

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 24th Nov.



Thank You

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





Sunday 7th December

9.30am Holy Communion Service

Sunday 14th December

9.30am Holy Communion Service

Sunday 21st December

9.30am Holy Communion Service 4pm Christingle



Wednesday 24th December 11.30pm Midnight Mass

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Thursday 25th December 9.00am Holy Communion Service

Sunday 28th December

9.30am Holy Communion Service

St Luke's Church Whyteleafe Hill, CR3 0AA

Welcome to Christmastide

Friday 12th December at 7.00pm

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

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Wreath Making

Thursday 4th 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

Cost: Suggested minimum £5 donation





Services at St Luke's in January 2026

Sunday 4th January

9.30am Holy Communion Service

Sunday 11th January

9.30am Holy Communion Service

Sunday 18th January

9.30am Service of the Word

Sunday 25th January

9.30am Holy Communion Service

Knitting Ninja's at St Luke's



Come and chat, knit, crochet and craft. Bring your own project or we can supply wool and needles.

All are welcome. Refreshments provided.

MEN IN SHEDS

Some of the members of the Caterham 'Men in Sheds' team were invited to St Luke's on Wednesday 26th 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.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP at St Luke's

Wed 10th December 12.30pm Happy Christmas

Bring & Share Meal & festive entertainment

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

Wed 14Th January 12.30pm Welcome to the New Year Lunch

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

Please let Alison <u>pa@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk</u> know if you would like to attend.

New members are always welcome

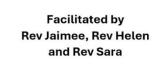
Annual Membership £20 or £2 per visit

Caterham Group Advent Study Day 'Women of the Nativity'

Saturday December 13th
10.30 am to 3.30pm
at St Peter & St Paul, Chaldon, CR3 5AL



Based on book by Paula Gooder





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-nativitycaterham-group-adventstudy-day-tickets-1920931049479







Sunday 21st December 4pm

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



Collection for Whyteleafe Community Hub

At St Luke's we shall be collecting for Christmas for the Whyteleafe 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 7th or 14th December but still want to give please contact our Parish Administrator Alison via email: pa@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk

Churches Together Carol Service

at St Lawrence's Church

Caterham on the Hill

Monday 8th December

at 8pm



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 25th 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-wellbing-centre.sumupstore.com/product/sponsor-a-christmas-day-lunch



