

Christ and St John with St Luke, Isle of Dogs **15th January 2012 – Second Sunday of Epiphany**

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

Opening Hymn: 49 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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: 1 Samuel 3.1-20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from

beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

Psalm: Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.
 You mark out my journeys and my resting place
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
 For there is not a word on my tongue,
 but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
R

You encompass me behind and before
 and lay your hand upon me.
 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
 so high that I cannot attain it.
 For you yourself created my inmost parts;
 you knit me together in my mother's womb. **R**

I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
 marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.
 My frame was not hidden from you,
 when I was made in secret
 and woven in the depths of the earth.
R

Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished;
 already in your book were all my members written,
 As day by day they were fashioned
 when as yet there was none of them.
R

How deep are your counsels to me, O God!
 How great is the sum of them!
 If I count them, they are more in number than the sand,
 and at the end, I am still in your presence. **R**



Second Reading: Revelation 5.1–10

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth."

Gospel: John 1.43–end

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Offertory Hymn: 339 Be thou my vision

Communion Hymn: 295 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Closing Hymn: 436 Praise my soul, the King of heaven

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: Third Sunday of Epiphany

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Readings

First Reading: Genesis 14.17-20

Second Reading: Revelation 19.6-10

Gospel: John 2.1-11

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

Millie Andrew, Rita, Jean Gamble, Stella Townson, Joyce Webb, John Edwards, Hilary Elliott, Harry Harrington, Val Lashmar, Tamsin Vaughan-Williams, Martin Young, Joan Rock, Bill Chesshyre, Lesley Young, Pamela Hulme and the choir.

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 = £1,213.00

Loose Plate Offering = £331.51

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
	1.00p.m	Funeral	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
	7.15p.m	Mass	Christ Church
	8.15p.m	PCC	Parish Room
Thursday	9.00a.m	Morning Prayer	Christ Church
	9.30a.m	Toy Library	Parish Room
	7.00p.m	Children's Choir Practice	Christ Church
	8.00p.m	Choir Practice	Christ Church
Friday	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

- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. At the 7.15pm Mass we are welcoming Revd Stuart Cathrow, the minister of Quaystone Church, to preach to mark the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Please show how important the unity of all Christians is to you by coming along to hear Stuart that evening.
- 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.

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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