

Living the Word: I Corinthians 1.1-9

The letters left to us by St Paul speak of a church which is already filled with gifts of the Spirit given at Pentecost. Indeed, we may even wonder sometimes if we are still part of that same church upon which God poured out so many of his blessings! But Paul's call to the church in Corinth to be firm to the end needs to be a wake-up call for all of us. The Church is not about following fads, nor is it about being fashionable for the sake of it. The Church is about proclaiming to the world the Truth which has been given to us by the incarnation of Jesus Christ. We are so blessed to be able to worship in a climate of relative ease, unlike those of the Early Church, who were fighting not only for their souls, but also for their freedom to worship God. Are you using to their utmost the gifts – the grace – given to you by God?

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: an octave: 18th to 25th January

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has always been close to the hearts of catholic-minded Anglicans. It runs from the feast of the Chair of St Peter in the old, Tridentine calendar (which is now celebrated on 22nd February) until the feast of the Conversion of St Paul. The octave thus created is true to the Church's historic practice, as are the ecumenical ideals embodied by this special week (think of the two feasts chosen to begin and end the week). This year's theme is: 'There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling' (Ephesians 4: 4). We continue to pray 'ut unum sint' (John 17: 21), that they may be one. Might we be one with our Christian brothers and sisters across the world.

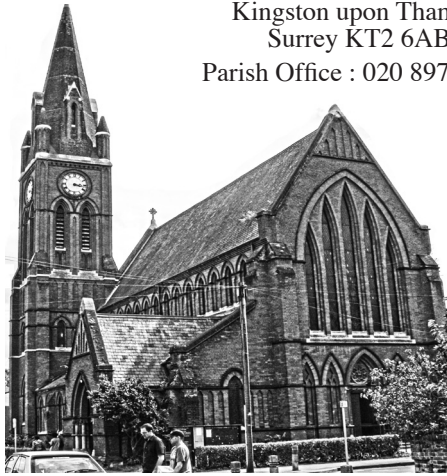
Sunday 18th January 2026
2nd Sunday of Epiphany /
2nd in Ordinary Time
Gospel: John 1: 29 – 42



‘Among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.’ It is part of John's powerful witness to point to the Lord so adamantly, so directly, that he almost disappears behind the message. ‘He must increase, but I must decrease.’ John's humility and his submission to the One who is to come prepares a path for Christ whose salvation will reach to the ends of the earth. ‘Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.’ When John sees the Lord, he recognises him as the sacrificial Lamb of God who will take away the sins of the world. If we follow John's example, Christ will grow in us, and our own selfishness will decrease. In this way, we can seek to enter the Kingdom of Heaven and see the Father's glory.

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We welcome you to St Luke's Kingston, a traditional Forward in Faith parish under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Fulham the Rt Rev'd Jonathan Baker. His website is: <http://www.bishopoffulham.org.uk>.

As a community we are dedicated to making the love of Christ known through excellence in worship and active care and concern for others.

St Luke's Church is kept open most days during the daylight hours for prayer and meditation.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Said Mass
10.30am Sung Mass
5.00pm Evening Prayer

WEEKDAYS

8.00am Mass Tuesday/ Thursday & Friday
9.00am Mass Wednesday

THIS WEEK

MONDAY 19th January: Feria of 2nd Wk in OT
1 Samuel 15:16-23; Ps 50(49):8-9. 16b-17. 21, 23; Mark 2:18-22
12 Noon Memorial Service - Susan Codd

TUESDAY 20th January: Feria of 2nd Wk in OT
1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ps 89(88):20. 21-22. 27-28; Mark 2:23-28
8.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 21st January: St Agnes
1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-51; Ps 144(143):1. 2. 9-10; Mark 3:1-6
9.00am Mass

THURSDAY 22nd January: Feria of 2nd Wk in OT
1 Samuel 18:6-9;19:1-7; Ps 56(55):2-3. 9-13; Mark 3:7-12
8.00am Mass

FRIDAY 23rd January: Feria of 2nd Wk in OT
1 Samuel 24:2-20; Ps 57(56):2. 3-4. 6, 11; Mark 3:13-19
8.00am Mass

SATURDAY 24th January: Feria of 2nd Wk in OT
2 Samuel 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27; Ps 80(79):2-3. 5-7; Mark 3:20-21

Join Zoom Meeting- Sunday 10.30am

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HEALING PRAYER

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We pray that the Lord's healing love will comfort and strengthen all those in sickness of mind, body and soul;

