

Christ and St John with St Luke, Isle of Dogs **31st January 2010 – Candlemas**

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

11.00a.m Parish Mass at Christ Church. The president and preacher will be Rev Amanda Keighley.

6.30p.m Evening Worship at Christ Church. The service will be led by Fr Tom Pyke.

Opening Hymn: 206 Christ is our cornerstone

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Malachi 3.1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Psalm: Psalm 48

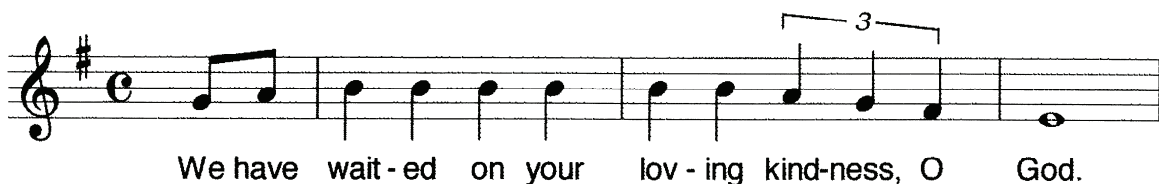
Great is the LORD and highly to be
praised,
in the city of our God.
His holy mountain is fair and lifted high,
the joy of all the earth,

On Mount Zion, the divine dwelling
place,
stands the city of the great king.
In her palaces God has shown himself
to be a sure refuge. **R**

For behold, the kings of the earth
assembled
and swept forward together.
They saw, and were dumbfounded;
dismayed, they fled in terror.
Trembling seized them there;
they writhed like a woman in labour,
as when the east wind shatters the
ships of Tarshish. **R**

As we had heard, so have we seen
in the city of the LORD of hosts, the
city of our God:
God has established her for ever.
We have waited on your loving-
kindness, O God,
in the midst of your temple.
As with Your name, O God,
so your praise reaches to the ends of
the earth;
your right hand is full of justice. **R**

Let Mount Zion rejoice and the
daughters of Judah be glad,
because of your judgments, O LORD.
Walk about Zion and go round about
her;
count all her towers;
consider well her bulwarks; pass
through her citadels,
That you may tell those who come after
that such is our God for ever and
ever.
It is he that shall be our guide for
evermore. **R**



Second Reading: Hebrews 2.14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the

law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Offertory Hymn: 408 Love divine, all loves excelling

Choir Anthem: 'God be in my head' by Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Communion Hymn: 294 Just as I am, without one plea

Closing Hymn: 362 Glorious things of thee are spoken

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, Jerry McArthur, Kerry Hadley, Michelle Hadley, Wayne Jacobs, Bernice Herbert, , Joyce Thomas, Ishia Osborne, Lyle Dennen

Please pray for those who have died recently: Lys Buck, Maurice Warner, Ronald Vincent, Queenie Roberts, Bessie Conway

Car Sharing Scheme

Following the Environmental Audit in November, the Social Justice and Environment Group would like to hear from you if you would be interested in a car sharing scheme for Sunday services at St Luke's or Christ Church - either as a driver or if you are in need of transport. Please contact Joyce Webb or Andrew Warner to register your interest / ask for more details.

Next Sunday: Second Sunday before Lent

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

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

12.30p.m Hunger Lunch at Christ Church.

6.30p.m Evening Worship at Christ Church. The service will be led by James Hughesdon.

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

Sylvester Small, Philip Elliott, Millie Andrew, Olive Joseph, Jean Gamble, Joan Rock, Hilary Elliott, Harry Harrington, Mary Martinson, Martin & Lesley Young, Andrew New, Jane Buhari, Pamela Hulme & the Choir.



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Weekly Notice Sheet

This Week

Monday	10.30a.m	School Mass	St Luke's School
	4.30p.m	Children's Confirmation Class	Christ Church Crypt
	6.30p.m	Cryptics Club	Christ Church Crypt
Tuesday	7.30p.m	Towards the new St Luke's	10 Martin Court
Wednesday	7.15p.m	Mass	Christ Church
	8.15p.m	Adult Confirmation Class	Christ Church Crypt
Thursday	8.00p.m	Choir Practice	Christ Church
Friday	9.30a.m	Toy Library	Parish Room

- DEC Haiti Earthquake Appeal. Following the retiring collections taken over the past two weeks, we have sent a cheque for £1,315 to the Haiti Earthquake Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.
- Toward's the new St Luke's. The weekly prayer and Fellowship meeting has been moved to Eugenie Gamble's home—10 Martin Court, River Barge Close. 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 be looking at the book of Malachi.
- Confirmation. The Children's Class will be on Mondays at 4.30p.m and the Adults Class is on Wednesdays at 8.15. Both classes will take place in the Crypt. Those attending the Adult Class are also recommended to attend the Mass at 7.15p.m prior to the class.
- Hunger Lunch. Next Sunday, there will be a Hunger Lunch following the Parish Mass at Christ Church in support of charitable work in Africa.
- Christ Church Rota Parties. We are always looking for volunteers to be part of the service on a Sunday morning as members of the Altar Party, welcomers, readers, intercessors and/or to help with tea and coffee at the end of the service. It can be very rewarding, a good way of getting to know people and the more people we have, the less work it is! Please see the Clergy, Churchwardens or Andrew Warner for more information or if you'd like to be involved in any of these roles.

Please Turn Over

- Lay Ministry Team Workshop. There will be a workshop led by Revd Amanda on Saturday 27th February from 10a.m to 3.30p.m (including lunch) for all those who are currently on the altar party, reading or intercessions rotas. The morning will focus on the altar party and the afternoon for those who read or lead intercessions. This means that unless you are involved with both sessions, you will only need to attend for half the day. Attendance will be assumed unless you contact Revd Amanda to cancel. Newcomers who would like to join the rota are warmly invited as well. For more information, please speak to Revd Amanda.
- Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Sunday 21st March following the Parish Mass at Christ Church. Please put this in your diaries. This is when we elect our churchwardens and PCC representatives. Please think about offering yourself to serve on the PCC. If you are new to the parish and are wish to have your name on the Electoral Roll, please complete an application form and return it to Carol Stanley at Christ Church or Philip Elliott or James Hughesdon at St Luke's.
- We thank those friends and well-wishers who between them have provided the replacement piano at Christ Church. Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank You all.
- Freedom Pass Scheme. The scheme provides for free travel for over 60's and disabled people in London and, in April, all passes will need to be renewed. If you have a current pass and don't how to renew it, please speak to Suzanne Kenner at Christ Church. Suzanne works for London Councils, the schemes operator.
- Our Weekly Notice Sheets are now available for download from our own web-site. If you are not able to attend on a Sunday, you can keep up to date with the notices by visiting www.parishiod.org.uk and follow the 'Notice Sheet' link.

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.