

Christ and St John with St Luke, Isle of Dogs
16th May 2010 – 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. During the service, we will be baptising Teddy John Michael Tracey, Henry Mohammed Kuffi Atanthoueto and Lewis Jackson DieuDonne Atanthoueto. We welcome the candidates and their friends and family to our service.

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.

Opening Hymn: 134 The Head that once was crowned with thorns

Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Ezekiel 36.24-28

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

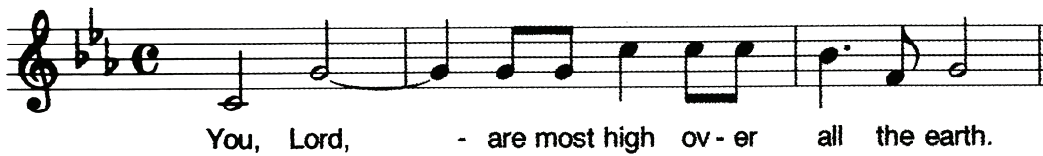
Psalm: Psalm 97

The LORD is king: Let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad. Clouds and darkness are round about him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. R	Fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side. His lightnings lit up the world; the earth saw it and trembled. The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. R
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The heavens declared his righteousness;
and all the peoples have seen his glory.
Confounded be all who worship carved
images
and delight in mere idols.
Bow down before him, all you gods.
Zion heard and was glad, and the
daughters of Judah rejoiced,
because of your judgments, O God. **R**

For you, O LORD, are most high over
all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
The LORD loves those who hate evil;
he preserves the lives of his faithful
and delivers them from the hand of the
wicked. **R**

Light springs up for the righteous
and joy for the true of heart.
Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name. **R**



Second Reading: Acts 16.16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before

Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in 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.

Gospel: John 17.20-end

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed, "Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Offertory Hymn: 130 Hail the day that sees him rise

Communion Hymn: 294 Just as I am

Closing Hymn: 271 Alleluia Sing to Jesus

This Week's Prayer List

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: Alan Hodder, David Rainbow, Victoria Mudd

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

Next Sunday: Pentecost

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

Millie Andrew, Olive Joseph, Philip Elliott, Yvonne Small, Joan Rock, John Edwards, Harry Harrington, Jacob Koshy, Suzanne Kenner, Val Lashmar, Andrew Warner, Tamsin Vaughn-Williams, Jane Buhari, Martin & Lesley Young, 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 April

Free-will Offering = £13,018.53

Loose Plate Offering = £2,738.39

Total = £15,7386.92

Cost of Ministry = £16,836.00

Last Week's Offering

Free-will Offering = £990.76

Loose Plate Offering = £160.09

Total = £1,150.85

Cost of Ministry = £808.20

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
	8.15p.m	PCC	Parish Room
Thursday	8.00p.m	Choir Practice	Christ Church
Friday	9.30a.m	Toy Library	Parish Room
	7.45p.m	TCC Rehearsal	Christ Church
Saturday		Books for Berlin	Christ Church

- Bishop of Stepney. Following a period of compassionate leave after the death of his wife Hilary, Bishop Stephen has decided to step down as Bishop of Stepney. He writes "It has been the most immense privilege to be the Bishop of Stepney for the past seven years and I cannot begin to thank you all for your kindness and support during the recent months. The cards, letters and messages have meant so much at such a difficult and demanding time." Please keep Bishop Stephen in your prayers at this time. There will be a final farewell service for Bishop Stephen on July 6th at 7.30p.m at St John at Hackney.
- Christian Aid Week. We conclude Christian Aid Week with a Retiring Collection following today's services. The parish will match all donations from the Charity Fund "£ for £" scheme. Those who were recently confirmed, and some other volunteers collected at the ASDA yesterday. Many thanks to them. As we end Christian Aid Week this year, we are thinking about how we will respond to its challenge next year. At the moment we don't do a house to house or flat to flat collection though in the past the Parish has done so. With all of the difficulties of gaining access to blocks of flats and gated communities it is still a brilliant act of commitment to the Christian Aid cause. The Vicar and the Social Justice and Environment Working Group are looking to recruit people who are interested in taking on this collection. We are looking for people who are not otherwise busy on the church's behalf, so if this is you then please offer your services to Caz Hughesdon or Fr Tom Pyke.
- Books for Berlin. There will be a secondhand bookstall outside Christ Church next Saturday 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.

- Pentecost Festival 2010. The blue programmes for this ecumenical event are scattered around the church. It combines services and arts and justice issues and lectures.
- 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 for the Summer Fete's Prize Draw are here and ready for you to sell. We have an expanding list of prizes which the Fete team are excited about, so we don't think that people you approach will need much persuading! Our star prize is two return flights to Barcelona from London City Airport. As you leave the service please take at least ten books to sell. There are 5 tickets in each book and the tickets cost 80p. We are not allowed to offer a discount. As we get nearer the Fete you may find that you have sold your ten books - please ask for some more, there are 1,000 books to sell. Barclays Capital have agreed to match part of our takings on the raffle, so let's make it the best ever.
- A Tall Ship Adventure. if you are between 16 and 25 you can enter a competition run by the Jubilee Sailing Trust and the Nerlson Society to write a story, make a video, or write a computer programme about the life of Lord Nelson. The prize is a berth on the Sail Training Ship Lord Nelson for one of its voyages. Further details from Genevieve St George.
- Hospitality needed. Jetta Pesch, a member of one of the German Exchange families has booked to do a work experience fortnight with our Parish around the time of the actual exchange. she comes on the 1st September, and her flights are already booked. The Vicar is asking for offers of hospitality **NOT FOR THE WHOLE FORTNIGHT** but for a few days here and there. Jetta is understandably anxious to get this sorted, and so is the exchange organising group. Please offer your help to Fr. Tom Pyke.
- Aid to prayer. There are rough hewn pieces of the Lenten Cross 2010 for you to keep and use as aids to prayer at the back of church. You may remember that the Lenten Cross was made from our Christmas tree, so it speaks to us of the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus. If you would like to make a donation for a piece of the cross, please place your gift in the basket.

- 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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