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Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Simon Macaulay and Dr Elina Wright

With great joy, we celebrated the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Simon Macaulay and Dr Elina Wright at Gustav Adolf Nordic Lutheran Church in Liverpool on 25 April. Lutheran clergy from across the country, together with Anglican priests participating in the Laying on of Hands, marked this significant occasion, strengthening the Porvoo Agreement between our churches. Simon and Elina will now serve in Liverpool and Nottingham. Thanks be to God!

Farewell to Natalia (ELCA Intern 2025/2026)

We give thanks to God for the year we shared with Natalia, ELCA intern from the United States, at Trinity Lutheran Church Nottingham–Leicester. Her faith, compassion, and dedicated service have been a true blessing to the congregation.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

From September 2026, St Anne's Lutheran Church will be gathering at the new home at St George's Lutheran Church (55 Alie St, London E1 8EB).

May these upcoming months be filled with prayer, joy, and the peace that comes from walking with God.

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A NEW DIGITAL HOME FOR THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN GREAT BRITAIN

On 1 August 2026, the Lutheran Church in Great Britain officially launched its new website, marking an exciting step forward in the Church's mission to strengthen communication, connect congregations, and provide a welcoming online presence for members and visitors across Great Britain.

The new website, **www.lcigb.org**, has been designed to make it easier for people to discover Lutheran churches, find worship services, explore upcoming events, read the latest news, and learn more about the ministries and mission of LCiGB. It also serves as a central hub for Bible studies, resources, and stories from across our Church community.

This project has been developed by ReVibe Studio in close collaboration with the Lutheran Church in Great Britain, with the aim of creating a modern, accessible, and engaging platform that reflects the life and witness of our Church.

As the website continues to grow, we warmly encourage every congregation to contribute by sharing worship schedules, parish news, events, photographs, and stories from local church life. Keeping information up to date will help ensure the website remains a valuable resource for members, visitors, and anyone seeking a Lutheran congregation in Great Britain.

We hope this new digital home will strengthen connections across our Church and serve as a welcoming invitation to all who wish to learn more about the Lutheran faith and the life of LCiGB.

We invite you to explore the website, share it with others, and join us in building a vibrant online presence for the Lutheran Church in Great Britain.

Visit: www.lcigb.org

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LCiGB SYNOD 2026

The LCiGB Synod took place in Liverpool on Saturday, 25 April. The focus was safeguarding, under the theme “Safe to Serve, Called to Care.” A short training session and discussion on recent LCiGB guidance were led by the LCiGB Dean, Laura Haupt. It was wonderful to receive updates from parishes across the country and to welcome new representatives to the Synod.















ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF DEACON SIMON MACAULAY AND DR ELINA WRIGHT

"Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." Psalm 139:16

We celebrated with great joy the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Simon Macaulay and Dr Elina Wright at Gustav Adolf Nordic Lutheran Church in Liverpool on Saturday, 25 April. Lutheran clergy from around the country joined in active participation, and it was a blessing to have Anglican priests among us joining in the "Laying on of Hands" ceremony, strengthening the Porvoo Agreement between our churches. The new pastors will serve in Liverpool and Nottingham. Thanks be to God!













ORDINATION DAY BY REV DR ELINA WRIGHT (REFLECTION)

"Here I am, Lord," the words spoken by God's people in response to His call, from Abraham to the prophets, kings, disciples, and the great cloud of witnesses united in Christ. These words were on my mind on my on my ordination day alongside the famous words of Martin Luther, "Here I stand, I can do no other, God help me!"

Before the service started, my mind was a filled with Bible verses in the form of a prayer. But the most important reminder was Psalm 46:10: "Be still and know I am God." One thing was certain: I did not arrive here by my own initiative or achievement, only by the Grace of God. Pastor Rebecca, prayed for me and reminded me that "the one who calls you, is faithful (I Thess.5:24)."

Psalm 139 resonated with my long journey to this day: how my whole life has been led to fulfil this purpose and now my soul was filled with gratitude and praise: "Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!"

"You you knit me together in my mother's womb". I had been baptised as a baby and grown up with Finnish Lutheranism, always knowing that I was a child of God and under God's grace: called to love my neighbour humbly in everything that I do to the glory of God alone. But somewhere along the way I found myself lost in darkness. Rather than praising God for being "fearfully and wonderfully made." I had spent a lifetime of running away from God's call, searching for myself by turning away from God. But God had brought me home to the cross of Christ and to follow him. In the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the call is so "irresistible" that "when Christ calls, the disciple follows."

