



St Luke's Newsletter

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St Luke's Church

An open door
for open hearts and minds



A Letter from Revd Annie

Isaiah 6:8

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"*

When I was ordained at Southwark Cathedral as a priest in 2005, I remember praying 'Lord, here I am, send me'. I echoed the prayer from Isaiah 6 along with, I would imagine, all the other deacons being ordained at the same time (one of whom was Bishop Rosemarie!)

I am sure you will all remember God's question to Isaiah, 'whom shall I send? And who will go for us?'. And of course, Isaiah's response is, 'Here am I. Send me'.

That is still my prayer today and it is what I carry in my heart and is behind all that I do in my ministry. Whatever situation I am in, I think of that prayer and say, 'I'm available, Jesus'. 'I'm here for you'. 'I want to be doing your work'. It's not easy though. I haven't enjoyed announcing my forthcoming departure from St Luke's to 'the place where nightclub bouncers live' (according to my cousin...)

Yet, each time I pray about such a huge change, it seems that God's hand is in the move. I also think that God will definitely give you someone to take over the reins here at St Luke's who will lead with a faithful and compassionate heart for His people.

Easter reminds us of God's amazing love for the world that he sent his son, Jesus, to walk among us, the word made flesh, so that whoever believes in him would have eternal life. And this is how God, through Jesus, is building his Church and he invites us to play our own part.

St Luke's Church

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

SUNDAY 27th APRIL at 10.45am

Please make sure you have this date in your diary – it is your chance to hear from your Church Council how they have been conducting the business of the Church in the last year, to elect new Wardens and Council Members for the coming year.

Services at St Luke's in April 2025

Sunday 6th April

9.30am Bubble Church
10.30am Holy Communion

**BUBBLE
CHURCH**

Sunday 13th April PALM SUNDAY

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 17th April MAUNDY THURSDAY

6.00pm Meditation & Altar Stripping

Sunday 20th April EASTER SUNDAY

9.30am Holy Communion Service with Sunday School
Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard

Sunday 27th April

9.30am All Age Holy Communion



Mmmm, so what part is God inviting you to play during the interregnum?

As long as we are seeking firstly to serve God, doing all we can to grow in faith, and trusting that God will provide for all our needs, we can't go far wrong. Please do support the Church Wardens and everyone who is going to have to take on extra duties during the interregnum...and keep praying 'Here am I Lord, send me!'

Caterham Churches Together Wednesday Morning Prayer 8.30am

At 8.30am every Wednesday Morning
all are welcome to join Caterham Churches Together
in Morning Prayer.

In April, Morning Prayer will be held at
St Luke's, Whyteleafe, CR3 0AA

Root and Branch Club

Open to all, come and meet with us
to tend the church grounds.

Next Meeting

10th May
10.00 am till lunch time

For more details please email Sara
sara.goatcher@btinternet.com



Maundy Thursday at St Luke's 17th April 2025



6pm Holy Communion
Including foot washing and altar stripping

Good Friday at St Luke's 18th April 2025

10.30am – 1.30pm All Age 'Stations of the Cross'.
Six interactive stations to visit to lead you
through the Easter Journey. Suitable for children.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP at St Luke's

2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month at 7.30pm

9th April Forensic Investigation of Homicide

23rd April Foal Farm: Frances and Paris

Annual Membership £20 or £2 per evening

Easter Sunday at St Luke's 20th April 2025

9.30am Holy Communion Service
with Sunday School



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EASTER STORY FROM YOUR FOUR LOCAL CHURCHES

Good Friday – April 18th

Drive or stride around the Easter Story by visiting 4 local churches
each one telling part of the story through images, installations,
prayer stations and more.

St Luke's, Whyteleafe, CR3 0AA

The Last Supper: Indoors from 10am – 1.30pm

St Lawrence's, Caterham, CR3 5RA (opposite St Mary's)

The Garden of Gethsemane: Indoors from 10am outside from 2pm

St Peter and St Paul, Chaldon, CR3 5AL

The Crucifixion: Outside from 10am onwards church open till 4pm

St John the Evangelist, Caterham Valley, CR3 6LA

The Tomb: Outside installation from 10am onwards



Bishop Martin's Diocesan Climate Pilgrimage



Coming to a church near you!

Dates

June 8th St Peter and St Paul, Chaldon to St Mary's, Farleigh via St Luke, Whyteleafe (7.5 miles)

June 9th St Mary's, Farleigh to St Michael and All Angels, South Beddington via St Matthew's, Croydon (10.5 miles)

June 10th St Michael and All Angels, South Beddington to St Barnabas, Southfields via Christ Church, Colliers Wood (11 miles)

June 11th St Barnabas, Southfields to Holy Trinity and St Matthias, Tulse Hill via Immanuel and St Andrew, Streatham (10.5 Miles)

June 12th Holy Trinity and St Matthias, Tulse Hill to St Alfege, Greenwich (10 miles)

June 13th St Alfege, Greenwich to Southwark Cathedral (10.5 miles)

People are encouraged to join for a day, part of a day or the whole week and each day we will be looking at parishes through the lens of climate breakdown and hoping to hear people's stories of their patches of God's creation.

Facilitated by the Chaldon Pilgrim Group

For more details see

<https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/events/whats-on/green-week-eco-pilgrimage/>