

Christ and St John with St Luke, Isle of Dogs **5th February 2012 – Third Sunday before Lent**

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6.30p.m Evening Worship at Christ Church. The leader will be David Longbottom.

Opening Hymn: 333 All my hope on God is founded

Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 40.21–end

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young

became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Gospel: Mark 1.29–39

As soon as Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Offertory Hymn: How Great thou Art

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy Hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

*Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think that God his son not sparing,
Sent him to die - I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come, with shouts of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"
Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

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Communion Hymn: 373 How shall I sing that majesty

Closing Hymn: Mine eyes have seen the Glory

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
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His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps,
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps:
His day is marching on.

I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel:
"As ye deal with my contemners, so with you my grace shall deal;
Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with his heel,
Since God is marching on."

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment-seat:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His being that transfigures you and me:
As He died to make us holy, let us live to make us free,
While God is marching on.

He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,
He is Wisdom to the mighty, He is Succour to the brave,
So the world shall be His footstool, and the soul of Time His slave,
Our God is marching on.

Julia Ward Howe 1819-1910
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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, Marcia, John Ireland, Charlie Wilkins, Alex, Tina, Kazys, Grace Palmer, Gerry MacArthur, Mary Sargent

Please pray for those who have died recently: Betty Guy, Henry Camp, Linda Bailey, Frank Horwill

In Memoriam for February: James Balaam, Steven Downey, Lilian Hutchinson, Harry Isitt, Annie Mahoney-Smith, James Miller, Clara Moss, Frank Porter, William Whiting, John Williams

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Readings

First Reading: Proverbs 8.1, 22-31

Second Reading: Colossians 1.15-20

Gospel: John 1.1-14

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

Sylvester Small, Rita, Stephanie Turner, George Olu Adejumo, Joyce Webb, David Longbottom, Genevieve St George, Colin Farey, Jane Buhari, Val Lashmar, Joan Rock, Andrew Warner, 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
	7.30p.m	Worship Committee	Parish Room
	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	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
	7.00p.m	Scrabble Evening	St Luke's Hall

- Following the Parish Mass at Christ Church this morning, there will be a Hunger Lunch in support of charitable work in Africa. Please remember to make a donation if you are having some soup and bread. As a guideline, we would ask that you would consider donating the amount that you would normally spend on your Sunday Lunch. If you are a taxpayer, please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes provided so that the Parish can reclaim the Income Tax.
- 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.

- **Lent Course.** The Worship Committee have suggested that for this year and next year Lent should have a Social Justice emphasis. To that end, the Lent course we are going to follow is prepared by the Church Urban Fund (one of our three charities) and is called *Are We Washing our Hands of England's Poor?* The materials are freely available on-line at http://www.cuf.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/PDFs/CUF_LentAppeal_Main-resource.pdf If you would like to have a paper copy printed off for you, please ask Fr. Tom. There will be daytime and evening sessions of the Lent Study so that everyone can take part.
- **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 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.
- **Moving On.** Revd Amanda and Fr Tom will be licensed as Priest in Charge and Associate Priest at Hornchurch St Nicholas, Elm Park on 15th March at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome. If you are planning to attend please let one of the Revs Keighley know for catering purposes. In the meantime, both Amanda and Tom would be grateful for your prayers as they begin to re-focus their ministries.
- **Annual Day of Prayer.** There will be a Day of Prayer on Saturday 17th March from 10a.m to 2.45p.m at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey. The day will conclude with Evensong in the Abbey.
- **Summer Fete.** The Summer fete will be held on Sunday 8th July. Even though this is still a long way off, we would like to ask everyone to think about ways in which you would like to be involved this year. Also, if any members of the congregation have any links with companies that support local charities and may be able to match fundraising efforts, offer sponsorship or donate raffle prizes please speak to Father Tom or to a member of the planning committee (Chair is Kerry New). If you would like to attend the next planning meeting it will be held at 7:30pm on 27th February at the Great Eastern Pub - all are very welcome.

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 = £790.00

Loose Plate Offering = £126.15

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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