Especially we pray for:- Gillian, Patricia Davidge, Susan, Patrick, Fr Hugh Mead, Christine West, Heather Stone, John & Evathia Philips and Margot.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Philip Ransom, Sue Codd

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

TODAY: William Skinner, Charles Chapman, HRH Prince John

MONDAY: Arthur Hedges, Arthur Staples, Beatrice Turnham

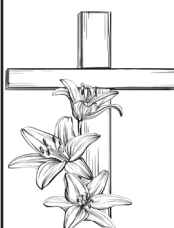
TUESDAY: Susan Barry, H.M King George V, Beverley Slater

WEDNESDAY: Leslie Huntley Isaac (Priest), Olive Hobday, Marion Grey, Bartholomew Gilroy (Priest)

THURSDAY: Fanny Isaac, Beryl Lowrie, Clare Ellis, Rev Canon John Allen (Priest)

FRIDAY: Harold Hewitt-Hulin

SATURDAY: Alfred Woodgate, Marcus Donovan (Priest)



Sue Codd - R.I.P

A service to celebrate Sue's life and to give support to Patrick and family will take place at Noon on Monday 19th January followed by refreshments in the Hall.



THE ANGELUS

It is our custom, before we go home, to make this traditional memorial of the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ:

v. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary.

R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

All: Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

v. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it unto me according to thy word. *All:* Hail, Mary . . .

v. And the Word became flesh.

R. And dwelt among us. *All:* Hail, Mary . . .

v. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

The priest prays the Collect. The people respond: Amen.

ORGAN MUSIC

Postlude in F – *Michael Fischer*

NOTICES

WE WELCOME YOU to St Luke's this morning, especially if it is your first time with us. Please make contact if you would like a visit from Fr Martin, or if you would like to come in for an appointment (contact details are on the inside back cover of this pew bulletin).

PEW BULLETINS: Please take your pew bulletin home, not just for the notices, but also to reflect on the readings, prayers and hymns. (If there are spares at the back of the church, why not take an extra one to give away?)

THE HEALING MINISTRY: including the Sacraments of Holy Communion and the Anointing of the Sick, and/or the laying on of hands and prayer, is available at home or in hospital. Contact Fr Martin.

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS: Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available. If you would prefer one please advise one of our Welcomers before the service.

EMAIL LIST:: If you would like to be added to our email list for regular service updates and community events please email parish@stlukeskingston.uk to say you wish to be added.

HELP THE PARISH AS YOU SHOP

Online shopping is increasing and if you use this mode of shopping you can benefit St Luke's at no cost to you!

www.easyfundraising.org.uk has over 4000 shops and sites which will donate to us at no extra cost to yourself, including big name retailers like John Lewis, Argos, M&S.

All you have to do is go through easy fundraising website or App whenever you shop online and then the parish receives a % of your spend as a free donation, at no extra cost to you or the parish.



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTORY RITES

We welcome baptised and communicant members of other Christian Churches to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion here, or to come forward, holding this pew sheet, to receive a Blessing.

MASS MUSIC SETTING

SUMSION IN F

ORGAN MUSIC

Elegy - *G Thalben Ball*

ENTRANCE HYMN

461. There's a wideness in God's mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice
Which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.

There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

ANTIPHON *Psalm 65:4*

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

The celebrant introduces the Mass

PENITENTIAL ACT

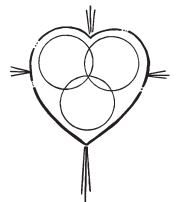
The Priest asks the people to acknowledge their sins.

After a pause for silence:

All: I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.



Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

People: **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Choir: **Kyrie eleison.** (Lord, have mercy.)
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Christe eleison. (Christ, have mercy.)
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GLORIA

All: **Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**
**Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world:
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
have mercy on us.**
**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.**

COLLECT

Priest: Almighty ever-living God, who governs all things,
both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading
of your people and bestow your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen**

The people SIT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING *Isaiah 49:3, 5-6*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength he says: 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 39 (40)*

**R. Here I am, Lord!
I come to do your will.**

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **R.**

**that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord has prepared a feast for me; given wine in plenty for me to drink

Holy Communion is now given.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ave Verum - W.A.Mozart 1756-1791

The People STAND

COMMUNION HYMN

284. Father, we thank thee who hast planted
**Father, we thank thee who has planted
Thy holy name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal
Jesus thy son to us imparts.**

**Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy pleasure,
Didst give us food for all his days,
Giving in Christ the bread eternal;
Thine is the power, be thine the praise.**

