

Christ and St John with St Luke, Isle of Dogs
21st March 2010 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

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

12.30p.m Annual Parochial Church Meeting at Christ Church.

3.00p.m Christ for Kids at Christ Church.

4.30p.m Choir Practice at Christ Church.

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

Opening Hymn: 95 When I survey the wondrous cross

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 43.16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Psalm: Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes
of Zion,
then we were like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with
laughter,
and our tongue with songs of joy. **R**

Then said they among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for
them."

The LORD has indeed done great things
for us,
and therefore we rejoiced. **R**

Restore again our fortunes, O LORD,
as the river beds of the desert.
Those who sow in tears
shall reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the
seed,
will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them. **R**



Second Reading: Philippians 3.4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: John 12.1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly

perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Offertory Hymn: 418 O happy band of pilgrims

Choir Anthem: Lord Jesus, think on me

Communion Hymn: 69 Lord in this, thy mercy's day

Closing Hymn: From heaven you came, helpless babe

From heav'n You came, helpless Babe,
Entered our world, Your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve,
And give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but Yours,' He said.

Come see His hands and His feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice;
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone Him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.

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, Isha Osborne, Veren Sagadeven, James Pope, Fred and Joan Tyrrell, Lyle Dennen

Please pray for those who have died recently: Hilary Oliver, Kerry Hadley

In Memoriam for March: Herbert Barnes, William Barnes, June Barwick, Emmie Brazier, Rosina Cartwright, Maud Duffy, David Hodder, Ernest Ford, Andre Gamble, Emma Howlett, Christina Jarvis, Ellen Jarvis, Rosina Johnson, Elizabeth Mask, Jessie Milne, Violet O'Keefe, Robert Pettman, Daisy Richardson, Douglas Ross, Charles Sams, John Strachan, Jessie Upton

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday

10.50a.m Procession. Meet at Island Gardens DLR

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

6.30p.m Meditation on the Passion at Christ Church. The service will be led by Fr Tom Keighley.

Please pray for all the lay persons who will help with this service: Joan Rock, John Edwards, Jacob Koshy, Mary Martinson, Genevieve St George, Martin Young, Andrew Warner, Hilary Elliott, James Hughesdon, 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. In 2009, the parish's costs exceeded our income by £27,590 leaving us with just £19,549 in reserves. 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 = £641.75

Loose Plate Offering = £101.25

Total = £743.00

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
	8.00p.m	PCC	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
	Noon	Souper Soup Lunch	Christ Church Crypt
Saturday	2.00p.m	Quaystone Childrens Club	St Luke's Hall

- 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.
- Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This will take place at Christ Church following the Parish Mass. Items of business include the election of churchwardens and lay members to the PCC as well as receiving the reports on our activities over the last 12 months. If you are new to the parish, this is a wonderful opportunity to discover more about us.
- Lent Course. We conclude 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.
- Palm Sunday. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and, as such, there will be no service at St Luke's. We process at 10.50a.m from Island Gardens DLR Station to Christ Church. The Annual Stewardship Campaign concludes at the Parish Mass so please remember to bring your pledge forms (in sealed envelopes) with you. There will be a basket at the back of church for the pledge forms to be placed in so that they may be taken up to the altar for blessing.

- Souper Soup Lunch. A Super Soup Lunch for Christian Aid will be held in the crypt on Friday 26th March from 12noon to 1.30pm. Apart from a bowl of soup and some bread and cheese it will be an opportunity to hear what Christian Aid is doing around the world this year. Christian Aid week runs from 9th to the 15th May and we will be looking for people to help to collect at ASDA on 16th May.
- 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.
- Maundy Thursday Vigils. The sign-up lists are for the Maundy Thursday vigils at both Christ Church and St Luke's Church are now in place. We encourage people to sign-up for an hour or more through the night.
- Easter Breakfast. We will be holding our Easter Breakfast in the Parish Room on Easter Sunday following the Dawn Mass. Tickets are priced at £10 and are available from Stan at Christ Church and James Hughesdon at St Luke's.
- No Small Change – in UK streets and Kenyan slums. Come along and hear inspiring stories of hope and determination from our partners in Kenya. You will discover how the money raised in Christian Aid Week is making “no small change” to slums in Kenya as well as hundreds of other communities around the world. We will take a look at this year's fantastic Christian Aid Week resources and discuss new ideas about how to re-energise Christian Aid Week in your area. Come along if you are an organiser, a supporter, a collector or would like to hear more about how you can help make Christian Aid Week an even greater success. We would love to see you – and why not bring a friend! Saturday 27th March, 10.30-12.30pm. The Vestry, Christ Church, Wanstead Place, Wanstead, E11 2SW
- Summer Fete. There will be a meeting on 12th April at 7.30p.m at the Vicarage for anyone who is interested in helping with the planning of this year's fete. Good planning now ensures that the fete goes with a swing.

- Marie Curie Cancer Care. This month is Marie Curie Cancer Care awareness month: The Marie Curie Cancer Care charity is not about cancer research it s about providing nursing care to cancer patients in their own homes. Over 2,700 nurses provide free nursing care to cancer patients and those with other terminal illnesses as well as provide total family care. The Great Daffodil Appeal is run to raise awareness of the service that the Marie Curie Charity provides. Look out for the daffodils and make a donation. Money raised from the appeal will provide more free nursing care for people with a terminal illness in their own home and the charity s hospices.
- 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.



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