

Christ and St John with St Luke, Isle of Dogs **25th April 2010 – 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.

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Genesis 7.1–5, 11–18; 8.6–18; 9.8–13

Then the LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind--every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in. The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the

face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more. In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh - birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth - so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Psalm: Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green
pastures
and he leads me beside still waters. **R**

He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort
me. **R**



You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble
me;
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
Surely goodness and loving mercy shall
follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the
LORD for ever **R**

Second Reading: Acts 9.36-end

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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 10.22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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, 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: Ronald Greenfield, Melva St George (Genevieve St George's aunt), Alan Hodder

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.

January to March

Free-will Offering = £9,423.20

Loose Plate Offering = £1,670.46

Total = £11,221.66

Cost of Ministry = £12,628.00

Last Week's Offering

Free-will Offering = £657.25

Loose Plate Offering = £190.30

Total = £847.55

Cost of Ministry = £1,010.25

Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter

NO SERVICE AT ST LUKE'S

11.00a.m Confirmation Mass at Christ Church. The president and preacher will be Bishop John Dennis.

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: Joan Rock, Hilary Elliott, Colin Farey, Martin & Lesley Young, Anna Moffatt, Tamsin Vaughn-Williams, Buky Rufai, Pamela Hulme & the Choir.

Notices

This Week

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

- How Well Do You Know Your Archbishop? The Church Times have sent us a recorded conversation between Canon John Young and Archbishop Rowan. We plan to show this in the crypt on Friday 7th May at 2pm and on Wednesday 12th May at 8.15pm. There will be tea and cake and conversation following the showing.
- Stewardship Campaign. The response to this year's campaign has been disappointing with only 29 pledges returned to date. If you haven't returned a pledge form yet please hand one in to Stan so as soon as possible. **This applies to those who intend to continue their pledge from last year.** Pledges from St Luke's may be handed (in sealed envelopes) to James Hughesdon or Philip Elliott 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.
- 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.
- World Malaria Day. Please pray for the efforts of World Malaria Day which falls today. World Malaria Day is a day of unified commemoration of the global effort to provide effective control of malaria around the world.

- 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 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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