

Christ and St John with St Luke, Isle of Dogs
3rd January 2010 – Epiphany

9.30a.m Mass at Christ Church. The preacher and president will be Fr Tom Pyke.

11.00a.m Parish Mass at Christ Church. The preacher and president will be Fr Tom Pyke.

6.30p.m Evening Worship at Christ Church. The leader will be James Hughesdon.

Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Psalm: Psalm 72.1-15

Give the king your judgements, O God,
and your righteousness to the son of
a king.

Then shall he judge your people
righteously
and your poor with justice. **R**

May the mountains bring forth peace,
and the little hills righteousness for
the people.

May he defend the poor among the
people,
deliver the children of the needy and
crush the oppressor. **R**

May he live as long as the sun and the moon endure,
from one generation to another.
May he come down like rain upon the mown grass,
like the showers that water the earth.
In his time shall righteousness flourish,
and abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more. **R**

May his dominion extend from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
May his foes kneel before him
and his enemies lick the dust. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles
shall pay tribute,
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.

All kings shall fall down before him;
all nations shall do him service. **R**



The Lord is king; let the earth re-joyce.

For he shall deliver the poor that cry out,
the needy and those who have no helper.

He shall have pity on the weak and poor,
and shall preserve the lives of the needy. **R**

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall be their blood in his sight.

Long may he live;
unto him may be given gold from Sheba;
may prayer be made for him continually,
and may they bless him all the day long. **R**

Second Reading: Ephesians 3.1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the

plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Prayer List If you wish to have someone prayed for in particular in the Sunday service at Christ Church, please let Fr TomP know by telephone or e-mail (details overleaf) with the person's full name and their need or condition.

Among the sick we pray for: Samantha McTasney, Frances Keighley, David Rainbow, Lucille Williams, Sarah & Michael Parsons, Hilary Oliver, Larry Thompson, Iris Shepard, Mary Dutter, Jerry McArthur, Kerry Hadley, Michelle Hadley, Annie Reeves, Wayne Jacobs, Bernice Herbert, Francis Horwill, Joyce Thomas, Lyle Dennen, Lys Buck

Please pray for those who have died recently: Joan Jordan, John Henry Roberts, Frazier Gordon Gray, Stavroulla Loizou, Annie Kilgour

H1N1 (Swine Flu) is causing major problems in the East End of London. The following steps are to be taken for the duration of the out break:

1. Holy water stoups be withdrawn
2. The priest and those assisting in the worship be sure to wash their hands thoroughly before services begin
3. That the exchange of the Peace be limited to handshakes
4. That the priests use a virus killing gel after touching anyone else, even during the service.
5. Those who have suffered from swine flu or who have had contact with anybody who has had swine flu should refrain from accepting the Chalice for 2 weeks.

These steps will be reviewed and reversed at the earliest possible opportunity.

Next Sunday: Baptism of Christ

9.30a.m Mass at St Luke's Church. The president will be Rev Amanda Keighley and the preacher will be Fr Tom Pyke.

11.00a.m Parish Mass at Christ Church. The president and preacher will be Fr Tom Pyke.

6.30p.m Choral Evensong at Christ Church. The service will be led by Hilary Elliott.

Please pray for all the lay persons who will help with this service:

Sylvester Small, Jean Gamble, Philip Elliott, Millie Andrew, Stephanie Turner, David Longbottom, Mary Mansfield, Jacob Koshy, Hilary Elliott, Anna Partington, Val Lashmar, Bill Chesshyre, Tamsin Vaughn-Williams, Suzanne Kenner, Pamela Hulme & the Choir.



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Weekly Notice Sheet

This Week

Monday	10.30a.m	School Mass	St Luke's School
	6.30p.m	Cryptics Club	Christ Church Crypt
Tuesday	7.30p.m	Towards the new St Luke's	9 Llandoverly House
Wednesday	7.15p.m	Mass	Christ Church
	8.00p.m	Choir Practice	Christ Church
Thursday	7.30p.m	Standing Committee	Parish Room
Friday	9.30a.m	Toy Library	Parish Room
Saturday	8.30a.m	Prayer Breakfast	Christ Church

- It is with great sadness that we record the passing of Annie Kilgour. Our thoughts and prayers are with Annie's family at this time. The funeral will take place at Christ Church on Monday 11th January at 1.30p.m.
- 'Towards the new St Luke's', the weekly prayer and fellowship meeting resumes this week at Stephanie Turner's home. For those who don't know, Llandoverly House is in Chipka Street. The meeting will still start at 7.30 pm and all are most welcome. We are specially looking for participation from members of the Christ Church congregation. We will start this new Year with a study of the Book of Malachi.
- We will be holding a Prayer Breakfast next Saturday at 8.30a.m at Christ Church. We will have the opportunity to start the weekend together with prayer, fellowship and food – no need to bring anything apart from yourselves !
- We want to recruit more people to join our team who lead baptism preparation for families wanting to have their children baptised at Christ Church or St Luke's. Please see Fr. TomP or Linda Kissi if you are interested.

As you leave, please respect our churches and show consideration to the people who keep them tidy by replacing the kneelers as you found them and taking this Notice Sheet with you. Thank You.