**Watch o'er thy church, O Lord, in mercy,
Save it from evil, guard it still,
Perfect it in thy love, unite it
Cleansed and conformed unto thy will.**

**As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,
Was in this broken bread made one,
So from all lands thy Church be gathered
Into thy kingdom by thy Son.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

CONCLUDING RITE

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

The Priest blesses the people, who respond: **Amen.**

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

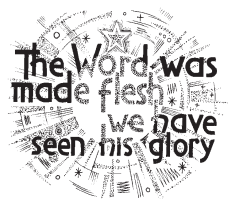
FINAL HYMN

366. God of mercy, God of grace

**God of mercy, God of grace,
Show the brightness of thy face:
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
Fill thy Church with light divine;
And thy saving health extend
Unto earth's remotest end.**

**Let the people praise thee, Lord;
Be by all that live adored:
Let the nations shout and sing,
Glory to their Saviour King;
At thy feet their tributes pay,
And thy holy will obey.**

**Let the people praise thee, Lord;
Earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to man his blessing give,
Man to God devoted live;
All below, and all above,
One in joy, and light, and love.**



Look with favour on the oblation of your Church, in which we show the paschal Sacrifice of Christ that has been handed on to us, and grant that, by the power of the Spirit of your love, we may be counted now until the day of eternity among the members of your Son, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

Lord renew your Church by the light of the Gospel. Strengthen the bond of unity between the faithful and the pastors of your people, together with Jonathan our Bishop, the whole Order of Bishops, that in a world torn by strife your people may shine forth as a prophetic sign of unity and concord.

Remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the peace of your Christ, and all the dead, whose faith you have known. Admit them to rejoice in the light of your face, and in the resurrection give them the fullness of life.

Grant also to us, when our earthly pilgrimage is done, that we may come to an eternal dwelling place and live with you for ever; there, in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the Apostles and Martyrs, with Saint Luke and with all the Saints, we shall praise and exalt you through Jesus Christ, your Son.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

The People STAND



THE COMMUNION RITE

Priest: At the Saviour's command,
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven;
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation:
but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that by the help of your mercy
we may always be free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you:
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And with your spirit.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **R.**

THE SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

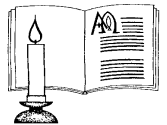
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

The People STAND



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Luke 19:38*

v. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

v. Blessings on the King who comes
in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL *John 1:29-34*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

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

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me. I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel.'" John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY *The people SIT*

The people STAND

NICENE CREED *The people STAND*

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,**

consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:

All bow: and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward
to the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The people KNEEL or SIT

At the end of each bidding, silence is kept, followed by:
Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end of the prayers:

People: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The people STAND

OFFERTORY HYMN

494. Christ is the world's true Light (t 413)

Christ is the world's true light,
Its Captain of salvation,
The Daystar shining bright
To every man and nation;
New life, new hope awakes,
Where'er men own his sway;
Freedom her bondage breaks,
And night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet,
Their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete,
From sunrise to its setting:
When Christ is throned as Lord,
Men shall forsake their fear,
To ploughshare beat the sword,
To pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great Name
Unite us all who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame
That hinder to enthrone thee;
The world has waited long,
Has travailed long in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong,
Come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice
at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good,
and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Priest: Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate
worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of
this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is
accomplished. Through Christ our Lord

All: Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy
Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our
Lord. For out of compassion for the waywardness
that is ours, he humbled himself and was born of the
Virgin; by the passion of the Cross he freed us from
unending death, and by rising from the dead he gave
us life eternal. And so, with Angels and Archangels,
with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and
Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as
without end we acclaim:

Choir: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people KNEEL or SIT

Priest: You are indeed holy, and to be glorified, O God,
who love the human race and who always walks with us
on the journey of life. Blessed indeed is your son, present
in our midst when we are gathered by his love, and when,
as once for the disciples, so now for us, he opens the
Scriptures and breaks the bread.
Therefore, Father most merciful, we ask that you send
forth your Holy Spirit to sanctify these gifts of bread and
wine, that they may become for us the Body and Blood of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer, on the night of the Last
Supper, he took bread and said the blessing, broke the
bread and gave it to his disciples saying:
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH
IS GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice
gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH IS POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection,
until you come again.

Priest: Therefore, holy Father, as we celebrate the memorial
of Christ your son, our Saviour, whom you led through
his Passion and Death on the Cross to the glory of the
Resurrection, and whom you have seated at your right hand,
we proclaim the work of your love until he comes again and
we offer you the Bread of life and the Chalice of blessing.