

St. Luke's & St. John's

Praising God in Devon

Dearest friends,

This week we celebrate the patronal festival of St. Luke's.

A patronal is a moment to celebrate the parish and all it has achieved. It's a joy that we're able to celebrate it with our brothers and sisters at St. John's and enjoy each others successes.

St. Luke's has a welcoming heart. I've seen and heard time and time again how someone who was lost has somehow found their way back to faith within the community of St. Luke's.

I've heard how people who have been cast aside in other places have been welcomed, prayed for, and given a home.

I've heard St. Luke's described as a refugee camp which has turned into a home.

Each time I hear these amazing stories I think about how proud St. Luke would be of his church here in Milber.

St. Luke was a man who cared deeply about sharing the gospel (author of both the Gospel of Luke and of the Acts of the Apostles) and as we read Acts in particular, we are struck by the evangelistic zeal of the early Christian

communities and how they reached out to all and told them the Truth of Jesus Christ.

St. Luke's continues in that pattern. A passionate community of Christians who reach out to a wide parish and communicate the Truth of Jesus Christ through action, through love, through the joy of coming to church together.

There is much to celebrate.

We have a very busy period ahead of us in both parishes. Lots of services and activity - we must be careful we do not lose sight of our common goal - evangelism - that is, the sharing of the gospel in a multitude of ways that encourages people to come and know Jesus in our churches.

There will be posters and flyers to share in the coming weeks and many requests for help with hospitality and events. I am confident of our shared desire to see more people come to church, and know we'll all work hard wherever we are able.

Don't forget that **Holy Habits** will be starting on

November 7th at 7pm at St. Luke's. It's a great course designed to help you understand why we do certain things (like crossing ourselves) and how new habits (like gratitude) can help us deepen our relationship with God. Please do sign up via the website or let me know you are coming.

If you've not signed up for the **Time Travellers Guide to the Gospel of Mark**, please make sure you do - either on the website or let me know personally. It will really help me know how much sherry to buy!

Fr. Matthew

Notices

Remembrance Services

In a slight change to previous years there will be a remembrance service in both parishes on the 10th November starting at 10:45am outside both churches.

Christmas Fayre, St. Luke's Donations of raffle prizes etc. are needed for the Christmas Fayre. We also need books, bric-a-brac, etc. There's a social committee meeting on the 20th November to arrange the final details of the Fayre. Please contact Claire Baker with any questions.

Today

Sunday 20th October

St. Luke (transferred).

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

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

4pm - Evening Prayer at St. John's

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Trinity 21, Proper 24

November

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th – Holy Habits [SL] 7pm

10th - Remembrance Service [SL & SJ] 10:45am

Parish Lunch [SL]

16th - Table Top Sale [SJ] 10am-12pm

20th - Social Committee Meeting [SL] 6:30pm

30th - Advent Carols [SJ] 6pm

December

1st - A Time Travellers Guide to Mark [SL] 3pm

7th - Christmas Fayre [SL]

8th - Mayor's Civic Service [SL] 3pm

11th - Over 60s Christmas Concert [SJ] 2pm

15th - December Parish Lunch [SL]

19th - Cantemos Carol Concert [SJ] 7pm

22nd - Christmas Carols [SL] 4m

Nine Lessons and Carols [SJ] 7pm

24th - Live Nativity [SL] 4pm

1st Mass of Christmas [SJ] 8pm

Midnight Mass [SL] 11:30pm

25th - Christmas Day Mass [SL & SJ] 10am

29th - Joint Mass at St. John's 10am with dedication of Holy Family Chapel

Christingle Services at both churches TBC

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Fr Alan White and Deacon David Rogers

Licensed Lay Minister: Mr Graham Whittle

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The week ahead:

Monday 21st October

Monday of the 29th week in Ordinary Time

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

Prayer focus: Our Clergy

Tuesday 22nd October

Tuesday of the 29th week in Ordinary Time

9:30am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

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

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. Luke's

Wednesday 23rd October

Wednesday of the 29th week in Ordinary Time

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

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. John's

Thursday 24th October

Thursday of the 29th week in Ordinary Time

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 25th October

Friday of the 29th week in Ordinary Time

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: The Society of St. Wilfrid & St. Hilda

Saturday 26th October

Saturday memorial of the BVM

[Prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: +Paul

Sunday 27th October

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11am - Sung Mass, St. Luke's

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Trinity 22, Proper 25

Please pray for:

Viv and Linda, Rosemary, Diana, Phil and Jean, Alan, Sophie, Bill, Marilyn, Roy, Anne-Marie, Mandy, Simon, Liz, Melville and Jean, David, Hannah, Kathryn, Bob, Edna.

...and the souls of:

Frederick Norcott, Norah Warland, Margaret Wallen, Frederick Barnett, Iris Bickham, Martin Quantock, Marion Hey, Kathleen Fyffe Bessie Price, Beatrice Franklin, Pamela Watson, Gladys Bryant, Harold Balster, Roland Head, Simon Brooke, Connie Cawley, Ann James, Joan England, John Boardman, Richard Ireland, Mary Speight, Win Iles, David John Milnes-Oldbury, Russell Bennett, Joan, Michael.