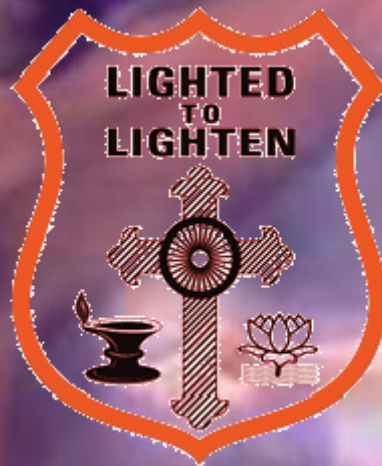


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NEWS LETTER

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Pilate said to them, what then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ. They all said to them let him be crucified.
Matthew 27:22

Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen. He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. Mark 16:6

Regular Programmes

Sunday school - All Sundays after Worship Services

Malayalam classes – Every Sunday from 2.30pm to 3.00 pm

Youth League - meetings are held after Church Service on Sundays.

Choir - practices are from 2.00 pm on all Sundays.

Sevika Sangham - meetings on First Sundays after Worship.

Fasting Prayer - 1st Saturday of every month.

Review of Activities

Christmas Service – 2013: On 15th of December we have celebrated our Christmas and the X Mas message was delivered by Ven. Dr. John Perumbalath. Rev. John Brown, Vic. Of St Luke's Church was also present at the programme. The carol songs sung by Choir was very melodious and Sunday school children songs and skit made the event more attractive.

Convention: Church convention was held from 31/01/2014 to 01/02/2014 at St Luke's Church and the main speaker was our Ex. Vicar Rev. Dr. Abraham Mathew Achen from India. Achen's message was very touching and gave us more knowledge about Old and New Jerusalem.

Diocesan Episcopal Visit: Our Episcopal Rt. Rev. Dr. Gee Varghese Mar Theodosius visited our parish on 02nd Feb. 2014. During his visit 8 children were received first communion.

FROM THE VICAR'S DESK



Preparation to face the cross

Dearly beloved in Christ,

"If anyone wants to come with me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me" (Mt 16.24)

The 50 days of Great Lent begins from March 3rd. Lent is the time for prayer, fasting and repentance. Great lent is associated with the passion and crucifixion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Through prayer and fasting we participate in the suffering of Christ on the cross.

The Cross was an inseparable part of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Right from his birth to his death, he had to endure the pain of the cross. The crucifixion on Mt. Golgotha was the climax of his pain and suffering.

During this season of Great Lent we prepare ourselves in body, mind and spirit to participate in the passion of our Lord. It is through prayer and fasting that we learn self control and self discipline. It is in controlling our passions and training to say 'no to all evil desires that we participate in this lent season.

As we focus and draw nearer to the cross each day, it speaks to us:

- 1) The cross is a symbol of Christ's obedience to God's will. Jesus knew that He was in the world to do the will of the Father. He understood his mission as laying his life for the sheep in order to redeem them. This was a painful experience and he willingly gave himself for it. We are called to do the Father's will in the world. Obedience to God can at times turn out to be costly. We may have to give up all our earthly pleasures and comforts and live the way of the cross. Are we ready to accept this offer?
- 2) The Cross is a symbol of commitment and self denial. Jesus commitment to work for the last, least and the lost demanded a total commitment. He had to forget his needs in order to save others. Only through self denial do we become useful to others. The great lent season invites us to forget ourselves so that we can focus more on the needs of the others and reach out in love.
- 3) The way of the cross is the way of suffering. This is an experience for everyone who embarks on a journey in order to help and edify others. It is not an easy task, but one that demands giving up all we consider valuable and precious for the good of the other.

As we participate in the Lenten spiritual exercises, it is my prayer that we may be drawn closer and closer to the cross of Christ in order to offer all that we consider precious at the feet of the cross so that we are able to take up the cross and walk the way Jesus walked.

