

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

May the Lord bless this reading

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn: 383**

**The Gospel Reading: Luke 12. 32-40 NRSV**

Reader: Christine Speller

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke

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

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

*After the Gospel:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon:** Rev’d Daniel Walker

**Offertory Hymn: 453**

*All are warmly invited to the dais to receive communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bow your head as a signal to the priest.*

**During Communion we will sing a Taize chant:**

*O Lord hear my prayer, when I call answer me  
O Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me.*

**Post Communion Prayer**

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

**The Notices are read**

**Blessing**

**Conclusion Hymn: 497**

**Organ Voluntary:** *The March from Joshua* by G.F. Handel.

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**We pray for:**

Our Diocese: Christopher our Diocesan Bishop; Woyin Karwei Bishop of Woolwich; St Peter, Petersham.

World Church: Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Church in the Province of the West Indies.

Our Community: for the children and young people in our community during the summer holiday period.

The Environment: Pray that the Church’s action on climate justice will inspire others, and help us engage with our communities.

The Sick: Lindsey & Mike Pannell; Ernesta Sylvesta Dimmick; Pippa Miln; Joan Dawson; Charles Dawson; Sugar Hastilow; Julia Lancaster; Christopher Browne; Amrela Massiah and Shirley Gibbs.

The Departed: Dave Asquith.

Year’s Mind: Helen Atkinson.

## NOTICES

- 1) **The church office will be closed from Monday 8 – Sunday 21 August** (reopening on Monday 22 August).
- 2) **Lunch Club is back at Kingswood Halls on Weds 17 August:** This is a free event for primary school age children and their families. See posters for details. We also need more volunteers so do please contact the office if you can help.
- 3) **We are hiring:** We are looking for a cleaner for the church and crypt for approximately 5 hours a week. If you're interested please contact: [office@stmargaretslee.org.uk](mailto:office@stmargaretslee.org.uk) or call 020 8318 9643.
- 4) **Tea for Free will not be running in August:** it starts again on Monday 5 September.
- 5) **We need volunteers to steward for Open House Weekends on 10/11 and 17/18 September** for 3 Hour shifts. Please contact the office to volunteer.
- 6) **Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday evenings in September:** if you're interested in being confirmed please contact Tim or Daniel.
- 7) **The Disasters Emergency Committee are taking donations for Ukraine:** <https://www.dec.org.uk>
- 8) **Darby & Joan Club every Tuesday 11.45am-2pm** at Kingswood Halls, £2 per session.
- 9) **Midweek Parish Eucharist 10.30am Tuesdays.**
- 10) **Food bank donations for LewCAS charity welcome in a basket at the back of church.**
- 11) **There is a contactless giving machine at the back of the church.** We also encourage you to sign up to our Parish Giving Scheme- see website for details.
- 12) **Donations can also be given using the following QR code:**



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### Useful contacts:

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### St Margaret's School: Church Places

If you are thinking of applying for a church place at St Margaret's Lee school you will need to:

- Make contact with the Parish Administrator
- Read the school Admissions Policy which can be found at [www.stmargaretslee.lewisham.sch.uk](http://www.stmargaretslee.lewisham.sch.uk)
- Complete 2 years church attendance, fortnightly

# St Margaret, Lee

7 August 2022

## 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Eucharist

10.30am Parish Eucharist with the  
Baptism of Lucas Karl Williams

### 8.00 am HOLY EUCHARIST

**Celebrant:** Rev'd Daniel Walker

The service begins on page 237.

### **The Collect**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**First Reading:** Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16 NRSV

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 12. 32-40 NRSV

### 10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST WITH BAPTISM

**Celebrant:** Rev'd Daniel Walker

Today we welcome the family and friends of the Williams and Corbin families for the baptism of Lucas Karl Williams.

*If you have a young child who needs a break, we have a creche room downstairs in the crypt (go through the doors at the bottom of the stairs); feel free to come and go during the service.*

**Introit Hymn:** 424 (omit v. 5-6)

### **The Collect**

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven, and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**First Reading:** Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16 NRSV

Reader: Wyn Kirkman

A reading from the book of Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.