giving that you would have made in cash with a cheque or an online donation during the period of suspension of physical services.

** All information concerning giving and donations is private and treated as confidential **

** Standing orders for regular giving by bank transfer can be amended or cancelled at any time **

TAX CERTIFICATES


If you are a French taxpayer, you will receive an annual 'tax certificate' for your giving online, by bank transfer or cheque which will allow you to claim a reduction on your tax (*)

**up to a limit for all your charitable giving of 20% of your taxable income*

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should you require any additional information or have any questions or require assistance, please contact Christopher Burton-Page: treasurer.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com

THANK YOU - your generous giving, whatever the amount, large or small, is so important to us and is greatly appreciated.

				
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