

Christ and St John with St Luke, Isle of Dogs **21st February 2010 – First Sunday of Lent**

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

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

3.00p.m Christ for Kids at Christ Church.

6.30p.m Evening Worship at Christ Church. The service will be led by David Longbottom.

Opening Hymn: 67 Forty Days and Forty Nights

Collect

Almighty God, those Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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: Deuteronomy 26.1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalm: Psalm 91.1-11

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the
Most High
and abides under the shadow of the
Almighty,
Shall say to the LORD, "My refuge and
my stronghold;
my God, in whom I put my trust." **R**

For he shall deliver you from the snare
of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.
He shall cover you with his wings,
and you shall be safe under his
feathers;
his faithfulness shall be your shield and
buckler. **R**

You shall not be afraid of any terror by
night,
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor of the sickness that destroys at
noonday. **R**

Though a thousand fall at your side
and ten thousand at your right hand,
yet it shall not come near you.
Your eyes have only to behold
to see the reward of the wicked. **R**

Because you have made the LORD your
refuge
and the Most High your stronghold,
There shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near
your tent.
For he shall give his angels charge over
you
to keep you in all your ways. **R**



Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.

Second Reading: Romans 10.8b-13

The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Gospel: Luke 4.1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' " Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' " Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Offertory Hymn: 64 Be thou my Guardian and my Guide

Communion Hymn: 302 O Thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray

Closing Hymn: 333 All my hope on God is founded

This Week's Prayer List

A Prayer for Stewardship

'Almighty God, you have made us members of Christ and of his Church and have taught us through him that it is more blessed to give than receive: make us truly thankful for all your goodness; help to deepen our commitment to you as stewards of our time, talents and money; and guide us in all things to know and do your will, for the honour and glory of your name.'

Please pray for the Sick

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: Queenie Roberts, Bessie Conway

We will be publishing the details of the weekly offering in the Service Sheet to raise awareness of the Parish's poor financial situation. The Annual Stewardship Campaign will be run during Lent when we promote the General Synod challenge to church members to contribute a minimum of 5% of their after-tax income to and through the parish. The Cost of Ministry figure is included as it is our major item of expenditure each week and we look to meet this with the offering from the congregations.

Last Week's Offering

Free-will Offering = £702.21

Loose Plate Offering = £147.16

Total = £849.37

Cost of Ministry = £1,010.25

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

Sylvester Small, Jean Gamble, George Olu Adejumo, Joyce Webb, Hilary Elliott, John Edwards, Jacob Koshy, Suzanne Kenner, Colin Farey, Linda Kissi, Buky Rufai, Martin & Lesley Young, 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
	7.30p.m	Strategy Group	Parish Room
Tuesday	7.30p.m	Lent Course	Parish Room
Wednesday	7.15p.m	Mass	Christ Church
	8.15p.m	Adult Confirmation Class	Christ Church Crypt
Thursday	7.30p.m	Ministerial Staff Meeting	Parish Room
	8.00p.m	Choir Practice	Christ Church
Friday	9.30a.m	Toy Library	Parish Room
Saturday	10.00a.m	Lay Ministry Team Workshop	Christ Church

- Lent Course. We begin our Lent Course on Discipleship this Tuesday and we will be working through the publication 'Giving for Life'. All members of the PCC are expected to attend but this is not just for them. We would encourage as many people as possible to join with us.
- Lay Ministry Team Workshop. There will be a workshop led by Revd Amanda on Saturday 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.
- Fairtrade Fortnight. The Social Justice & Environment Group will be marking Fairtrade Fortnight (22nd February to 2nd March) with an event after the Parish Mass on 28th February. This will include a Traidcraft stall and samples of Fairtrade products. Stay for a Fairtrade cup of tea or coffee and find out how Fairtrade helps some of the poorest communities in the world Please put this date in your diaries.

Please Turn Over

- 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. There will be elections this year for the two churchwarden posts and four members of the PCC. If you wish to stand, please complete the Nomination Form and Trustee Registration Form and hand in to either James Browne at Christ Church or James Hughesdon at St Luke's.
- Choir. the Choir is rehearsing music for Lent and Easter. Rehearsals take place every Thursday between 20.00 and 21.30, and singers are welcome even if they feel they cannot commit to singing every Sunday. Please see Pam Hulme (Director of Music) after the service if you are interested.
- Farmyard Feast. Also on 28th February, the Mudchute Kitchen invites us to a Farmyard Feast. The kitchen is open from 7.30p.m with Dinner at 8p.m. Tickets cost £20. For more information and to book your tickets, e-mail info@mudchutekitchen.org
- Retreat on the Street. Hilary Elliott is organising a Retreat on the Street on behalf of the Church Urban Fund on 16th March. If anyone would like to consider this as part of their Lenten observance, please see Hilary for a leaflet.
- Disused Mobile Phones. The Social Justice & Environment Group is collecting disused mobile phones to raise money for the Parish. Leave your old mobile phones in the collection box in the Parish Office or give it to a SJ&E group member (Andrew Warner, Caz Hughesdon, Suzanne Kenner).
- Freedom Pass Scheme. The scheme provides for free travel for over 60's and disabled people in London and, by 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.

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.