

Christ and St John with St Luke, Isle of Dogs **28th February 2010 – Second 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.

6.30p.m Evening Worship at Christ Church. The service will be led by Luise Parsons.

Opening Hymn: 67 Forty Days and Forty Nights

Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Genesis 15.1-12,17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Second Reading: Philippians 3.17-41

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Gospel: Luke 13.31-end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

Offertory Hymn: 74 O for a heart to praise my God

Communion Hymn: 64 Be thou my Guardian and my Guide

Closing Hymn: 337 As pants the Hart for cooling streams

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, Larry Thompson, Iris Shepard, Jerry McArthur, Kerry Hadley, Michelle Hadley, Wayne Jacobs, Bernice Herbert, , Joyce Thomas, Ishia Osborne, Veren Sagadeven, Margaret Wiseham, Ronal Ling, James Pope, Lyle Dennen

Please pray for those who have died recently: Hilary Oliver

Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent

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

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

6.30p.m Evening Worship at Christ Church. The service will be led by Luise Parsons.

Please pray for all the lay persons who will help with this service: Millie Andrew, Philip Elliott, Stephanie Turner, James Hughesdon, David Longbottom, John Edwards, Harry Harrington, Joan Rock, Val Lashmar, Laureen Katiyo, Anna Partington, Andrew New, Pamela Hulme & the Choir.

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 = £659.21

Loose Plate Offering = £98.78

Total = £757.99

Cost of Ministry = £1,010.25

Notices

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	Lent Course	Parish Room
Wednesday	7.15p.m	Mass	Christ Church
	8.15p.m	Standing Committee	Parish Room
	8.15p.m	Choir Practice	Christ Church
Thursday	6.00p.m	Adult Confirmation Class	Parish Room
	8.00p.m	Baptism Trainer's Meeting	Parish Room
Friday	9.30p.m	Toy Library	Parish Room
Saturday	11.00a.m	LDS Rehearsal	Christ Church

- It is with great sadness that we record the passing of Hilary Oliver, Bishop Stephen's wife. Hilary lost her long battle with cancer on Thursday and passed away at St Joseph's Hospice. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bishop Stephen and the family at this time.
- Fairtrade Fortnight. The Social Justice & Environment Group will be marking Fairtrade Fortnight (22nd February to 2nd March) with an event after today's Parish Mass. 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.
- Lent Course. We continue 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.
- 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 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 usually take place every Thursday between 20.00 and 21.30 (due to other commitments this week's practice is on Wednesday at 8.15p.m), 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.
- Help Clean up the Thames. On Tuesday, join with Thames 21, a leading waterways charity to help clean up the banks of the Thames on the Isle of Dogs. All equipment is provided, just wear old clothes. Meet up at Newcastle Draw Dock at 10.30a.m.
- 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 know 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.



We have an induction loop fitted at Christ Church, please use 'T' position on your hearing aid.

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