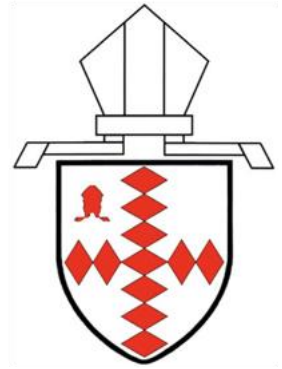


CHARLTON
ST LUKE AND ST THOMAS



**Charlton Deanery Confirmation
with
Eucharist**

by

**The Rt Revd Dr Karowei Dorgu
*Bishop of Woolwich***

**St Luke with Holy Trinity, Charlton
6.00pm Sunday 28 May 2022**

Welcome!

A warm welcome to St Luke's Church, part of Charlton Benefice. Today is a special day for our church communities of St Luke's, St Thomas', St Alfege, the Old Royal Naval College Chapel, St George's Westcombe Park and St Mary's, Woolwich. We come together with Bishop Karowei to celebrate with, pray for and support those being confirmed or received into the Church of England tonight.

This is a significant stage on their journey of faith, when they take up the promises made on their behalf, or by them at baptism, publicly declaring their Christian faith and are commissioned into 'active service' by Bishop Karowei. The bishop will lay hands on our candidates, anoint them with oil and pray for the Holy Spirit to empower and gift them as they grow as followers of Jesus Christ. We pray that they will trust in God's promises and grow in their faith as followers of Jesus, the Light of the World.

Please follow the directions given in this order of service and from the bishop.

Words that we all speak or sing are printed in **bold type**.

During the service a collection will be taken for the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Fund (registered charity no. 1075122) which supports charities in the diocese and overseas. If you are a UK tax payer, please seal your offering in the Gift Aid envelope and complete the details on the front. This will enable income tax to be recovered on your offering. Or make a payment via the contactless card reader by the south door and place a gift aid envelope with the details in the box next to it. More information and how to donate is available at southwark.anglican.org/lentcall

CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

St Luke with Holy Trinity, Charlton

Remi Senior Arnold

Summer Senior Courtney

Rita Kenney

Dannii Willis

St Thomas, Old Charlton

Akic Lwaldeng

St Alfege, Greenwich

Manuel Capelo

Gordon Dominey

Rebecca Stokes

St. George, Westcombe Park

Isabella Maria Johnson

Samantha Michelle Watson

St Mary Magdalene, Woolwich

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Old Royal Naval College Chapel

Annie Curry

TO BE RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

St Alfege, Greenwich

Arhondia Stickney

Pianist: Dominic Barlow

We stand to sing

Processional Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard my people cry.

**All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.**

I, who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

*I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.

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Bishop Karowei says

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Welcome and Introduction by Bishop Karowei

Collect (the Church's special prayer for today)

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church
with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We sit

New Testament Reading Acts 2 v 1 - 21

Read by Arhondia Stickney

At the end: This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing

Gradual 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 will 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 shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

Edwin Hatch (1835 – 1889)

We remain standing for the gospel reading

Gospel Reading

John 20 v 19 – 23

Read by Manuel Capelo

The reader says:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

God is love; let us love one another as God has loved us.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

At the end:

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon The Revd Simon Winn, Vicar of St Alfege, Greenwich,
Charlton Area Dean

We spend some time in quiet reflection

Confirmation

The Liturgy of Initiation

Presentation of the candidates

Each candidate is presented to the bishop, who asks

Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit?

I have.

The bishop asks all the candidates

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

I am.

Testimony by the candidates may follow

The bishop 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 these candidates and uphold them in their life in Christ?

All: With the help of God, we will.

Decision

The bishop asks all the candidates

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.

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you also strength to continue in the Way.

Amen.

Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

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?

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?

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.

The bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed and says;

Our help is in the name of the Lord who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord now and for ever. Amen.

The bishop extends his hands towards those being confirmed and says;

Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.

Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength,
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness,
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.

Amen.

Each candidate kneels before the bishop in turn.

The bishop addresses each candidate by name

N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

He then lays his hand on the head of each candidate saying;

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The bishop anoints each candidate with oil of Chrism

Reception into the Communion of the Church of England

Arhondia, you are here to be received into the communion of the Church of England.

Do you acknowledge the Church of England as part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church?

I do.

Do you accept the teaching, discipline and authority of the Church of England?

I do.

Will you take part with us in worship and mission?

I will.

The bishop takes the hand of the person to be received, saying

Arhondia, we recognize you as a member of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church;

and we receive you into the communion of the Church of England in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The bishop invites the congregation to pray for all those who have been confirmed and received into the Church of England:

All: Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

The choir sings

The Lord bless you and keep you - John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you

and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

We stand

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Bishop Karowei says

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

*During the hymn a collection is taken for the Bishop of Southwark's
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I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship,
Should stoop to love the people of the earth
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wand'rer,
To bring them back, they know not how or when.

But this I know, that He was born of Mary,
When Bethl'hem's manger was His only home,
And that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,
Or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.

But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
How He will claim His earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.

But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendour
When He the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.

But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King.

William Young Fullerton (1857 - 1932)

The Preparation of the Bread and Wine

Bishop Karowei prays:

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us; nourish your people with the word of life and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

We remain standing

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And now we give you thanks
because by water and the Holy Spirit

you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord;
you raise us to new life in him
and renew in us the image of your glory.

And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
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.***

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon
the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Luke, Thomas, Alfege,
Mary Magdalene, George, Peter and Paul and all the saints to feast
at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Raised again with Christ in the power of the Spirit, we are bold to
pray:

**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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

We have returned to offering communion in both kinds, which tonight will be administered at the main altar. If you prefer to receive the wafer 'skimmed' in the consecrated wine, please indicate this at the altar rail by pointing to the administrator who goes ahead of the minister distributing the wafers. If you normally receive Communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive Communion tonight. If you would prefer a blessing please come forward keeping your hands at your side or folded in front of you. If you need communion brought to you, please let a sidesperson know.

During Communion the choir sings

**When we are born (Mosley)
O Happy Day**

Prayer after Communion

Please stand. We pray together

Post Communion

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Notices

The Blessing

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

*Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance

By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

Graham Kendrick

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Giving of a lighted candle

The bishop hands each of the newly confirmed a candle, lit from the Easter candle. He says:

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**All: Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The servers and clergy depart. Our newly confirmed members are led through the church by Bishop Karowei.

Please stay in your seats so refreshments can be brought to you, then feel free to mingle!

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