

St Simon Zelotes



MORNING PRAYER WITH BAPTISM ONLINE
Sunday 27 September 2026
10.00am

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We especially welcome Charlie this morning, along with his parents, grandparents, godparents and family and friends.

Welcome

Hymn

Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
Glourious first-born from the dead,
You alone our strong Defender,
lifting up Your people's head.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Jesus, true and living Bread!

2 Prince of Life, for us now living,
by your body souls are healed;
Prince of Peace, Your pardon giving,
by Your blood our peace is sealed.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Word of God in flesh revealed.

3 Paschal Lamb! Your offering, finished
once for all when You were slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall forever evermore remain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Cleansing souls from every stain

.4 Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken rock, with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship You, the Lamb who died.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Risen, ascended, glorified!

George Hugh Bourne, 1840-1925



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 Charlie and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The Minister addresses the parents and godparents

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

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Charlie begins his journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his 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

Charlie 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 the one to be baptised,
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All: I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All: I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All: I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Baptism of Charles

Charles David Michael, 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.



10 Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). 11 Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

12 When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, 'Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.' 13 So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

14 After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, 'Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.' 15 Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Choir: Psalm 100: 2-5

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.

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 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Anthem

The Lord hath been mindful - Samuel Sebastian Wesley

The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us :
he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.
He shall bless them that fear the Lord : both small and great.
Ye are the blessed of the Lord : you and your children.
Ye are the blessed of the Lord : who made heaven and earth.

Music: Wesley, Samuel Sebastian
Words: Psalm 115:12-15

Intercessions

Notices



Baptismal Anthem
The peace of God

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only
That makest me dwell in safety.

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley
Words: : Psalm 5:8 and 4:8

First reading : Deuteronomy 8.1-3

8 Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. ² Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. ³ He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Second reading: John 6.1-15, 25-40

6 Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing those who were ill. ³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

5 When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming towards him, he said to Philip, 'Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

⁷ Philip answered him, 'It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!'

⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹ 'Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?'



Hymn

Make me a channel of peace

1 Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred,
let me bring your love.
Where there is injury,
your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt,
true faith in you.

O master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

2 Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life,
let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness,
only light,
and where there's sadness
ever joy.

O master...

3 Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning
that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves
that we receive.
and in dying
that we're born to eternal life.

Sebastian Temple (1928-1997) based on the prayer of St. Francis
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Sermon

John 6.1-15; 25-40

'Follow the signs: The bread from above'

Mike Neville



Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

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

Choral Song - Samuel Sebastian Wesley



Notices

Harvest Thanksgiving - Sunday 4 October

We will celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving at the 10am service on Sunday 4 October. The service will include Harvest themed choral music and all are warmly welcome.

Baptism and Confirmation Service - Sunday 4 October

We will have a service of baptism and confirmation at the 6.30pm service on Sunday 4 October. Bishop Rob Munro will confirm candidates and preach. This will be a choral, celebratory service and all are invited.

Gift Day

We are very grateful to everyone who gives regularly to St Simon's. Once a year we hold a Gift Day for those who wish to supplement their regular giving or make a one-off donation. If you would like to give in this way, we invite you to do so over **the weekend of 3 & 4 October**. We won't receive gifts in the church on Saturday this year, but they can be sent to the church office or given to Mike or Nicholas Dunhill in church on Sunday. Please write cheques to 'St Simon Zelotes PCC' or if making a donation by bank transfer to St Simon Zelotes PCC, Account No: 95817611 Sort Code: 60-00-01 and use Reference "Gift Day".

'Men Together' drinks

There will be a 'Men Together at St Simon's' meet up at the Nag's Head pub (53 Kinnerton Street, London, SW1X 8ED) **from 6pm on the evening of Friday 9 October**. This is a chance to get to know each other across the ages, stages and congregations of St Simon's. There will be a short discussion on a Christian theme led by a member of the congregation. Email jonathan.greenwold@yahoo.com to let us know if you're coming.

'Suffering wisely and well' - seminar morning with Dr Eric Orlund - Saturday 10 October

Why does God allow suffering? And how should Christians respond to it? On Saturday 10 October (**9.30am-1.30pm**), we will hold a seminar-style event in the church building on the subject of suffering, drawing wise pastoral lessons from the book of Job. Dr Eric Orlund, lecturer at Oak Hill College and author of two books on Job and suffering, will be our main speaker. The morning will involve plenty of time for discussion and questions. There will be lunch and refreshments available. While we cannot offer childcare, we hope that interested parents will be able to make arrangements that enable them to come. To find out more, or to sign up to attend, please email Gloria at gloria.skelsey@ssz.org.uk.

Glass Door Homeless Charity: Autumn Harvest appeal

This winter, Glass Door is hoping to run a number of emergency night shelters serving hot meals and beds for homeless people. They are asking local churches to use Harvest Services to contribute goods that they need. They have issued a **specific list of items required** - see below. **Please bring your donations to the back of the church in the week beginning 28 September and before Monday 5 October.**

- Instant Coffee
- Instant hot chocolate
- Biscuits (digestives, custard creams, bourbons, etc.)
- Breakfast cereals (Weetabix, cornflakes, etc.)
- Sugar
- Tea (black, breakfast, fruit, green tea)
- Sauces (ketchup, brown sauce, hot sauces)
- White rice (please no ready cooked, brown or speciality rice)
- Pasta (penne and fusilli are preferred, please no spaghetti)
- Tinned tomatoes and tinned pulses (chickpeas, beans, lentils, etc.)
- Breakfast spreads (jam, jelly, Nutella, peanut butter, honey, marmalade, etc.)
- Tinned vegetarian soups
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Toiletries (deodorants, shampoo, shower gels, bar soap, etc.)
- Women's period products

Happy Home Presentation

We will give our annual presentation on the Happy Home **after the morning service on Sunday 18th October**. This charity in Tamil Nadu, India was set up by a Christian minister and his family to provide lodgings, food, clothing and education for children from poor families. Many of these kids are orphans and others have been left destitute. Currently there are over 200 children being cared for by the Happy Home. Support from St Simons has been mainly based on a family or an individual agreeing to sponsor a particular child with an annual contribution. This charity relies on help from us and other churches and has no help from the Indian government.

Farewell to Mike and Liz Neville, Save the Date

We will be holding **leaving drinks for Mike and Liz at St Simon's** on the evening of **Friday 6 November**. Further details will follow but please save the date.

Mike and Liz's **last Sunday** will be **Sunday 15 November**. There will be a **Farewell Service at 10am** and a **church supper after the evening service**.

***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.*