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13TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 14th September 2025

Welcome Song (see below)

Entrance

550 Praise, my soul, the king of heaven

Before the Gospel

143 Father, I place into your hands

Offertory

66 Bind us together, Lord

Communion

160 Follow me

272 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord

Final

161 For all the saints

WELCOME SONG

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

COLLECT

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Janet, Violet, Jason, Toni, Yemi, all who are ill and their carers; we pray for Alfredo, who recently died, and his family who mourn him: Josefina and Alfredo Sr.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Preparation for confirmation will begin soon ahead of the Confirmation Service on **Sunday 16 November** at 18:00. Please speak to Rev'd Ifeanyi if you would like to be confirmed.



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 7 October** at 10:30.



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 15 September

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

Church: 15:30 - 18:00 - Homework Club

Hall: 17:30 - 18:30 - Rainbows

Hall: 18:30 - 20:00 - Brownies

Tuesday 16 September

Hall: 18:30 - 20:00—Pilates

Wednesday 17 September

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

Online: 18:00 - Bible study

Thursday 18 September

Hall: 18:30 - 20:30 - Guides

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

Friday 19 September

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

Hall 18:30 - 20:00 - Learning & Physical

Disabilities Club

Saturday 20 September

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

Sunday 21 September

Church: 10:00 - Holy Communion

Hall: 13:00-17:00 - IAM Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 4: I I—I2, 22—28

- 11 The time is coming when the LORD will say to the people of Jerusalem,
- "My dear people, a burning wind is blowing in from the desert, and it's not a gentle breeze useful for winnowing grain.
- 12 It is a roaring blast sent by me!

 Now I will pronounce your destruction!"
- ²² "My people are foolish and do not know me," says the LORD.
- "They are stupid children who have no understanding.
- They are clever enough at doing wrong, but they have no idea how to do right!"
- ²³ I looked at the earth, and it was empty and formless. I looked at the heavens, and there was no light.
- ²⁴I looked at the mountains and hills, and they trembled and shook.
- ²⁵ I looked, and all the people were gone.

 All the birds of the sky had flown away.
- ²⁶I looked, and the fertile fields had become a wilderness. The towns lay in ruins, crushed by the LORD's fierce anger.
- ²⁷ This is what the LORD says:
- "The whole land will be ruined, but I will not destroy it completely.
- ²⁸ The earth will mourn and the heavens will be draped in black

because of my decree against my people.

I have made up my mind and will not change it."

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

The Gospel reading is from: **Luke 15: I – 10**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke**.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach.

- ² This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!
- ³ So Jesus told them this story: ⁴ "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. ⁶ When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!

⁸ "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Won't she light a lamp and sweep the entire house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost coin.' ¹⁰ In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.