

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

## Praising God in Devon

Dearest friends,

Evangelism is not a dirty word. I'm sure that many of you are sick to the back teeth of me going on about evangelism. Or rather, you get sick of me writing, preaching, teaching and telling you to go out and tell people about Jesus.

We pray that more people will come to know Him every day at mass, but we also have to DO it. Pray, then do - that's how we build the church and in doing so build Christ's body here on earth.

I know that talking to people about Jesus can be tough. People don't want to hear it. They're quite happy to sit and gossip about Doreen down the road who hasn't washed her front step for two weeks, or some other social misdemeanour, but to sit and talk about their eternal life is just a step too far.

Why? Well because whilst Jesus calls us as we are - exactly as we are - as we get to know Him we are drawn into a relationship that compels us to become more like Him, rather than more like us... and who wants to be told that!?

We are called to change. It's not a case of being told that what we are doing or how we

are living is wrong, it's a case of discovering that there's a much, much, better way of living and that a life lived following Jesus is a life that results in an eternal life beyond imagining. A life that lifts us from whatever the world throws at us and raises our gaze heavenwards.

So try to talk to some friends about Jesus this week. Be like St. Luke the Evangelist. Be like St. John the Evangelist. Both disciples of Jesus who called people to Him by showing them the amazing life that awaited them.

Fr. Matthew

### Notices

#### Rosary Group

*1<sup>st</sup> Feb, 10:30am*

The Rosary Group is a lay led prayer group that meets on an ad-hoc basis to pray the rosary together in the Lady Chapel of St. Luke's.

It's the ideal place to come if you've never prayed the rosary or if you need a small group of people who will support you and pray with and for you.

#### The Bible Course

Our course this term is 'The Bible Course' and will run on Thursday evenings in Wickham Hall at 7pm for 8 weeks starting 23<sup>rd</sup> January. The final session (13<sup>th</sup> March) will be taught by the Bishop of Exeter, The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Mike Harrison.

#### 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.

#### Susana Crow - YWAM

Susana Crow who works with YWAM (Youth With A Mission) spreading God's 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](http://www.give.net/20176623)

Or contact her at her email address:

[soozmission@hotmail.com](mailto:soozmission@hotmail.com)

## Today

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January

#### The Baptism of The Lord

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

11am - Sung Mass, St. Luke's

St. Luke's Parish Lunch

*Divine Office Psalter Week 1, C(I), Epiphany 1*

#### January

9<sup>th</sup> - Spring (& Easter) term planning meeting [all] 7pm WH

12<sup>th</sup> - St. Luke's Parish Lunch

16<sup>th</sup> - St. John's PCC, 5pm

Susanna Crow YWAM talk, 6pm [SJ]

23<sup>rd</sup> - The Bible Course (every Thursday), 7pm WH

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

#### February

1<sup>st</sup> - Rosary Group [SL]

12<sup>th</sup> - St. Luke's PCC



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## The week ahead:

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor

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

*Prayer focus: Our Clergy*

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday of week 1 in Ordinary Time

9:30am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

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

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January

Wednesday of week 1 in Ordinary Time

10am - Said Mass [SL]

*Prayer focus: All Children*

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January

Thursday of week 1 in Ordinary Time

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

5pm - St. John's PCC [WH]

6pm - Susanna Crow YWAM Talk [WH]

*Prayer focus: The Mission of St. Luke's and St. John's*

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January

St. Anthony, Abbot

10am - Said Mass [SL]

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

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January

Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

[prayers offered at home]

*Prayer focus: All Families*

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11am - Sung Mass, St. Luke's

*Divine Office Psalter Week 2, C(I), Epiphany 2*

*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

## Please pray for:

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

## Pray for the souls of:

William Alex Trigger, George Pringle, Dorothy Langstead, Elsie Higham and all those listed in the Lady Chapel of St. Luke's.