

Sunday 4th August

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

8am: Holy Communion at St. John's

10am: Service of Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Rev Gemma Fraser

Crucifer: Dave Thomas

Server: Hilary Selwood

Chalice: Dave Thomas, Maxine Buck

Intercessions: Revd Gemma

Readings

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Anna Wood

2 Peter 1:16-19 Chris Fawcett

Luke 9:28-36

Sides: Janette Tadman, Dawn Thomas

Sound: David Millward

Coffee: Mike and Janette Tadman

Counters: Janette Tadman, Hilary Few

Duty Churchwarden: Mike Tadman

Organist: Gillian Ward-Russell

Revd Bridget Jenkinson

We are sorry to announce that Bridget has recently decided to leave St Luke's. We have been blessed to have benefitted from Bridget's ministry for a number of years - leading services, leading the choir and encouraging the music group to name just a few areas - and give thanks for her gifts. We wish her well in her future ministry and she knows that the door is always open should she wish to return to worship at St Luke's. There is a thank you card for everyone to sign at the end of the service.

Newsletter Content

If you have any items for the Newsletter (including requests for prayer) please contact Janette Tadman 01245 469124

Email janettetadman@gmail.com

Deadline Wednesday evening

A Prayer for Changing Times

Please use this prayer as part of your personal prayers each day as we discern God's plan for us here at St. Luke's

Lord, you are our helper, our rock, our salvation.

You are with us when we face challenge and opportunity.

As we enter this time of discernment, help us to feel your presence with us and to trust in you.

We know that you have plans for us; plans to prosper and not to harm, plans to give us hope and a future.

Guide us Lord, show us the path you have set before us, give us wise and discerning hearts that long for your Kingdom here on earth.

Amen

Home Groups

In response to suggestions you made as part of our Healthy Churches event on 2 June the PCC are planning one or more Home Groups this Autumn.

Over the next couple of months we want to explore how these might operate and if you would like to help shape thinking, host and/or lead please mention this to Gemma or a warden.

Please pray for this initiative which we think will be a great addition to Church life at St Luke's, improving our knowledge of the Bible, developing our prayer life and contributing to our pastoral care.

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Sunday 28th July

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion at St. John's

10am: Fourth Sunday Service

Leader & Speaker Lucy Bubb

Reading

Luke 11:1-13 Louise Whitehead

Sidesman Louise Whitehead

Sound Sue Davies

Coffee Mike and Janette Tadman

Counters Hilary Few, Dave
Chambers

Duty Churchwarden Sue Davies

Organist Philippa Penkett

Collect

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

TO OUR VISITORS Welcome to our service. The **hymn numbers** are displayed on the boards, and will also be announced. When we come to receive Holy Communion, please see the notes in our **Order of Service**, which are provided for your guidance. We like to mark **birthdays** by singing "Happy Birthday to you: to Jesus be true. May God's richest blessing rest today upon you." If it is your birthday this week, please tell one of the ministers.

The ministry of Prayer with Laying-on-of-Hands for Healing is available every Sunday. If you would like this for yourself or another, please speak to one of the Ministers or Churchwardens.

Readings

The other Lectionary readings for Sunday 28th July are Genesis 18:20-32 and Colossians 2:6-15

Luke 11:1-13 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) The Lord's Prayer

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you,

Ask, and it will be given you;

search, and you will find;

knock, and the door will be opened for you.

For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Luke 11:1-13 The Message (MSG) Ask for What You Need

One day he was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, "Master, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples."

So he said, "When you pray, say,

Father, Reveal who you are. Set the world right. Keep us alive with three square meals.

Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.

Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil."

Then he said, "Imagine what would happen if you went to a friend in the middle of the night and said, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread. An old friend traveling through just showed up, and I don't have a thing on hand.' "The friend answers from his bed, 'Don't bother me. The door's locked; my children are all down for the night; I can't get up to give you anything.'

"But let me tell you, even if he won't get up because he's a friend, if you stand your ground, knocking and waking all the neighbours, he'll finally get up and get you whatever you need.

"Here's what I'm saying:

Ask and you'll get;

Seek and you'll find;

Knock and the door will open.

"Don't bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need. This is not a cat-and-mouse, hide-and-seek game we're in. If your little boy asks for a serving of fish, do you scare him with a live snake on his plate? If your little girl asks for an egg, do you trick her with a spider? As bad as you are, you wouldn't think of such a thing—you're at least decent to your own children. And don't you think the Father who conceived you in love will give the Holy Spirit when you ask him?"

Please Pray This Week

For Brian, Joan, Bob, Margaret, June, Tammy, Kath, Emma, Basil, Greta, Carmen, Agnes, Revd John S and Janette

For those named on the prayer board

This week we remember:

John Potts (02.08.2000)

Key messages from the PCC

The PCC met on Wednesday evening (in our new church garden!), the key messages are:

- 1) a Legacy Policy was agreed, based on Church of England good practice, and more information will be available for the congregation during August;
- 2) there are eight key projects, including the ramp and the lobby doors, which will be subject to an imminent Diocesan Advisory Council visit;
- 3) an MMU approach to the 2020 Parish Share was agreed in principle;
- 4) our financial giving at the Harvest Festival/Pet Blessing service on 6 Oct will be for the charity: Support Dogs - for autism, for epilepsy, for disability.

Celebrations - 11 August

On Sunday 11 August, after the morning service, we're going to be having the Parish Social - and celebrating our new church garden! We'll be having a picnic lunch and afternoon tea, with some Prosecco thrown in for good measure.

There are two lists on the noticeboard at the back of church for you to sign up:

- 1) I'm coming to the Parish Social
- 2) I can bring cake/scones

If you have any questions, just ask any of the wardens: Lucy, Mike, Richard, & Sue.

This Week

The church is open daily for prayer

Monday 29 July

Pray for victims of violence

Tuesday 30 July

Pray for Lewis Drive

Wednesday 31 July

Pray for our sister churches in Moulsham Lodge and Tile Kiln

9.15am: Morning Prayer at St. Luke's

Edward Bear is on holiday

Thursday 1 August

Pray for Peace in Syria and The Middle East

Friday 2 August

Pray for the schools in our parish

Saturday 3 August

(Revd Gemma's day off)

Pray for Whitethorn Gardens

11am: Saturday Coffee

Councillors' Surgery

Living Light

The Aumbry Light for August has been sponsored in memory of Chris and Neil Chambers



Saturday Coffee

3rd August

On duty: Louise Whitehead

Join us for coffee and fellowship

