

Christ and St John with St Luke, Isle of Dogs
9th May 2010 – Sixth 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 Fr Tom Pyke.

6.30p.m Choral Evensong at Christ Church. The service will be led by Rev Amanda Keighley.

Opening Hymn: 112 Jesus Lives

Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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: Ezekiel 37.1-14

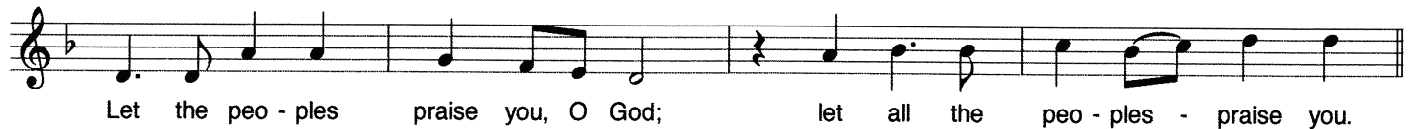
The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open

your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Psalm: Psalm 67

God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
That your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations. **R**

O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples
righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.
Then shall the earth bring forth her
increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.
God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear
him. **R**



Second Reading: Acts 16.9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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.

Gospel: John 14.23-29

Jesus said to his disciples, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Offertory Hymn: 351 Come ye faithful, raise the anthem

Communion Hymn: 305 Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast

Closing Hymn: 352 Crown him with many crowns

This Week's Prayer List

Prayer to end poverty (the theme for Christian Aid Week): Lord God, you taught us to speak out for what is right. Make us content with nothing less than a world transformed into the shape of love, where poverty shall be no more. Inspire us with the vision of poverty over and give us the faith, courage and will to make it happen.

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, Philip Mason, Margaret, 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 April

Free-will Offering = £13,018.53

Loose Plate Offering = £2,468.39

Total = £15,486.92

Cost of Ministry = £16,836.00

Last Week's Offering

Free-will Offering = £772.10

Loose Plate Offering = £224.64

Total = £996.74

Cost of Ministry = £808.20

Next Sunday: Seventh 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 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 Luise Parsons.

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

Sylvester Small, Jean Gamble, Stephanie Turner, John Edwards, Mandy Lashmar, Colin Farey, Mary Mansfield, Anna Partington, Lauren Katiyo, Anna Moffatt, Bill Chesshyre, James & Gina Somerton, 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	10.30a.m	Buggy Mass	Christ Church
	2.00p.m	Funeral	Christ Church
	7.15p.m	Mass	Christ Church
	8.15p.m	Archbishop's Conversation	Christ Church Crypt
Thursday	7.30p.m	Sung Mass	Christ Church
Friday	9.30a.m	Toy Library	Parish Room
	7.00p.m	Scrabble Evening	St Luke's Hall
Saturday	10.00a.m	Christian Aid Week Collecting	Asda Supermarket

- 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 this Monday 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.
- Buggy Mass. On Wednesday at 10a.m, we will be holding our Buggy Mass, a service specifically for all parents/carers and their pre-school age children.
- 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 Wednesday at 8.15pm. There will be tea and cake and conversation following the showing.
- Ascension Day. This Thursday is Ascension Day and we will be celebrating a Sung Mass at Christ Church at 7.30p.m. Please make every effort to attend.
- 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 at 7p.m at St Luke's Hall.

- Christian Aid Week. 9th to the 16th May is Christian Aid Week. The theme is 'pOVERty, Let's end it', and the materials from Christian Aid focus on the situation of a slum township in Kenya called Matopeni. Have a look at Veronica's Story on YouTube at www2.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/christianaidweek. Many of the world's poorest people live with the same problem as Veronica in Matopeni - appalling sanitation and contaminated drinking water, a crowded population and inadequate housing. Christian Aid is involved in providing simple but clever solutions to give people new hope. Our part in Christian Aid Week is to run a street collection at the ASDA Supermarket (also outside the stations if we get enough volunteers) next Saturday between 10am and 2pm. Please volunteer and sign up with the Vicar.
- 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 today. **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.
- Books for Berlin. There will be a secondhand bookstall outside Christ Church on Saturday 22nd of May to raise money for the exchange visit of our partner parish in Berlin. If you would like to help with this event, please see Luise Parsons.
- Summer Fete. To avoid clashes with the World Cup the Summer Fete will be one week later than is usual, on Sunday 18th July. The raffle tickets are at the printers and will soon be available for you to sell to your friends and families.
- 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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