

Christ and St John with St Luke, Isle of Dogs
2nd May 2010 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.

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, Ishia Osborne, James Pope, Fred and Joan Tyrrell, Lyle Dennen

Please pray for those who have died recently: Melva St George (Genevieve St George's aunt), Alan Hodder, David Rainbow

In Memoriam for May: Dave Andrew, Sam Ballam, Jane Bell, Olive Campbell, William Cartwright, Daisy Christmas, Frederick Edwards, Herbert Gamble, Joseph Gough, Michael Grant, Ruth Humphries, Dorothy King, William Mackey, John Morris, Mary Murray, Lillian Nichols, George Reeves, Jill Richardson, Brian Savill, John Sultana, Thomas Daykin, Ivy Tucker, John Wallace, Janet Webb

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 = £629.25

Loose Plate Offering = £21.60

Total = £650.85

Cost of Ministry = £1,010.25

Next Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30a.m Mass at St Luke's Church. The president will be Fr Tom Keighley and the preacher will be Rev Amanda Keighley.

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 Rev Amanda Keighley.

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

Millie Andrew, Rita, Carolynne McGaughey, James Hughesdon, Joan Rock, Mandy Lashmar, Jacob Koshy, Suzanne Kenner, Genevieve St George, Buky Rufai, Andrew New, Andrew Warner, Martin & Lesley Young, Pamela Hulme & the Choir.

Notices

This Week

Wednesday	7.15p.m	Mass	Christ Church
	8.15p.m	Standing Committee	Parish Room
Thursday	8.00p.m	Choir Practice	Christ Church
Friday	9.30a.m	Toy Library	Parish Room
	2.00p.m	Archbishop's Conversation	Christ Church Crypt

- It is with great sadness that we record the passing of David Rainbow. Our thoughts and prayers are with Madeline and the family at this time. The funeral will take place at St Nicolas Church, Witham on Monday 10th May at 2p.m, followed by a private burial afterwards. The address will be given by Fr Martin Seeley. The family have requested that no flowers be sent although donations may be made to the RNLI. If you are thinking of attending, please let David Longbottom know.
- 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 at 2pm and on Wednesday 12th May at 8.15pm. There will be tea and cake and conversation following the showing.
- Scrabble Evening. The next instalment of our highly enjoyable and competitive Scrabble Evenings in aid of the St Luke's Rebuilding Project will be held this Friday 14th May at 7p.m at St Luke's Hall.
- 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.
- 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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