Yours in Christ

Vinoj Achen

PHOTOS OF SPECIAL EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION - 2013



VICAR'S WELCOME SPEECH



CHOIR MEMBERS & CHIEF GUESTS



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE BY: VEN.
DR. JOHN PERUMBALATH



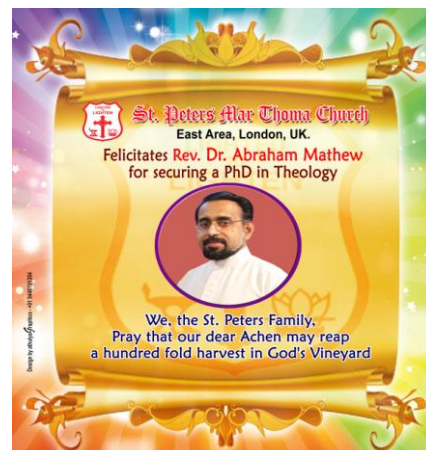
CHRISTMAS FATHER'S VISIT



DIOCESAN EPISCOPAL VISIT



FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS



FELICITATION OF REV. DR. ABRAHAM
MATHEW THE MAIN SPEAKER OF OUR
CONVENTION.

PASSION WEEK SERVICES

On 13th April Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday) the Holy Communion service will be conducted by: Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos Episcopa @ 3pm.

SANDYA NAMASKARAM

14th, 15th & 16th April will be held in church member's residence at 7.00pm.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 17th April-2014 - Holy Communion Service will be held @7.00 pm. **Venue: Fanshawe Hall, Barnmead Road, RM95DX**

RT. REV. THOMAS MAR TIMOTHEOS EPISCOPA WILL BE LEADING GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE ON 18TH APRIL FROM 8.00 AM AT FANSHAWE HALL, BARNMEAD ROAD, RM95DX

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE WILL BE AT ST. LUKES CHURCH ON 20TH APRIL AT 6.00 AM

SUNDAYSCHOOL SPECIAL EVENTS

- QUIZ COMPETITION WILL BE HELD ON 16TH MARCH.
- DIOCESAN EXAM WILL BE HELD ON 04TH MAY 2014.
- ANNIVERSARY WILL BE CELEBRATED ON 18TH MAY 2014
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) WILL BE HELD FROM 29TH MAY TO 31ST MAY AND 01ST JUNE 2014 WILL BE THE FINAL DAY OF VBS.

CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	SERVICE/PRAYER	IMPORTANCE	MESSAGE BY:-
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MARCH

02/03/2014	Sunday	Holy Communion -Malayalam		Rev. Vinoj Varghese
09/03/2014	Sunday	Divine Service – English		Mrs. Omana Koshy
16/03/2014	Sunday	Holy Communion- English		Rev. Vinoj Varghese
23/03/2014	Sunday	Divine Service - Malayalam		Mr. Sheelo Varghese
30/03/2014	Sunday	Divine Service-Malayalam		

APRIL

06/04/2014	Sunday	Holy Communion -Malayalam		Rev.Vinoj Varghese
13/04/2014	Sunday	Holy Communion -Malayalam	Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos Episcopa	
17/04/2014	Maundy Thursday	Holy Communion - Malayalam		Rev. Vinoj Varghese
18/04/2014	Good Friday	Good Friday Special Service	Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos Episcopa	
20/04/2014	Sunday	Holy Communion - English	Easter@ 6.00 am	Rev. Vinoj Varghese
27/04/2014	Sunday	Divine Service - Malayalam		Mr. Binu George

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04/05/2014	Sunday	Holy Communion - Malayalam		Rev. Vinoj Varghese
11/05/2014	Sunday	Divine Service – English		Mr. Jibby Johnson Philip
18/05/2014	Sunday	Holy Communion -English		Rev. Vinoj Varghese
25/05/2014	Sunday	Divine Service - Malayalam		Mr. Skaria George

EPISTLE READING PORTIONS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

DATE	DAY	ASSISTING	EPISTLE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING
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MARCH

