

**Christ and St John with St Luke, Isle of Dogs**  
**18th April 2010 – 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.

**Opening Hymn: 115 Now the green blade riseth**

**Collect**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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: Zephaniah 3.14-End**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

## **Psalm: Psalm 30**

I will exalt you, O LORD,  
because you have raised me up  
and have not let my foes triumph over  
me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you  
and you have healed me.

You brought me up, O LORD, from the  
dead;  
you restored me to life from among  
those that go down to the Pit. **R**

Sing to the LORD, you servants of his;  
give thanks to his holy name.

For his wrath endures but the twinkling  
of an eye

his favour for a lifetime.

Heaviness may endure for a night,  
but joy comes with the morning. **R**

In my prosperity I said,  
"I shall never be moved.

You, LORD, of your goodness,  
have made my hill so strong."

Then you hid your face from me  
and I was utterly dismayed.

To you, O LORD, I cried,  
to the LORD I made my supplication: **R**

"What profit is there in my blood,  
if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you or declare your  
faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me;  
O LORD, be my helper" **R**

You have turned my mourning into  
dancing;

you have put off my sackcloth and  
girded me with gladness;

Therefore my heart sings to you  
without ceasing;

O LORD my God, I will give you thanks  
for ever. **R**



You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead.

## **Second Reading: Acts 9.1-6**

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are

persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

### **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 21.1-19**

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

## **Offertory Hymn: 365 God moves in a mysterious way**

## **Communion Hymn: Will you come and follow me.**

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## **Closing Hymn: 393 Lead us heavenly Father, Lead us**

### **Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

**9.30a.m Parish Mass at Christ Church.** The president will be Fr Tom Pyke and the preacher will be Hilary Elliott.

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.

**Please pray for all the lay persons who will help with these services:**

Mandy Lashmar, Mary Mansfield, David Longbottom, Val Lashmar, Laureen Katiyo, Bill Chesshyre, Martin Young, Andrew New, Pamela Hulme & the Choir.

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

**A prayer for the General and Local Elections:** Lord God, in your mercy raise up as candidates, both for parliament and for our local elections, men and women who love truth more than power, and their country more than themselves. Give electors insight to distinguish between sound policy and party propaganda; and so direct the issues of this election that we may be blessed with wise leaders, good government and just laws; through Jesus Christ our lord.

**Please pray for the Sick:** Samantha McTasney, Frances Keighley, David Rainbow, Lucille Williams, Sarah & Michael Parsons, Larry Thompson, Iris Shepard, Wayne Jacobs, Bernice Herbert, , Joyce Thomas, Isha Osborne, James Pope, Fred and Joan Tyrrell, 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), Ronald Greenfield

**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

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.

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

Free-will Offering = £704.75

Loose Plate Offering = £126.73

Total = £831.48

Cost of Ministry = £1,010.25

# Notices

## This Week

Monday	10.30a.m	<b>School Mass</b>	<b>St Luke's School</b>
	6.30p.m	Cryptics Club	Christ Church Crypt
Wednesday	<b>7.15p.m</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Christ Church</b>
Thursday	8.00p.m	Choir Practice	Christ Church
Friday	9.30a.m	Toy Library	Parish Room

- St Luke's Garden. Come along on Thursday at 6p.m and help us make the garden at St Luke's look ready for spring and save yourself a trip to the gym this week.
- Marathon Sunday. Next Sunday is the London Marathon. Both morning services will begin at 9.30a.m to give people enough time to return home before the roads are closed to traffic.
- Stewardship Campaign. The response to this year's campaign has been disappointing with only 27 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 is currently suspended at Christ Church for but will recommence next Sunday. Christ for Kids will also take place next Sunday.
- 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.

- Voter Registration Deadline. If you want to vote in next month's local and general elections, the deadline to register to vote is **5pm this Tuesday 20th April**. Registration only takes a few minutes. To register, call your local council (Tower Hamlets 020 7364 0872) or go to [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk)
- 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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