"And you lay your hand upon me." Standing before God by the altar, together with Simon, waiting for my ordination into the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament, I was at peace. I had finally arrived at this blessed moment with by my family and friends surrounded by God's love and united in Christ, no longer restless or struck to the ground by fear but guided by the Holy Spirit to pray: "Lead me in the way everlasting."

ORDINATION REFLECTION BY REV SIMON MACAULAY

My vocation journey was not a simple or straight road. After many turns and twists I was ordained as a deacon in the Church of England but for various reasons I left ministry before I was priested. Or at least, I thought I left ministry. Vocation never leaves us, and ministry finds a way to continue, even if feels more like weeds forcing their way up between the paving stones rather than a well-tended rose-garden. I'm so glad for my decision to go into the Gustaf Adolf Church in Liverpool. It had taken me several weeks to pluck up the courage to find an excuse to go in, but I did. I was instantly welcomed, and in a short space of time I was one of the worshipping-community and eventually, through the support of Maris, my vocational journey recommenced, at full pace; which in turn brings me to the day of my ordination at Gustaf Adolf. I cannot express how much it meant to me that my ordination was able to take place in the Church whose welcome had reignited my sense of call. Being surrounded by my friends from Church, the people who were about to become my congregation, as well as my family and other friends from throughout my life, and the new clergy family of the LCiGB, was a very special experience. In all of this, the love and of God was present – God's love, the one and only constant throughout our lives. Coming together to worship God is always something meaningful and powerful but being embraced by friends and family at a service which acknowledged, affirmed and empowered God's call to me made the ordination an especially moving time. What further enhanced the joy of that day was being able to share it with my ordination buddy, Elina, who will be such a blessing to the Church. Now, some weeks in, having been able to preside at the Holy Communion service, having baptised for the first time at Gustaf Adolf, and having shared in some of the wonderful cultural celebrations, I can look back on the day of ordination as a wonderful blessing.

FAREWELL TO NATALIA (ELCA INTERN 2025/2026)

We give thanks to God for the gift of sharing this past year in Trinity Lutheran Church Nottingham - Leicester with Natalia, ELCA intern from the United States. Your presence among us has been a blessing. Through your service, faith, compassion, and willingness to walk alongside our congregation, you have become part of our church family. Thank you for sharing your gifts, your heart, and your journey with us. As you begin the next chapter, we send you with our prayers, love, and gratitude. May God continue to guide your path, strengthen your faith, and bless you wherever you are called to serve.
You will always have a place in our hearts and in this church family. Go in peace and serve the Lord.











LUTHERANS Nottingham



ARCHBISHOP SARAH INSTALLED AS THE 106TH ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

Archbishop Sarah was formally installed as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury during a historic and joyful service at Canterbury Cathedral, marking the beginning of her ministry as the senior bishop of the Church of England and the symbolic leader of the worldwide Anglican Communion.

The installation service brought together bishops, clergy, representatives of Christian churches, civic leaders, and guests from across the United Kingdom and around the world. Rich in prayer, music, scripture, and ancient tradition, the liturgy celebrated both the continuity of the Church's history and a renewed commitment to its mission in the modern world.

During the service, Archbishop Sarah was welcomed into Canterbury Cathedral and led through the traditional rites that signify the beginning of her ministry. She was formally installed in the ancient Chair of St Augustine, the symbolic seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury, before addressing the congregation with a message centred on faith, hope, service, and the Church's calling to share the Gospel and serve communities with compassion.





Photo: Lutheran World Federation.



Photo: Churches Together England.

The installation also highlighted the Archbishop's ecumenical responsibilities. As Archbishop of Canterbury, the role extends beyond leading the Church of England to promoting unity among Christian churches and strengthening relationships across different traditions.

Bishop Paulina Hlawiczka-Trotman of the Lutheran Church in Great Britain, one of the presidents of the Churches Together in England network, took an active part in the installation service as one of the Christian leaders inviting the new Archbishop of Canterbury to sign an ecumenical covenant.

Reflecting on the significance of the occasion, Bishop Paulina said:
"While I was preparing for this service, I researched the historical role of the Archbishops of Canterbury in ecumenical relations and I discovered that this is a specific requirement of their role – not just to lead their own Church of England, but also to work for the unity of the whole church. I look forward to working closely together with Archbishop Sarah to strengthen the Christian witness and respond to the needs of people around the United Kingdom and beyond."

