



# WELCOME

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## 11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

**Welcome Song** (see below)

### Entrance

665 This is the day

### Before the Gospel

575 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

### Offertory

510 One more step along the world I go

### Communion

549 Praise him, praise him, praise him

272 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord

### Final

64 Be Thou my vision



## WELCOME SONG

Happy to share, happy to share,  
Our blessings with one another.  
That's why we are here.

## COLLECT

God of glory, the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside all that prevents us from  
seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Janet, Violet, Jason, Toni, Yemi and those who  
are ill and their carers; Geoff and Anne who  
both recently died and their spouses who  
mourn them: Carol, Geoff's wife, and Sonny,  
Anne's husband.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have  
celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes  
away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by  
our communion keep us firm on the  
foundation of the gospel and preserve us  
from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## PRAYER & OUTREACH GROUP

There will be a prayer meeting at the church on the **first Tuesday of every month** at 10:30. The next one will be **Tuesday 2 September** at 10:30.



## MOTHERS AND WOMEN'S GROUP

The women and mothers group meets via WhatsApp call on the last Friday of every month. To join the WhatsApp group, please contact Ada, Yemi, or Denisha. Each call will last a maximum of 30 minutes.



## DEANERY RE-LAUNCH

Everyone is invited to the re-launch of the West Lewisham Deanery Synod on **Thursday 18 September** at 19:00. The event will be attended by Archdeacon Chigor Chike and hosted by St. Bartholomew's Church, SE26. Refreshments are available from 18:30.



## CHILDREN IN CHURCH

Children can go to the sensory chapel after the Collect. They should return after the intercessory prayer to join the service for the Peace. They may choose to sit at the back or rejoin their parents, except on the first Sunday of each month when they will co-lead and remain in the main church throughout the service.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

### ***Monday 1 September***

Hall: 09:30-11:30 - Toddler Group

### ***Tuesday 2 September***

**Church: 10:30 - Prayer & Outreach group**

Hall: 18:30 - 20:00—Pilates

### ***Wednesday 3 September***

Church: 09:30-11:30 - Toddler Group

Hall: 12:00—1:30 - **Food bank**

Online: 18:00 - Bible study

### ***Friday 5 September***

Hall: 09:30-11:30 - Toddler Group

Hall 18:30 - 20:00 – Learning & Physical Disabilities Club

### ***Saturday 6 September***

Hall: 09:00-17:00 - 7th Day Adventists

### ***Sunday 7 September***

Church: 10:00 - Holy Communion

Hall: 13:00-17:00 - I AM Church

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ***Thursday 18 September***

**St Bart's: 18:30 - Deanery re-launch**

### ***Wednesday 24 September***

Hall: 12:00—1:30 - **Food bank**

### ***Friday 26 September***

Whatsapp: **Mothers & Women's Group**

### ***Tuesday 7 October***

Church: 10:30 - Prayer & Outreach group

### ***Wednesday 8 October***

Hall: 12:00—1:30 - **Food bank**

# The Old Testament Reading

*The Old Testament reading is from: **Jeremiah 2: 4 - 13***

<sup>4</sup> Listen to the word of the LORD, people of Jacob—all you families of Israel! <sup>5</sup> This is what the LORD says:

“What did your ancestors find wrong with me  
that led them to stray so far from me?

They worshiped worthless idols,  
only to become worthless themselves.

<sup>6</sup> They did not ask, ‘Where is the LORD  
who brought us safely out of Egypt  
and led us through the barren wilderness—  
a land of deserts and pits,  
a land of drought and death,  
where no one lives or even travels?’

<sup>7</sup> “And when I brought you into a fruitful land  
to enjoy its bounty and goodness,  
you defiled my land and  
corrupted the possession I had promised you.

<sup>8</sup> The priests did not ask,  
‘Where is the LORD?’

Those who taught my word ignored me,  
the rulers turned against me,  
and the prophets spoke in the name of Baal,  
wasting their time on worthless idols.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore, I will bring my case against you,”  
says the LORD.

“I will even bring charges against your children’s children  
in the years to come.

<sup>10</sup> “Go west and look in the land of Cyprus;  
go east and search through the land of Kedar.

Has anyone ever heard of anything  
as strange as this?

<sup>11</sup> Has any nation ever traded its gods for new ones,  
even though they are not gods at all?

Yet my people have exchanged their glorious God  
for worthless idols!

<sup>12</sup> The heavens are shocked at such a thing  
and shrink back in horror and dismay,”  
says the LORD.

<sup>13</sup> “For my people have done two evil things:

They have abandoned me—

the fountain of living water.

And they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns

that can hold no water at all!

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**



## The Gospel Reading

*The Gospel reading is from: **Luke 14: 1, 7 - 14***

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke**.*

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

One Sabbath day Jesus went to eat dinner in the home of a leader of the Pharisees, and the people were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When Jesus noticed that all who had come to the dinner were trying to sit in the seats of honor near the head of the table, he gave them this advice: <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited to a wedding feast, don’t sit in the seat of honor. What if someone who is more distinguished than you has also been invited? <sup>9</sup> The host will come and say, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then you will be embarrassed, and you will have to take whatever seat is left at the foot of the table!

<sup>10</sup> “Instead, take the lowest place at the foot of the table. Then when your host sees you, he will come and say, ‘Friend, we have a better place for you!’ Then you will be honored in front of all the other guests. <sup>11</sup> For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> Then he turned to his host. “When you put on a luncheon or a banquet,” he said, “don’t invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. <sup>13</sup> Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you.”

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**