02/03/2014	Sunday	Reji Thankachan Kurian John	Rom. 11: 13-24	Isa. 44: 21-28 Bindu Mole Binu	1 Timo. 1: 12-17 Binu George
09/03/2014	Sunday	Sibin Babu Philip Neil Abraham	Eph. 2: 1-10	Zech. 13: 1-9 Sibin Babu Philip	1John. 1: 5-10 Kevin Samson
16/03/2014	Sunday	Mathew Mathai Roshan George	Rom. 5: 6-11	Gen. 4: 8-16 Sneha Skaria	Act. 16: 11-18 Caroline Benoy
23/03/2014	Sunday	Benoy K. Peter Alex Lukose	Gal. 6: 1-5	Hosea. 2: 14-23 Jiby Philip	Pile. 1: 1-21 Mitu Varghese
30/03/2014	Sunday	Binu George Bruce I. Prasad	Gal. 5: 1-12	Exo. 3: 1-10 Thomas Alexander	Rom. 8: 31-39 Eaby K. Baby

APRIL

06/04/2014	Sunday	John K. John Eaby K. Baby	Eph. 2: 1-10	Job. 42: 10-17 Abraham Koshy	Phil. 2: 5-11 Omana Koshy
13/04/2014	Sunday	Reji Thankachan Sajin Sam George	Col. 1: 15-23	Zech. 9: 1-12 Benoy Peter	Heb. 5: 1-10 Gigi Benoy
17/04/2014	Maundy Thursday	K.P.Babukutty Benoy K. Peter	1Cor. 11:23-34	Gen. 22:1-14 Hansen Raj	Heb. 9:1-15 Adersh Reji
18/04/2014	Good Friday	Sam P. Geroge	1 st Service	Is. 53 1-12 Omana Koshy	1Pet 1:1-25 Omana John
		Bruce I. Prasad	2 nd Service	Zec. 13:1-9 Gigi Benoy	Gal. 3: 1-22 Kurian John
		John K. John	3 rd Service	Num. 21: 1-9 Binu George	Heb. 3: 1-19 Skaria George
20/04/2014	Sunday	Anish P.John Sibin Babu Philip	1 Cor. 15: 20-28	Isa. 60: 1-22 Reeba Kochamma	1 Cor. 15: 42-58 Susan Shekhar
27/04/2014	Sunday	Thomas Alexander Bruce I. Prasad	Col. 1: 15-23	Exo. 3: 13-17 Binu Chacko	Col. 3: 1-11 Sajini Johny

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04/05/2014	Sunday	Binu George Skaria George	Heb. 13: 1-8	Gen. 18: 1-10 Anil Cherian	Rom. 12: 9-16 Sunitha Anil
11/05/2014	Sunday	Sajin George Suraj Alex	Phil. 3: 8-16	Exo. 40: 34-38 Sam P. George	2 Timo. 2: 1-13 Mariamma Eapen
18/05/2014	Sunday	Rijo Koshy Neil Abraham	1John. 1: 1-10	Exo. 14: 10-20 Varghese Abraham	Act. 16: 19-34 Elizabeth Abraham
25/05/2014	Sunday	Shinu K. Varghese Reji Thankachan	Phil. 4: 4-9	Mican. 4: 1-7 Alex Lukose	1 John. 5: 1-12 Alice Lukose

AREA PROGRAMMES

Romford, Dagenham and Chadwell Heath

- Prayer Meetings Every Tuesday at 7.30 pm

Chelmsford

- Prayer Meeting:

Ilford

- Prayer Meetings Every 3rd Fridays at 8.00 pm

Eastham

- Prayer Meeting:

North London

Prayer Meeting:

CONDOLENCE:

