

Christ and St John with St Luke, Isle of Dogs **8th August 2010 – Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

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 Peter Turner.

Opening Hymn: 368 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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: Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old--and Sarah herself was barren - because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel: Luke 12.32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Offertory Hymn: 338 At the name of Jesus

Communion Hymn: 294 Just as I am, without one plea

Closing Hymn: One more step along the world I go

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me:

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know:

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me;
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:

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This Week's Prayer List

Please pray for the Sick: Samantha McTasney, Lucille Williams, Sarah & Michael Parsons, Iris Shepard, Wayne Jacobs, Bernice Herbert, Joyce Thomas, Ishia Osborne, Fred and Joan Tyrrell, Philip Mason, , Christopher and Sandra, Mervyn Mochee-Roy Kenny, Lisa, Daphne Thomas

Please pray for those who have died recently: Edmundo Nunes, Maragret, Mary Miller

In Memoriam for August: Ernest Bennett, William Brazier, Joseph Gallacher, Gladys Horlick, Donald Merrick, Louis Simkin, Margaret Smith, Reg Trott, Florence Yule, William Yule

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

John Edwads, Joan Rock, Lauren Katiyo, Anna Partington, Bill Chesshyre, Martin & Lesley Young, Pamela Hulme & the Choir.

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Notices

This Week

Wednesday 7.15p.m

Mass

Christ Church

- Summer Fete. Thank you to everybody who contributed to the success of this year's fete. To date, we have raised £4,362.92 with the promise of an additional £750 from Barclays Capital. There is a notice in each church giving details of how each stall fared.
- Sunday School. Sunday School is having a break over the summer but over the last two years we have witnessed a tremendous increase in the number of children being brought to Sunday School. Therefore, from September we will be expanding Sunday school to 3 sessions to enable all children the opportunity to obtain the Christian teaching that the Bible commands us to provide. Letters explaining the changes, including registration forms, are available for parents who would like to register their children for the new sessions. We will be running sessions before and after the 11a.m Mass but we need volunteers to help Carol Stanley. Please see Carol to volunteer as a helper, collect a letter, or ask any questions about the Sunday school.
- Cryptics Club. Cryptics has now finished for this term. However, we do need new people to volunteer to help with the club when it recommences in September. If you are able to help or want to know more about the club, please speak to the Vicar.
- Fabric Team. The wardens are looking for people who could give a couple of hours a month to help with the up-keep of the churches. Speak to Bill or James for more information.
- Back to Church Sunday. Back to Church Sunday is 12th September. Now is the time to start thinking about how you can get involved; by being part of the organising committee, by inviting friends and family to help them reconnect with church and by praying for the events of that weekend. For more information or to get involved, please speak to James Hughesdon.

Please Turn Over

- Harvest Challenge. The vicar would like to have two traditional harvest loaves (sheaf shaped) made for the harvest festival at Christ Church and St Luke's on October 3rd. He has a pattern and some instructions and it looks easier than it sounds.
- 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.

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 church's 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 and we ask that if this is your regular place of worship, you would support us through Planned Giving rather than the offering plate. Planned Giving packs are available at both churches. 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 Planned Giving.

January to July

Cost of Ministry = £29,460.00

Planned Giving = £25,104.54

Loose Plate Offering = £4,169.04

Total = £29,273.58

Last Week's Offering

Cost of Ministry = £841.60

Planned Giving = £852.68

Loose Plate Offering = £87.51

Total = £940.19

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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