

## **Christ and St John with St Luke, Isle of Dogs** **7th March 2010 – 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.

12.30p.m Hunger Lunch at Christ Church.

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

### **Opening Hymn: 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say**

#### **Collect**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 55.1-9**

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.



### **Gospel: Luke 13.1-9**

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.' "

### **Offertory Hymn: 374 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds**

### **Communion Hymn: 282 Faithful Shepherd, feed me**

### **Closing Hymn: 362 Glorious things of Thee are spoken**

#### **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, 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, Kerry Hadley

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 = £667.71

Loose Plate Offering = 113.03

Total = £780.74

Cost of Ministry = £1,010.25

### **Next Sunday: Mothering Sunday**

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

**6.30p.m Choral Evensong at Christ Church.** The service will be led by Fr Tom Pyke .

**Please pray for all the lay persons who will help with this service:** Millie Andrew, Rita, Olive Joseph, Philip Elliott, Jean Gamble, David Longbottom, Maty Mansfield, Jacob Koshy, Mary Mansfield, Hilary Elliott, Suzanne Kenner, Jane Buhari, Joan Rock, Mary Martinson, Andrew New, Martin & Lesley Young, Pamela Hulme & the Choir.



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

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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	<b>10.00a.m</b>	<b>Buggy Mass</b>	<b>Christ Church</b>
	<b>7.15p.m</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Christ Church</b>
	7.30p.m	Worship Committee	Parish Room
Thursday	6.00p.m	Adult Confirmation Class	Parish Room
	8.15p.m	Choir Practice	Christ Church
Friday	9.30p.m	Toy Library	Parish Room
Saturday	10.00a.m	Child Protection Training	Parish Room
	2.00p.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 25th February and passed away at St Joseph's Hospice. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bishop Stephen and the family at this time.
- Following the Parish Mass at Christ Church this morning, there will be a Hunger Lunch in support of charitable work in Africa. Please remember to make a donation if you are having some soup and bread. As a guideline, we would ask that you would consider donating the amount that you would normally spend on your Sunday Lunch. If you are a taxpayer, please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes provided so that the Parish can reclaim the Income Tax. Last month's lunch raised £81.32.
- 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.
- Choir. the Choir is rehearsing music for Lent and Easter. Rehearsals usually 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.

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 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.
- 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](http://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.