Mrs. Alice Lukose's (Chelmsford) Mother passed away on 30/11/2013

Mrs. Molly Blesson's (Enfield) Father passed away on 26/12/2013

Mr. Shibu Abraham's (East Ham) Father passed away on 17/02/2014

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

Date	Name	Area
03	Sunita R. Thomson	Liverpool
05	Ashis Sampson	Chelmsford
12	Sibin Babu Philip	Chadwell Heath
16	Varghese Abraham	Chadwell Heath
20	Jacob George	Ilford
25	Suresh Thomas	Chadwell Heath

APRIL

Date	Name	Area
04	Kunjamma Mathews	Forest Gate
08	Saro John	East Barnet
08	Susan Shekar	Chadwell Heath
08	Reeba Kochamma	Ilford
11	Nicole Ann Varghese	Chadwell Heath
13	Bibin Christopher	Scotland
14	Aiden Mathew	Chelmsford
16	Eamil Eaby	Chigwell
19	Neil Abraham Varghese	Chadwell Heath
20	Thomas John	East Barnet
23	Lisamma Baby	Romford
25	Lizzy John	Dagenham East
25	Suma Susan Varghese	Chelmsford
26	Raju Paul	Chadwell Heath
30	Aby Kiren	Enfield

MAY

Date	Name	Area
03	Aswin Cherian	Walthamstow
06	Fiona Gimmy	Romford
06	Saumya R. Leenas	Lewisham
10	Thomas Mathew	East Ham
10	Jobi Varghese	Chelmsford
11	Jasmine Mathews	Ilford
13	Mekha M. Skaria	East Ham
13	Bincy Sheelo Varghese	Dagenham
14	Jaison Mathew	Chelmsford

15	K.P. Babukutty	Chadwell Heath
15	Elizabeth Varghese	East Ham
15	Leenas Varghese	Lewisham, Bromley
17	Roji Davidson	Scotland
20	Alex Lukose	Chelmsford
20	Omana Koshy	Hainault
20	Sunitha Anil	Walthamstow
21	Reji Thankachan	Romford
24	Kevin John	East Barnet
25	Zoe George	Ilford
25	Benoy Peter	Dagenham
27	Siju Thomas	Enfield
28	Zephan Jobi Varghese	Chelmsford
28	Neetha Jaison	Chelmsford
28	George Varghese	Slough
29	Andrea Rinosh	Chadwell Heath
29	Mini David	Enfield
30	Saly Babukutty	Chadwell Heath
30	Sijimol Pretty	Walthamstow
30	Susamma Thomas	East Ham
31	Blessam Abraham	Enfield
31	Sudeep Mathew	Chadwell Heath
31	Sheelo Varghese	Dagenham

Wishing you all a very Happy Birthday



Congratulations to the bride and groom.

*MR. SIBIN BABU PHILIP
WITH
SHILPA RANJIT
ON
30/12/2013.*

*MR. SUNSY GEORGE JOHN
WITH
PRIYANKA REBECCA THARIAN
ON
02/01/2014.*

*MAY GOD BLESS THE TWO OF YOU ABUNDANTLY IN LOVE, JOY, AND
HAPPINESS.*

Wedding Anniversaries

MARCH

Date	Name	Area

APRIL

Date	Name	Area
10	Koshy Abraham & Omna Koshy	Hainault
24	Benoy Peter & Gigi Benoy	Dagenham
26	Mathew Chacko & Sajini Johny	Chelmsford

MAY

Date	Name	Area
03	Anil Cherian & Sunitha Anil	Walthamstow
07	Suresh Thomas & Jaya Suresh	Chadwell Heath
07	Varghese Mathew & Shiny Mathew	Chelmsford
11	David Augustine & Mini David	Enfield
12	Sam P. George & Mariamma Eapen	Newbury Park
15	Binu George & Bindumole Bine	East Ham
16	Siju Thomas &	Enfield

	Reny Mathew	
25	Varghese Abraham & Elizabeth Abraham	Chadwell Heath
29	Alex Lukose & Alice Lukose	Chelmsford



Hearty Blessing to all those who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries. May God bless you in the New Year.