

St Simon Zelotes



MORNING PRAYER WITH BAPTISM ONLINE

Sunday 14 June 2026

10.00am

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We especially welcome Clara this morning along with her parents, Michael and Lizzie, godparents, family and friends.

Welcome

Hymn

O Jesus, I have promised

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my Guide.

2 O let me feel thee near me,
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

3 O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory
there shall Thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend!

4 O let me see thy footmarks
and in them plant mine own:
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heav'n receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

John Ernest Bode (1869); CCCL Licence No. 1891688



Baptism

Presentation of the Candidate

The Minister addresses the whole congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Clare and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The Minister addresses the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Clara with joy. Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith. Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith, and walk with her in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Clara begins her journey in faith. You speak for her today. Will you care for her, and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.



The Decision

The Minister addresses the parents and godparents

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

Clara receives the sign of the Cross

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All: Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**



Profession of Faith

The Minister addresses the congregation, parents, and godparents.

Let us affirm,
for ourselves and for Clara,
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Baptism of Clara

Clara Elizabeth, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All: Amen.

Children leave for Sunday School, Youth Group, and Crèche while adults return to their seats.



Baptismal Anthem

If ye love me

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he will give you another Comforter,
that he may bide with you for ever;
e'en the Spirit of truth.

Words: John 14:15-17. Music: Thomas Tallis
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First reading: Psalm 23

A Psalm of David.

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



Second reading: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Choir: Jubilate

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise;
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning
is now and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.

Words: Psalm 100. Music: Herbert Howells. CCLI Licence No. 1891688

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.



Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Anthem

Come down, O love divine

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame
bestowing.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps
with loathing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path
illuming.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes
his dwelling.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434) trans. Richard F. Littledale (1833-1890);

Music: William Harris. CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Intercessions

Notices



Hymn

The King of love, my shepherd is

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

2 Where streams of living waters flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight,
thy unction grace bestoweth:
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877) based on Psalm 23.
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Sermon

Psalm 23:4

'The Lord is my companion'

Joe Ammoun



Hymn

Guide me, O my great redeemer

(We take a collection during this hymn. People give in a variety of ways. Some may not be in a position to give. Please pass the plate on if that is appropriate for you. If you are a taxpayer, please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes in your pew, completing the information on the front. You can also give using the card reader located at the back of the church.)

1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy pow'rful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me now and evermore.
Feed me now and evermore.

2 Open thou the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717-1791); trans. Peter Williams (1723-1796)
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Blessing

Voluntary

Ceremonial March— Herbert Sumsion

Notices

Tanya Ling: Art and Jesus - Thursday 25 June, 7-8.30pm

On Thursday 25 June at 7pm, St Simon's is hosting an evening with Tanya Ling, in conversation about Christian faith and her life as an artist, designer and fashion illustrator. Please do come and invite friends. Nibbles and drinks will be provided at the end of the evening. The e-poster for the event can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/5ehs48bf>.

Church Supper - Sunday 28 June

On Sunday 28 June there will be a **simple, prepared church supper** after the evening service. The whole church family and friends are invited. **This is not a bring and share supper** so please don't bring anything to contribute. The service beforehand will include a talk with guests in mind.

Tom Miller's ordination - Monday 29 June, 6.30pm

Tom Miller will be ordained a deacon by the Bishop of Ebbsfleet, Rob Munro, at **St John's, Downshire Hill** (location details at <https://tinyurl.com/dacwrtwc>) on Monday 29 June at 6.30pm. Anando Mukerjee, until last year a longstanding member of our congregation, will be ordained a presbyter at the same service. **St Simon's has 20 tickets available for the service. If you would like to come, please contact joe.ammoun@ssz.org.uk**. The service will also be livestreamed (link tbc).

Save the date: next 'Men Together at St Simon's' event

There will be a 'Men Together' event on the **evening of Friday 3 July**. Details to be confirmed. Please save the date and contact Joe at joe.ammoun@ssz.org.uk to express an interest.

Women's Breakfast - Saturday 4 July, 10-11.30am

We warmly invite women from both the morning and evening congregations to join us for our next women's breakfast being held on Saturday 4 July in the church building. breakfast will be followed by a talk by our Ministry Trainee, Liv Jani. There will also be space to chat and reflect together on what we hear. Babes in arms are very welcome but unfortunately we're not able to provide childcare. For more information, to let us know if you're coming, or if you're able to bring food, please contact Zannie at zannie.ammoun@ssz.org.uk.

Save the date: organ rededication recital - Saturday 5 September, 6pm

On Saturday 5 September our morning service Director of Music, Daniel Phillips, will be giving a rededication recital on our soon to be restored organ. We will have the opportunity to give thanks to God for the organ's renewal and for those who have enabled it. Light refreshments will be served after the recital. The e-poster for the event can be found <https://tinyurl.com/2m7b47na>.

Weekly email

Associate Vicar Joe Ammoun sends out a weekly email letter each Wednesday with church family news and a short reflection. If you don't currently receive this but would like to, please get in touch with Gloria at gloria.skelsey@ssz.org.uk.