The participation of leaders from a wide range of Christian traditions underscored the importance of cooperation and shared witness. The signing of the ecumenical covenant symbolised a renewed commitment to working together in proclaiming the Gospel, supporting vulnerable communities, and responding to the challenges facing society.

As Archbishop Sarah begins her ministry, the installation service set the tone for a leadership rooted in prayer, collaboration, and a vision of a Church that seeks unity, justice, and hope both in the United Kingdom and across the Anglican Communion.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

The Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Great Britain



NEW SERIES OF ENGLISH LUTHERAN SERVICES IN MANCHESTER

We are delighted to announce the launch of a new series of English-language Lutheran services in Manchester, bringing together people from across Greater Manchester to worship, pray, and grow in faith.
Our Launch Service will take place on Sunday, 13 September 2026 at 4:00 pm at Martin Luther Church, 9 Park Road, Stretford, Manchester (M32 8FE).
This special service will be led jointly by Pastor Joseph, Pastor Krystyna, and Pastor Christa.

Following the launch, services will be held every second Sunday of odd-numbered months at 4:00 pm, on the following dates:

- 13 September 2026 – Launch Service
- 8 November 2026
- 10 January 2027
- 14 March 2027
- 9 May 2027



This worship programme is a joint initiative between the Deutsche Evangelische Kirche Manchester and the Lutheran Church in Great Britain, reflecting our shared commitment to serving the growing English-speaking Lutheran community in Manchester and beyond.

If you would like more information please contact Pastor Joseph by phone 07702697151 or email j.nelson@leedslutheran.co.uk. or Pastor Krystyna Kwarciak, phone 07776121679 or email: krykwar@gmail.com.

TAIZÉ PILGRIMAGE 2026 – A WEEK OF PRAYER, COMMUNITY AND RENEWAL

From 18–26 July, members of the Council of Lutheran Churches Chaplaincy travelled to Taizé, France, joining thousands of young people and adults from around the world for a week of worship, reflection and Christian fellowship.

Taizé is an ecumenical monastic community known for its distinctive style of prayer, simple chants and commitment to reconciliation. Throughout the week, participants gathered each day for communal prayers in the Church of Reconciliation, shared meals, Bible reflections and small discussion groups with people from many different countries and church traditions.

The pilgrimage offered a valuable opportunity to step away from the busyness of everyday life and focus on faith, listening and community. Living simply alongside thousands of others reminded participants of the importance of hospitality, service and Christian unity.

As well as taking part in the daily rhythm of worship, the group enjoyed meeting Christians from across the world, exchanging stories of faith and experiencing the unique atmosphere that has made Taizé a place of pilgrimage for generations.

Many returned home refreshed and encouraged, carrying with them new friendships, renewed hope and inspiration for their own churches and communities. The experience served as a reminder that, despite our different languages, cultures and traditions, we are united in Christ.

We give thanks for everyone who took part in this year's pilgrimage and pray that the peace and spirit of Taizé will continue to inspire their lives and ministries in the months ahead.

Taizé Pilgrimage 2026

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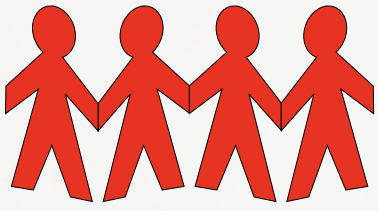
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteering is a meaningful way to serve, connect, and be part of the life of our church. Whether your strengths are creative, practical, technical, or relational, there's a place for you to help support worship, children and families, communications, events, and the everyday running of the church.

No experience is required—just a willing heart. By giving your time and gifts, you help create a welcoming, vibrant community where people can grow in faith and belonging. Join us and be part of making church happen, together.

We are currently looking for UK-based volunteers who can be part of our local community and serve regularly. However, we also welcome freelance creative contributions—such as art, design or writing —from people in other parts of the world.

Contact: admin@lutheranchurch.co.uk







OUR UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Please check **www.lcigb.org** for more details about upcoming services & events.

