

St. Luke's & St. John's

Praising God in Devon

Dearest friends,

The team behind the Live Nativity at St. Luke's on Christmas eve met this week and we need your help!

We're going to have five 'stations' outside St. Luke's and we'd like to invite you to volunteer to build and run one of these stations. They are:

- The Annunciation
- The Inn (journey to Bethlehem)
- The Birth of Jesus (the stable)
- The Wise Men
- The Shepherds

A script will be written and provided, but we'd really like to invite you to own each station and make it as you see fit. We'll walk around the stations as a large group and tell the story of Jesus birth - at each station we'll also sing a carol.

At the end of the evening we'll head into church for chocolate, cake, and other treats. If you'd like to volunteer to help with that we'd be ever so grateful.

It's going to be an amazing way to start Christmas and so much fun for children of Newton Abbot, Bovey and beyond.

If you'd like to help in any way please speak to Claire Barker in St. Luke's and Rebecca Burton in St. John's.

We'll offer as much help and support as you need - help us bring new people to church this Christmas!

Fr. Matthew

Notices

Rev'd Dr. Chris Moore THIS SUNDAY!

Make sure you come along at 3pm to St. Luke's on Sunday for an amazing talk from the Rev'd Dr. Chris Moore - A Time Travellers Guide to the Gospel of Mark. We'll serve refreshments afterwards and end with a short service of Evening Prayer.

Holy Habits

It's the last Holy Habits this Thursday at 7pm (28th Nov) - we'll concentrate on daily prayer and scripture and talk about why we bow, bend, and kneel in church.

Christmas Fayre, St. Luke's

Donations of raffle prizes etc. are needed for the Christmas Fayre. We are

particularly looking for donations for the hampers. Please contact Claire Baker with any questions.

Civic Service

The Mayors civic service on the 8th December has been cancelled by the Town Council.

Confirmation

Bishop Paul will be with us in February. If you've not been confirmed (or don't know what it means!) and would like to discuss being confirmed, please do speak to Fr. Matthew.

Advent Carols

This Saturday at 6pm at St. John's come and join us for Advent Carols. A selection of the best advent carols and some beautiful scripture. It's the perfect way to start advent and get your heart and mind in the right place ahead of Christmas. Sherry will be served after the service.

Christingle at St. John's

On the 15th December St. John's will be hosting and running a Christingle service for St. Catherine's school (and anyone else who'd like to come along). We're having a planning meeting next Thursday (5th December) at 5pm in the parish office of St. John's and if you can help in any way please do come along.

Today

Sunday 1st December

1st Sunday of Advent

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

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

3pm - A Time Travellers Guide to Mark, St. Luke's

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, C(I), Advent 1

November

30th - Advent Carols [SJ] 6pm

December

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

4th - St. Luke's PCC, 7pm, Church Hall

5th - Christingle Planning Meeting, 5pm [SJ]

7th - Christmas Fayre [SL]

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

15th - December Parish Lunch [SL]

Christingle Service [SJ] 11am

19th - Cantemos Carol Concert [SJ] 7pm

22nd - Christmas Carols [SL] 4pm

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

January

8th - St. Luke's PCC

12th - St. Luke's Parish Lunch

16th - St. John's PCC

25th - Jesus, This Is Your Life & Burns Night Supper [SJ]

February

12th - St. Luke's PCC

The week ahead:

Monday 2nd December

Monday of the 1st week of Advent

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

Prayer focus: Our Clergy

Tuesday 3rd December

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

9:30am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

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

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. Luke's

Wednesday 4th December

Wednesday of the 1st week of Advent

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

7pm - St. Luke's PCC Meeting

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. John's

Thursday 5th December

Thursday of the 1st week of Advent

9:30am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

10am - Mass for the dead [SJ]

5pm - Christingle Planning Meeting [SJ]

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 6th December

Friday of the 1st week of Advent

10am - Said Mass [SL]

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

Saturday 7th December

St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor

St. Luke's Christmas Fayre

Prayer focus: +Paul and +Mike

Sunday 8th December

2nd Sunday of Advent

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

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

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, C(I), Advent 2

Please pray for:

Christopher, 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, Kerry & Family, Jenny, Dan.

...and the souls of:

Carol, Janet, Mark, Sue Nurse, Roy Brinksworth, Elizabeth Murchison, Joe McHugh, Michael Crow, Richard John Riley, Frank Wilson, Eric Parker, Jill, Betty Cornish, Jim Bruce, M. E. Anne Johnson, Elizabeth, Jeremy, and all those listed in the Lady Chapel of St. Luke's.

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