

Christ and St John with St Luke, Isle of Dogs **8th January 2012 – Epiphany**

9.00a.m St Luke's Choir Rehearsal at St Luke's Church.

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

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 leader will be Rev Amanda Keighley.

Opening Hymn: 52 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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: Isaiah 60.1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel: Matthew 2.1–12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' " Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Offertory Hymn: Hope is a Star

Hope is a star that shines in the night,
Leading us on this the morning is bright.

*When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first
and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.*

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth.

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
telling the world that the Saviour is born.

Love is a flame that burns in our heart,
Jesus has come and will never depart.

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Communion Hymn: One Shall Tell Another

One shall tell another,
And he shall tell his friend,
Husbands, wives and children
Shall come following on.
From house to house in families
Shall all be gathered in,
And lights will shine in every street,
So warm and welcoming.

*Come on in and taste the new wine,
The wine of the kingdom,
The wine of the kingdom of God.
Here is healing and forgiveness,
The wine of the kingdom,
The wine of the kingdom of God.*

Compassion of the Father
is ready now to flow,
Through acts of love and mercy
We must let it show.
He turns now from His anger
To show a smiling face
And longs that all should stand beneath
The fountain of His grace.

He longs to do much more than
Our faith has yet allowed,
To thrill us and surprise us
With His sovereign power.
Where darkness has been darkest
The brightest light will shine,
His invitation comes to us,
It's yours and it is mine.

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Closing Hymn: 47 As with gladness, men of old

This Week's Prayer List

Please pray for the Sick: Samantha McTasney, Sarah Parsons, Iris Shepard, Wayne Jacobs, Joyce Thomas, Fred and Joan Tyrrell, Hubert Chesshyre, Kevin Pett, Pat Cenci, George Brennan, Mr Lennon, Philip Molava, Iona's nanny, John Ireland, Charlie Wilkins, Alex, Tina, Kazys, Grace Palmer, Gerry MacArthur, Mary Sargent

Please pray for those who have died recently: Edna Redgewell

In Memoriam for January: John Allen, Susannah Anderson, Dorothy Brown, Minnie Donkin, James Fraser, Grace Gleeson, Mary Harris, Eric Haxell, Elizabeth Jennings, Annie Kilgour, William King, Robert Kober, Ada Lowes, Martha Oatway, Sharon Parks, George Reynolds, Frederick Sale, Joan Simms, Geoffrey Tucker, Mabel Wighting

Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Epiphany

9.00a.m St Luke's Choir Rehearsal at St Luke's Church.

9.30a.m Mass at St Luke's Church. The president and preacher will be Fr Tom Pyke.

9.45a.m Sunday School at Christ Church. Open to children aged 4-5 years.

11.00a.m Parish Mass at Christ Church. The president and preacher will be Fr Tom Pyke. The Sunday School session is open to children aged 3-4 years.

12.45p.m Sunday School at Christ Church. Open to children aged 5-6 years.

6.30p.m Evening Worship at Christ Church. The leader will be Andrew Warner.

Readings

First Reading: I Samuel 3.1-20

Second Reading: Revelation 5.1-10

Gospel: John 1.43-end

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

Sylvester Small, Yvonne Small, Marc & Karen Vincent, Carolynne McGaughey, David Longbottom, Colin Farey, John John, Mary Mansfield, Joan Rock, Val Lashmar, Genevieve St George, Tamsin Vaughan-Williams, Pamela Hulme and the choir.

Notices

Monday	8.30a.m	Morning Prayer	Christ Church
	10.30a.m	School Mass	St Luke's School
	5.00p.m	Community Choir	St Luke's Hall
Tuesday	8.30a.m	Morning Prayer	Christ Church
	1.05p.m	Mass	St Luke's Church
	7.45p.m	Towards the New St Luke's	9 Llandoverly House
Wednesday	8.30a.m	Morning Prayer	Christ Church
	10.30a.m	Buggy Mass	Christ Church
	7.15p.m	Mass	Christ Church
Thursday	8.15p.m	Worship Committee	Parish Room
	9.00a.m	Morning Prayer	Christ Church
	9.30a.m	Toy Library	Parish Room
Friday	11.00a.m	Funeral	Christ Church
	7.00p.m	Children's Choir Practice	Christ Church
	8.00p.m	Choir Practice	Christ Church
	8.30a.m	Morning Prayer	St Luke's Church
	9.30a.m	Toy Library	Parish Room
	4.30p.m	Children's Bible Class	Parish Room
	7.00p.m	Scrabble Evening	St Luke's Hall

- **Buggy Mass.** On Wednesday at 10.30a.m, we will be holding our Buggy Mass, a service specifically for all parents/carers and their pre-school age children.
- **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.
- **Parish Retreat.** A Parish Retreat is being held on the weekend of the First Sunday of Lent from Friday 24th February 2012. The venue will be the same as last year (St Peter's Bourne Christian Education and Spirituality Centre, Oakleigh Park (zone 4, Northern Line)). There are overnight and day spaces available. Please contact Andrew Warner (andrew.warner@parishiod.org.uk) as soon as possible if you wish to obtain further information or book a place.
- **Used Stamps.** There are boxes at both churches for you to put all the used stamps from the Christmas Card envelopes that you receive.

Weekly Offering

*Honour the LORD with your substance
and with the first fruits of all your produce;
then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.*

Proverbs 3.9-10

We are publishing the details of the weekly offering to raise awareness of the Parish's poor financial situation. 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.

Last Week's Offering

Planned Giving Target = £1,110.56

Planned Giving Received = £818.00

Loose Plate Offering = £44.03

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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