

St Simon Zelotes



MORNING PRAYER ONLINE

Sunday 23 August 2026

10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

The Church's one foundation

1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation,
by water and the word;
from heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the Earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

3 Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel J Stone (1839-1900); CCLI Licence No. 1891688



Sentence of Scripture

Exhortation

Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

Absolution

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.

Responses

O Lord, open thou our lips.

All: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Please stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

All: The Lord's name be praised.



First reading: Leviticus 19.1-2, 9-18

¹ The LORD said to Moses, ² 'Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: "Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy."

⁹ "'When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰ Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the Lord your God.

¹¹ "'Do not steal.

"Do not lie.

"Do not deceive one another.

¹² "'Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the Lord.

¹³ "'Do not defraud or rob your neighbour.

"Do not hold back the wages of a hired worker overnight.

¹⁴ "'Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling-block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the Lord.

¹⁵ "'Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favouritism to the great, but judge your neighbour fairly.

¹⁶ "'Do not go about spreading slander among your people.

"Do not do anything that endangers your neighbour's life. I am the Lord.

¹⁷ "'Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbour frankly so that you will not share in their guilt.

¹⁸ "'Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



Second reading: Colossians 3.12-17

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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All: Thanks be to God



The Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

Breathe on me, Breath of God

(Sunday School, Youth Group, and Crèche leave during this hymn)

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love
and do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure:
until with thee I have one will
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so I shall never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Edwin Hatch (1835-1889). CCLI Licence No. 1891688



Responses

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

All: And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.

All: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

All: And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

All: And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

All: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Morning Collects



Intercessions

Notices



Hymn

In Christ there is no east or west

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In him shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord,
close binding humankind.

3 Join hands, united in the faith,
what'er your race may be;
who serve my Father as their own
are surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christlike souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.

John Oxenham (1852-1941) alt.



Sermon

Colossians 3:12-17

‘Complete in Christ: Heavenly Clothing’

Mike Neville



Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness

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 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Jan Struther (1901-1953); CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Gaudeamus - Sidney Campbell

St Simon's Job opportunity: Assistant to the St Simon's Administrator

The above part-time role (6 hours per week on a Friday) has become available at St Simon's and we are seeking suitably qualified applicants who would like to apply. To see a job description and find out how to apply, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/3zx3nrsz>. This role is subject to safer recruitment practises. Applicants must have the right to work in the UK at the time of application, as we are not able to provide visa sponsorship for this position. **The deadline for applications is 12 noon, Monday 7 September 2026**

'Hard Questions' course: September 2026

Ever wanted answers to questions like: Hasn't science disproved Christianity? What about other religions? Why does God allow suffering? Well now's your opportunity! Our 'Hard Questions' summer course is scheduled to meet at St Simon's from 7.30 to 9.00 pm on **Thursday evenings** in September, re-starting on September 3. Full details are available from the back of church or from Ed Rose: edward.rose@cpt.eurofinseu.com

George Walker Licensing and Admission - Tuesday 8 September, 7pm

George Walker will be licensed and admitted to the office of Licensed Lay Minister (Lay Reader) for St Simon's on the evening of Tuesday 8 September at St Stephen's Church, Canonbury Road, N1 2DF (nearest tube station: Highbury and Islington). A Licensed Lay Reader supports the ministry of the clergy by taking services, preaching and serving the church in other pastoral and ministerial capacities. If you would like to come, please let George Walker know at george.walker@ssz.org.uk.

Joining a Home Group in September 2026

At St Simon's, we want everyone to be growing in joy and confidence as a follower of Christ. One great way of doing that is to meet regularly with a small group of others in a Home Group. Our Home Groups meet on different evenings throughout the week, in people's homes or in church. All of them gather to read the Bible and explore its implications for everyday life, and to pray, care for and encourage each other. If you're not currently in a group but would be interested in knowing more, please speak with Joe or get in touch with him at joe.ammoun@ssz.org.uk.

Organ rededication recital - postponement

We are disappointed to share the news that, due to unforeseen additional delays in the organ restoration process, the works will not be completed this month as planned and expected. The organ builders apologise for the further delays and continue to make progress on the restoration work, but we are sadly having to postpone the rededication recital due to take place on 5 September. We hope we will be able to announce a new autumn date for the recital in the next few weeks.

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.