



St Luke's Newsletter

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April 2026



This April opens in the shadow of Holy Week, and this year its very first day is *Spy Wednesday*—a day often overlooked, perhaps because we would rather not dwell on its story of betrayal. It is the day when Judas slips into the night, thirty pieces of silver in hand. An unsettling beginning, indeed, to a month that will carry us from betrayal to the joy of Easter morning.

Spy Wednesday asks a difficult question: **What is a life worth? How much will we trade for a life that loves us, and whom we love?** Judas names his price, but the Gospel gently turns the question back toward us. More than that, it asks something even closer to home: could I betray him? Each of us, in ways large or small, knows what it is to fall short—to turn away, to choose something lesser over love. Holy Week does not allow us to keep that difficult, even uncomfortable, question at a distance. Instead, it draws us close enough to see both **our frailty** and **Christ's response—a love that does not withdraw, even when it is rejected.**

Later this month, on **Sunday 26 April**, we will gather for our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**. At first glance, it may seem far removed from the drama of Holy Week. Yet there is a deeper connection. The APCM is not simply a legal necessity, but a moment of shared accountability in the life of the Church. Together, we lay before one another our common life—our ministries, our resources, our decisions—and ask whether they truly reflect the mission of Christ.

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Keep in touch with what's happening at St Luke's and in the community.

Our Weekly News comes out once a week (Fridays only!) with events, activities, and updates for all.

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In that light, the APCM invites us into honesty. Where Spy Wednesday exposes the danger of hidden motives and fractured trust, the APCM calls us into openness and integrity. It invites us to ask difficult—even uncomfortable—questions about *who we are, who we are called to be, and how deeply we are willing to recommit ourselves to the mission of God's love for the world and the whole of creation.*

However, an important reminder is that neither Spy Wednesday nor the APCM ends in betrayal. Instead, both lead us toward grace, restoration, and a renewed calling—culminating in the joyful proclamation of the risen Christ, like Mary Magdalene, the first apostle, a woman sent to bear the good news.

As we journey through April, may we walk attentively through Holy Week, rejoice fully in Easter, and come together with open hearts at the APCM—trusting that the God who knows us completely also calls us forward in love.

Rev. Yin-An



Knitting Ninja's at St Luke's

**Thursday 2nd April
9.00am till 12pm**

Come and chat, knit,
crochet and craft.

Bring your own project or we
can supply wool and needles.

All are welcome.
Refreshments provided.

Pit Stop PLAY

EASTER HALF-TERM SESSIONS

**Tuesday 31st March &
Tuesday 7th April**
10 - 11.30am

St Luke's Church, Whyteleafe

Suitable for children aged **3-7**

- Build and race your own toy cars
- Speed around epic race tracks & loops
- Explore the crash zone
- Creative car-themed colouring

1st Child £8
1st Adult FREE

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/pit-stop-play>

Spaces are limited - tickets required!
Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Ladies Fellowship at St Luke's at 7.30pm

8th April **Trekking in the
Himalayas**

22nd April **Leprosy Mission -
Update in Odisha,
India**

Pastoral Support

If you would like to enquire about pastoral support - including baptisms, weddings, funerals, or home visits, please contact Rev Yin-An (vicar@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk) or the Parish Administrator. We are here to support you at any stage of life.



**St Luke's Church
Whyteleafe, CR3 0AA**

Come and help build our Easter Garden,
and enjoy a special Easter story.

**Saturday 4th April
10.30am – 11.30am**

Refreshments will be provided,
along with fun activities for children of all ages

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 26th April 2026 11am after the Service

It is your chance to hear from your Parochial Church Council (PCC) how they have been conducting the business of the Church in the last year, to elect new Churchwardens and Council Members for the coming year. Have your say on matters that you consider important (You may only ask questions if you are on the Church Electoral Roll).

St Luke's Relaxed Lunch Café

**Wednesday 15th April
12.30pm – 2.30pm**

Our April Lunch Café is open to all young and old.

Come and enjoy a light lunch of sandwiches and cake followed by a fun craft activity.

See posters for more details.





Services at St Luke's April 2026



Holy Week

Palm Sunday 29th March

9.30am Palm Sunday with procession and intergenerational celebration

Wednesday 1st April

12.30pm Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

6.00pm Eucharist of the Last Supper
with light supper and foot washing

Good Friday 3rd April

12pm Good Friday Liturgy followed by a period of quiet reflection.
The church will remain open until 3pm

Easter Sunday 5th April

9.30am Eucharist for Easter Sunday with the Service of Light and
intergenerational celebration. Easter Egg Hunt after the Service

Sunday Services

Sunday 5th April – Easter Sunday

9.30am Easter Day Eucharist with Easter Egg Hunt after the Service

Sunday 12th April

9.30am Said Eucharist

Sunday 19th April

9.30am Sung Eucharist Intergenerational Celebration

Sunday 26th April

9.30am Eucharist followed by APCM

Tuesday Morning Prayer

9am – 9.30am Join Rev Yin-An and Rev Helen in morning prayer.

*To find out about upcoming services and special events,
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