

**Christ and St John with St Luke, Isle of Dogs**  
**11th April 2010 – Second Sunday of Easter**

**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 Tom Pyke

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

**Opening Hymn: 117 Love's redeeming work is done**

**Collect**

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of 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: Exodus 14.10–end; 15.20–21**

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers." The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all

night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

### **Psalm: Psalm 150**

Alleluia!

O praise God in his holiness;  
 praise him in the firmament of his  
 power.  
 Praise him for his mighty acts;  
 praise him according to his excellent  
 greatness. **R**

Praise him with blast of the trumpet;  
 praise him upon the harp and lyre.  
 Praise him with timbrel and dance;  
 praise him upon the strings and pipe. **R**

Praise him with ringing cymbals;  
 praise him upon the clashing cymbals.  
 Let everything that has breath  
 praise the LORD.  
 Alleluia! **R**



Let ev - ry - thing that has breath praise - the Lord.

## **Second Reading: Acts 5.27-32**

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

## **Gospel Alleluia**

*Alleluia, alleluia,*

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

*Alleluia, alleluia,*

Give praise to his name

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.

Jesus has died and has risen.

*Alleluia, alleluia,*

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

*Alleluia, alleluia,*

Give praise to his name

## **Gospel: John 20.19-31**

It was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it

in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Offertory Hymn: 239 Lord of all hopefulness**

**Communion Hymn: 294 Just as I am**

**Closing Hymn: 117 The day of resurrection**

### **This Week's Prayer List**

**Please pray for the Sick:** Samantha McTasney, Frances Keighley, David Rainbow, Lucille Williams, Sarah & Michael Parsons, Larry Thompson, Iris Shepard, Michelle Hadley, Wayne Jacobs, Bernice Herbert, Joyce Thomas, Ishia Osborne, Veren Sagadeven, James Pope, Fred and Joan Tyrrell, Tina Britten, Lyle Dennen

**Please pray for those who have died recently:** Fred Beckwith, Ronald Greenfield, Tony Milsted (Carol Stanley's father), Melva St George (Genevieve St George's aunt)

**In Memoriam for April:** Thomas Anderson, Beatrice Ashworth, Florence Boddie, Thomas Bristow, Agnes Crisp, Robert Crisp, Jessica Edwards, Edward Graham, Helen Hall, George Harris, Emily Hawkins, Robert Horsford, Ada Jefferiss, Janis Jefferiss, Charles Mingay, Nell Reeves, Alfred Smith, Ivy Taylor, Hank Van Rooyan, Eddie Watts

### **Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter**

**9.30a.m Mass at St Luke's Church.** The president and preacher will be Fr Peter Turner.

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

**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 these services:** John Edwards, Mary Mansfield, Jacob Koshy, Mary Martinson, Martin & Lesley Young, Andrew New, Anna Partington, Andrew Warner, Suzanne Kenner, Genevieve St George, Pamela Hulme & the Choir.

We are 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. In this Parish we promote the General Synod challenge to our congregations to contribute a minimum of 5% of their after-tax income to and through the parish in gratitude to God's generosity to us. The Cost of Ministry figure is included as it is our major item of expenditure and we look to meet this with the offering from the congregations.

### **January to February**

Free-will Offering = £6,662.50

Loose Plate Offering = £1,134.52

Total = £7,797.02

Cost of Ministry = £8,420.00

### **Last Week's Offering**

Free-will Offering = £637.25

Loose Plate Offering = £331.40

Total = £968.65

Cost of Ministry = £1,010.25

# Notices

## This Week

|           |                 |                    |                      |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Monday    | 7.30p.m         | Fete Working Party | Vicarage             |
| Tuesday   | 7.00p.m         | Strategy Group     | Parish Room          |
| Wednesday | <b>10.00a.m</b> | <b>Buggy Mass</b>  | <b>Chrst Church</b>  |
|           | <b>7.15p.m</b>  | <b>Mass</b>        | <b>Christ Church</b> |
| Thursday  | 8.00p.m         | Choir Practice     | Christ Church        |

- Summer Fete. There will be a meeting tomorrow 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.
- Stewardship Campaign. The response to this year's campaign has been disappointing with only 26 pledges returned to date. If you haven't returned a pledge form yet please hand one in to Stan so as soon as possible. Pledges from St Luke's may be handed (in sealed envelopes) to James Hughesdon who will bring them to Christ Church. It is important for the future of the parish that as many regular members of the congregation pledge to support us financially.
- Christ Church Sunday School. With the recent death of Carol's father, Sunday School will be suspended at Christ Church for the next 3 weeks and will recommence on 25th April. Christ for Kids will be rearranged from the 18th April to the 25th April.
- Prayer Booklet. We are proud to publish our Parish Prayer Booklet and thank David Longbottom, the Worship Committee and the Wednesday Bible Study Group for their work on this. You may take the booklet home with you to help in your daily prayer life. We would welcome all contributions towards the production costs and have placed a basket on the Welcome Table for this purpose. The recommended contribution is £1. If you are a tax-payer, please place your gift in a Gift-Aid Envelope.
- Berlin Scrabble Evening. Genevieve would like to thank all who supported the recent Scrabble Evening to raise funds for the visit later in the year from our sister parish in Berlin.

- Disused Mobile Phones. The Social Justice & Environment Group is collecting disused mobile phones to raise money for the Parish. Please leave your old (but still working) 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).
- 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.



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

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