



**St Luke's Church**

An open door  
for open hearts and minds

# St Luke's Newsletter

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**December 2025 - January 2026**

## *Advent to Candlemas*

*'By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet in the way of peace.'*

(Luke.1.78-79)

God of promises,  
Sometimes we wait generations  
For the dawn from on high;  
Sometimes only years.  
We wait for justice and hope and light and kindness  
To mingle in the tangle of our days.  
And we age while we hope.  
So may we age and hope  
with tenderness and truth.  
Because you are tender and true  
even though we sometimes wander.

(Padraig O Tuama)

The church seasons we are going through from the end of November to the beginning of February are all about light in the darkness.....

**Advent** - a time of waiting and anticipation.

**Christmas** - a time of joy and celebration.

**Epiphany** - a time of affirmation and prophesy.

**Candlemas** - a time of blessing and hope.

The light and the darkness and all the shades in between are part of everyday living, and it is my hope for you as we journey towards the manger and beyond, that wherever you are between dark and light, together we can find time for joy and sorrow for silliness and solace in our worship and in all that we share so that when we meet in the midst of all that the world throws at us we can find nourishment and sustenance for the journey.

***Rev Helen, Rev Sara, John, Mark, Lorraine and Fiona wish you a blessed Advent and Christmas***

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to the Confirmation Candidates from St Luke's and St Peter and St Paul who were confirmed at Southwark Cathedral on Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.



### **Thank You**

Thank You to Jane Collman who made our beautiful poppies on Remembrance Sunday



Contact Rev. Helen Burnett email: [vicar@chaldonchurch.co.uk](mailto:vicar@chaldonchurch.co.uk)  
or contact the Treasurer & Parish Administrator Alison Pannett email: [pa@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk](mailto:pa@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk)

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Whyteleafe Hill, CR3 0AA**

# **Welcome to Christmastide**

**Friday  
12<sup>th</sup> December  
at 7.00pm**

**Enjoy a candlelit evening of  
Christmas Carols, Songs,  
Readings and Poems**

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## **Wreath Making**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec  
1pm – 3pm**

**Come and make a  
Christmas Wreath at St Luke's**

Please contact our Parish Administrator via  
email if you wish to attend at

[pa@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk](mailto:pa@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk)

**Cost:** Suggested minimum  
£5 donation



## **Services at St Luke's in January 2026**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January**  
9.30am Holy Communion Service

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January**  
9.30am Holy Communion Service

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January**  
9.30am Service of the Word

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January**  
9.30am Holy Communion Service



## **Knitting Ninja's at St Luke's Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am 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.

## **LADIES FELLOWSHIP at St Luke's**

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> December 12.30pm  
Happy Christmas**

Bring & Share Meal & festive entertainment

If you wish to attend please let Diane  
know what you are bringing

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> January 12.30pm  
Welcome to the New Year Lunch**

A special light lunch of sandwiches and cakes  
followed by card making.

Please let Alison [pa@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk](mailto:pa@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk)  
know if you would like to attend.

**New members are always welcome**

Annual Membership £20 or £2 per visit

## **MEN IN SHEDS**

Some of the members  
of the Caterham  
'Men in Sheds' team  
were invited to St Luke's  
on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov  
to inspect the wooden  
sign they had carefully made for our churchyard.  
Tea and cake were provided as a mark of  
appreciation for their endeavours.





**Caterham Group Advent Study Day  
'Women of the Nativity'**

**Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30 am to 3.30pm**

**at St Peter & St Paul, Chaldon, CR3 5AL**

*women*  
**of the Nativity**

Their stories, based on the book by  
Paula Gooder.



**Saturday 13 Dec**

Based on book by  
**Paula Gooder**

Facilitated by  
**Rev Jaimee, Rev Helen  
and Rev Sara**

A simple lunch of bread and soup will be provided with a  
suggested donation of £5 for Embrace the Middle East.

**Please sign up via Eventbrite**

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk  
/e/women-of-the-nativity-  
caterham-group-advent-  
study-day-tickets-  
1920931049479](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/women-of-the-nativity-caterham-group-advent-study-day-tickets-1920931049479)



**Collection for  
Whytealeafe  
Community Hub**

At St Luke's we shall be  
collecting for Christmas for the  
Whytealeafe Food Hub over the  
first 2 weeks of December at  
our 9.30am services.

After a fantastic response at our Harvest Festival it  
would be great if we could all give a few items towards  
the Foodbank to help make this Christmas Special for  
those in need.

**Suggested Items:**

Shower Gel, Deodorant, Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste  
and Toothbrushes, Biscuits, Chocolate, Sweets

If you cannot make the services on the 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>  
December but still want to give please contact our  
Parish Administrator Alison via email:  
[pa@stlukeswhytealeafe.co.uk](mailto:pa@stlukeswhytealeafe.co.uk)

**Churches Together Carol Service**

**at St Lawrence's Church**

**Caterham on the Hill**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**at 8pm**



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**Christingle  
Service**

All are invited to come  
and build a Christingle



**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
4pm**

There will be a retiring collection in aid of  
the Children's Society

**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 December, Morning Prayer will be held at  
Salvation Army at The West Way Centre  
and in January at United Reform Church, Caterham

**Sponsor a Christmas Day Lunch - £10**

The Westway Community and Wellbeing Centre are hosting a Christmas  
Lunch on 25<sup>th</sup> December, bringing people together to share food,  
laughter and the true spirit of Christmas.

For just £10, you can sponsor a person's Christmas meal and help to give  
them a memorable Christmas.

Follow Link: [https://the-westway-community-and-wellbeing-  
centre.sumupstore.com/product/sponsor-a-christmas-day-lunch](https://the-westway-community-and-wellbeing-centre.sumupstore.com/product/sponsor-a-christmas-day-lunch)





# Join us for **Christmas** at St Luke's Church

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
**1pm – 3pm Wreath Making**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
**9.30am Holy Communion Service**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
**7pm Welcome to Christmastide**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
**9.30am Said Holy Communion**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**  
**9.30am Holy Communion Service**  
**4pm Christingle**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
**11.30pm Midnight Mass Service**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
**9.30am Christmas Day**  
**Holy Communion**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December**  
**9.30am Said Holy Communion**

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