

St. Luke's & St. John's

Praising God in Devon

Dearest friends,

As we enter this final week of Advent all can seem rather busy.

There are concerts, carol services, jobs to be done. There are presents to buy, people to see, and food to get in.

Who has time for all this Christmas nonsense! It's easy to get caught up in the business but we must remember that Advent offers us an opportunity to find PEACE.

Jesus tells us that His yoke is easy and His burden light. He encourages us to give Him all those things that we can not carry and He will hold us.

So in this final week of Advent please do try to find some peace. Find some time to be quiet and still and to allow your mind to dwell on the joy of the coming of Jesus Christ - that small baby in a manger.

Fr. Matthew

Please pray for:

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

Pray for the souls of:

Harry Mugford, Rodney Trigger, John Hearder, and all those listed in the Lady Chapel of St. Luke's.

Notices

Christingle at St. John's *THIS SUNDAY!*

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) at 11am. It's going to be great fun! We'll be having coffee and doughnuts from 10:30am and it's a great place to invite friends who don't usually come to church.

The Bible Course

After the success of Holy Habits and the lecture on St. Mark's Gospel by Rev'd Dr. Chris Moore, I'm pleased to share we'll be doing another course in the new year heading into Lent. The Course is 'The Bible Course' and will run on Thursday evenings in Wickham Hall at 7pm for 8 weeks starting 23rd January. The final session (13th March) will be taught by the Bishop of Exeter, The Rev'd Dr. Mike Harrison.

You'll be able to sign up to come along in the new year.

Spring Term (and Easter) Planning Meeting

As we look ahead to the next term and to Easter there'll be another open planning meeting (as we did for Christmas) early in the new year. This is for everyone at both parishes to come along and share your ideas on what you think the parish should be doing - both in terms of social activities as well as our services. We'll be meeting at Wickham Hall at 7pm on the 9th January.

Susana Crow - YWAM

Susana Crow who works with YWAM (Youth With A Mission) spreading Gods word and doing mercy ministries in Malawi Africa will be sharing what her and her community are guided by God to do and to seek your support. We will be meeting in the Wickham Hall, 6pm on January Thursday 16th

If you would like to support Susanna you can go to the stewardship website:

Stewardship Account:
www.give.net/20176623

Or contact her at her email address:
soozmission@hotmail.com

Today

Sunday 15th December

3rd Sunday of Advent

- 9:15am - BCP Mass, St. John's
- 11am - Christingle, St. John's
- 11am - Sung Parish Mass, St. Luke's
- 1pm - Parish Lunch, St. Luke's
- 4pm - Evening Prayer at St. John's

Divine Office Psalter Week 3, C(I), Advent 3

December

- 14th - Spectrum Wind Band Concert [SL] 7pm
- 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
- 9th - Spring (& Easter) term planning meeting [all] 7pm WH
- 12th - St. Luke's Parish Lunch
- 16th - St. John's PCC, 5pm
Susanna Crow YWAM talk, 7pm [SJ]
- 23rd - The Bible Course (every Thursday), 7pm WH
- 25th - Jesus, This Is Your Life & Burns Night Supper [SJ]

February

- 12th - St. Luke's PCC

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Fr Alan White and Deacon David Rogers
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The week ahead:

Monday 16th December

Monday of the 3rd week of Advent
[prayers offered at home, Fr. Matthew's rest day]
Prayer focus: Our Clergy

Tuesday 17th December

O Sapientia!
10am - Said Mass [SJ] Followed by Coffee & Cake
Prayer focus: The Parish of St. Luke's

Wednesday 18th December

O Adonai!
10am - Said Mass [SL] Followed by Coffee & Cake.
Prayer focus: The Parish of St. John's

Thursday 19th December

O radix Iesse!
10am - Said Mass of the Dead [SJ]
7pm - Cantemos Carol Concert [SJ]
Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 20th December

O clavis David!
10am - Said Mass [SL]
Prayer focus: The Society of St. Wilfrid & St. Hilda

Saturday 21st December

O Oriens!
[prayers offered at home]
Prayer focus: +Paul and +Mike

Sunday 22nd December

4th Sunday of Advent
9:15am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ]
11am - Sung Parish Mass [SL]
Divine Office Psalter Week 4, C(I), Advent 4

Monday 23rd December

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

Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Eve
Live Nativity [SL] 4pm
1st Mass of Christmas [SJ] 8pm
Midnight Mass [SL] 11:30pm

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day
Christmas Day Mass 10am at both churches