St Mark's Lutheran Chaplaincy in Birmingham
- www.lcigb.org/birmingham

St Paul's Lutheran Congregation in Corby
- www.lcigb.org/corby

Lutheran Church in Harrogate
- www.lcigb.org/harrogate

St Luke's and St Matthew's Lutheran Church in Leeds
- www.lcigb.org/leeds

Lutheran Church in Liverpool
- www.lcigb.org/liverpool

Lutheran Church in Liverpool (Nordic)
- www.lcigb.org/liverpool-nordic

St. Anne's Lutheran Church in London
- www.lcigb.org/london-st-annes

Trinity Lutheran Church in Nottingham
- www.lcigb.org/nottingham

London Chinese Lutheran Church
- www.lcigb.org/london-chinese

Lutheran Church in Bradford (Polish)
- www.lcigb.org/bradford-polish

Lutheran Church in Edinburgh (Polish)
- www.lcigb.org/edinburgh-polish

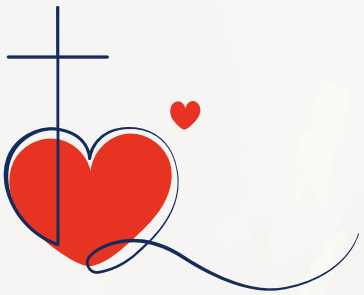
St Luke's and St Matthew's Lutheran Church (Polish)
- www.lcigb.org/leeds-polish

Lutheran Church in London (Polish)
- www.lcigb.org/london-polish

Martin Luther Church in Manchester (Polish)
- www.lcigb.org/manchester-polish









CHRISTIAN WORSHIP ACROSS THE UK

Services in English

St Mark's Lutheran Chaplaincy in Birmingham - Rev'd John Evenson

- **E-mail: admin@lutheranchurch.co.uk**

St Paul's Lutheran Congregation in Corby - Very Rev'd Laura Haupt

- **E-mail: pastorlauralee@gmail.com**
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Lutheran Church in Harrogate - Rev'd Joseph Nelson

- **Website: www.leedslutheran.co.uk**
- **E-mail: j.nelson@leedslutheran.co.uk**
- **Phone: +44 (0) 7752 530284**

St Luke's and St Matthew's Lutheran Church in Leeds - Rev'd Joseph Nelson

- **Website: www.leedslutheran.co.uk**
- **E-mail: j.nelson@leedslutheran.co.uk**
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Lutheran Church in Liverpool - Rev'd Simon Macaulay

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St. Anne's Lutheran Church in London - Rev'd Māris Sants

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Trinity Lutheran Church in Nottingham - Rt Rev'd Paulina Ewa Hławiczka - Trotman & Rev'd Dr Elina Wright

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- **Phone: 0115 795 6721**

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP ACROSS THE UK

Services in Chinese

London Chinese Lutheran Church - Rev'd Wilkins Tang

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Services in Nordic

- **Lutheran Church in Liverpool (Nordic) - Rev'd Simon Macaulay**
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Services in Polish

Lutheran Church in Bradford (Polish) - Rev'd Krystyna Kwarciak

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St Paul's Lutheran Congregation in Corby
- **Anglican Church of St. John the Baptist, Church Walk, Corby, NN17 1XF**

Lutheran Church in Harrogate
- **Trinity Methodist Church, Trinity Road, Harrogate, HG2 9AU**

St Luke's and St Matthew's Lutheran Church in Leeds / Leeds (Polish)
- **Trinity Methodist Church, Trinity Road, Harrogate, HG2 9AU**

Lutheran Church in Liverpool & Liverpool (Nordic)
- **Nordic Church and Cultural Centre, 138 Park Lane, Liverpool, L1 8HG**

St. Anne's Lutheran Church in London
- **Church of St. Mary at Hill, Lovat Lane, London, EC3R 8EE / St George's German Lutheran Church, 55 Alie St, London E1 8EB**

Trinity Lutheran Church in Nottingham
- **St Andrew's with Castle Gate URC, Goldsmith St, Nottingham, NG1 5JT**

London Chinese Lutheran Church
- **American International Church, 79A Tottenham Court Road, London, W1T 4TD**

Lutheran Church in Bradford (Polish)
- **Polish Catholic Church, 29 Edmund Street, Bradford, BD5 OBH**

Lutheran Church in Edinburgh (Polish)
- **German Church, 1 Chalmers Crescent, Edinburgh, EH9 1TW**

Lutheran Church in London (Polish)
- **St George's German Lutheran Church, 55 Alie St, London E1 8EB**

Martin Luther Church in Manchester (Polish)
- **Martin Luther Church, 9 Park Road, Stretford, Manchester, M32 8FE**













Our team can help you learn about service times, family areas, groups, and upcoming gatherings.



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