

# St. Luke's & St. John's

## Praising God in Devon

Dearest friends,

The new pew sheet appears to have gone down broadly well. I hope that you have taken up my call to take them home and read the inside - there's always something to say, something to do, and something to pray for. Please also note the prayer intentions for each day.

This Sunday marks our first 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Joint Service. You'll have noticed a particular drive from myself to find ways for us to work together. We are not a team or a benefice; we're not even geographically joined - so why this partnership?

The simple reality is that you share a Priest in myself. We are also joined in our shared theology and as member churches of The Society of St. Wilfrid and Hilda (known more colloquially as The Society).

Unlike my predecessors I am fully focused on just St. Luke's & St. John's. This means you get more of my focus, time, and energy - but it could also lead to you getting 50% of me if we wish to remain separate.

By doing things together both parishes get more of my time and focus, and both parishes

get to share the best bits of the other.

There are things both parishes do exceptionally well and I'd love to share that with everyone.

It also doesn't hurt to find ways to reduce the administration and other non parochial work between both parishes, if we can do admin once and share it... that's more time for me to be out visiting.

The idea is to create opportunities to share each others company, to share what we do best, it is not to create one bland parish - St. John's is not St. Luke's, and St. Luke's is not St. John's. Our strength is in our passion and in our differences and I want those to shine through and not be extinguished. If you spot something that is in danger of that - let me know - I'm never too proud to admit when I've got something wrong.

We have an exciting time ahead of us, we don't get everything right - but the journey together will reveal much about our love for Jesus Christ and each other.

I'm excited to see what the Holy Spirit has in store for us over the coming years.

Fr. Matthew

## Notices

### Cream Tea

Last week's Cream Tea went down a storm and raised a terrific amount for St. Luke's - thank you so much for all your hard work, Angela and Brian.

### Holy Habits

Make sure you sign up for this exciting course in November, details of which can be found on the website.

### The Rev'd Dr. Chris Moore

On the 1st December we'll be joined by the Rev'd Dr. Chris Moore for an afternoon lecture on the Gospel of Mark. Sign up now!

### Christmas Planning

We had planned to meet last week, but events overtook us and we're putting a new date in the diary, I'll share it as soon as it has settled.

### New Website

If you've not spotted it yet take a look at our new website at [www.slsj.co.uk](http://www.slsj.co.uk) - there's still lots of work to do. Please share any ideas you have to make it better.

## Today

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

11:00am - Joint Sung Parish Mass at St. Luke's  
Fellowship meal after the service.

5:30pm - Team Evening Prayer, Highweek

*Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Tinity 18, Proper 21*

## Upcoming Dates

29<sup>th</sup> September - Joint service at SL, 11am.

5<sup>th</sup> October - Night with Diesel Doug [SL]

19<sup>th</sup> October - Table Top Sale [SJ]

19<sup>th</sup> October - Bay Brass Concert [SL]

20<sup>th</sup> October - St. Luke's Patronal Festival & Parish Lunch

10<sup>th</sup> November - Parish Lunch [SL]

16<sup>th</sup> November - Table Top Sale [SJ]

20<sup>th</sup> November - Social Committee Meeting [SL]

8<sup>th</sup> December - Mayor's Civic Service [SL]

15<sup>th</sup> December - December Parish Lunch [SL]

Please forgive any ommisions and contact Fr. Matthew if you spot anything missing from this list.

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Please let Fr. Matthew know of illness or other need as soon as possible. He is available on the above number 24/7.

## The week ahead:

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September

St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor

[prayers offered at home, Fr. Matthew's rest day]

*Prayer focus: Our Clergy*

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October

St Th  r  se of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor

9:30am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

10am - Mass [SJ] Followed by Coffee & Cake.

11am - 2pm - Fr. Matthew drop in @ Parish Office

*Prayer focus: The Parish of St. Luke's*

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

The Holy Guardian Angels

10am - Said Mass [SL] Followed by Coffee & Cake.

*Prayer focus: The Parish of St. John's*

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Thursday of week 26 in Ordinary Time

9:30am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

10am - Mass for the Dead [SJ]

*Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians*

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

St. Francis of Assisi

10am - Said Mass

*Prayer focus: The sick*

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Saturday memorial of the BVM

1[Prayers offered at home]

*Prayer focus: +Paul and parishes of The Society*

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

9:15am - Sung Parish Mass, St. John's

11am - Sung Parish Mass, St. Luke's

*Divine Office Psalter Week 3, Tinity 19, Proper 22*

## Please pray for:

Nick, Viv and Linda, Rosemary, Diana, Phil and Jean, Judith, Linda, Michael, Noah, Alan, Jude, Sophie, Diana, Bill, Marilyn, Roy, Anne-Marie, Mandy, Simon, Judith, Liz, Melville and Jean, Judy, David, Hannah, Kathryn, Bob, David, Edna, Catherine, Lauren.

## ...and the souls of:

Sister Elizabeth, Emily Wilby, Monica Wills, HM Queen Elizabeth II, David Bounds, Philip Jeremy Brown, Bernard Richards, Peter Christie, Andrew Silsby, Florrie Newbury, Ivan Kerslake, Margaret Woodason, Pamela Amery, Patricia Camp, Desmond Penk, Maire Jarman, Joan.