



# St Luke's Newsletter

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The Resurrection of Jesus

**St Luke's Church**

An open door  
for open hearts and minds

## Letter from Revd Annie

*But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.'* Luke 24: 1-5

It's Easter at the end of March this year and as we travel through Lent towards probably the most profound event in the life of Jesus Christ, his resurrection from the dead, let us not forget that this event is the very root of our faith.

As we pray our way through the events of Holy Week (the week before Easter Day) we are constantly challenged to believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and the stories of his own journey to the cross of crucifixion, without actually seeing him.

When the two women in the reading above saw the empty tomb, they didn't know what to think. They were 'perplexed'. Until of course they were gently reminded of the teaching they had received previously, that he would rise from the dead.

Are there experiences in our lives that puzzle us and then lead us to be more convinced of the Resurrection?

The women are asked why they are looking among the dead for one who is alive. At that time no one yet had encountered the Risen Christ but the women do look for Him. Where do we look for Christ? It is not enough to read the Bible, theology or spiritual books as you would read history because even the greatest figures in history still await their resurrection. Can you find him in others that you meet?

The women's story "seemed pure nonsense" to the apostles. They had witnessed the triumph of evil in the passion and death of Jesus. So they still didn't believe. They had encountered the full force of death. It is only when they had a personal encounter with the Risen Lord Himself, that they were overpowered by the God of life and love.

My goodness, how wonderful it will be for us when our time comes!

Easter is, as I said before, the very root of our faith. This year let's grow our faith so that it is strong enough to keep our hope alive in these troubled times, sure of our hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ the Son of God because we know him and have recognised him in others...

## Lukes Lounge

**Activities for March 2024**  
**Wednesdays 1pm – 3pm**

- 6<sup>th</sup> March** **Bingo** Join Baz the Bingo Caller for a few rounds of Bingo, accompanied by amazing home-made cake. Small prizes to be won!
- 13<sup>th</sup> March** **Paracise** Exercises standing and/or sitting. No pressure but loads of fun! How else will you work off all that cake?
- 20<sup>th</sup> March** **Board Games**, home made cake, tea and coffee and jolly good company to welcome you!
- 27<sup>th</sup> March** **Easter Craft** Remember the very popular Christmas wreath making? This is your chance to make an Easter wreath or bonnet. All craft items will be provided but do bring extra decorations if you wish. Book early for this one to avoid disappointment as there are limited numbers...



## Services at St Luke's in March 2024

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

9.30am Bubble Church  
10.30am All Age Eucharist



### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion Service & Sunday School

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am Café Church

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion Service & Sunday School

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March Maundy Thursday

6.00pm Meditation & Altar Stripping

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March Good Friday

11am – 1pm All Age 'Stations of the Cross'  
Six interactive stations to visit to lead you through the Easter Journey. Suitable for children



### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March Easter Sunday

9.30am Parish Communion service with special Easter Sunday School followed by Easter Egg Hunt

## LENT COURSE 2024 run by Revd Sara

### The Wilderness Where The Wild Things Are



St Lawrence's Church, Caterham

8.00pm - 9.00pm  
continues 6<sup>th</sup> Mar, 13<sup>th</sup> Mar, 20<sup>th</sup> Mar

Lenten Reflections through the practice of Lectio Divina  
As a way of preparing for Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter you are warmly invited to come to St Lawrence's Church, Caterham to spend time in quiet reflection on the words of scripture through the practice of Lectio Divina. In these 5 sessions, we will delve more deeply into God's word and prayerfully engage with the biblical text, enabling us to discover that the wilderness is indeed a place of discovery, challenge and illumination.

## Group Churches Holy Week Story Trail

With interactive Stations of the Cross from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March to Good Friday at 4pm

Explore the Easter Story by visiting 4 local churches each one telling part of the story through images, installations, prayer stations and more, check church websites for more details.

St Luke's, Whyteleafe, The Last Supper

St Lawrence's, Caterham, The Garden of Gethsemane

St Peter and St Paul, Chaldon, The Crucifixion

St John the Evangelist, Caterham, The Tomb

## LADIES FELLOWSHIP at St Luke's

Back after its winters break

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month at 7.30pm

Wed 13 March Happy Birthday gathering

Wed 27 March Experiences of the Music Industry

Speaker: Revd Annie Kurk

Annual Membership £20 or £2 per evening

## St Luke's Diary

### Bubble Church:

9.30am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month in the transept

### Luke's Lounge:

Every Wednesday 1pm -3pm

St Lukes and The Whyteleafe Community Hub.

### Knitting Ninjas: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month

9am – 12pm

### Lions and Lambs: Friday 3.10pm – 4.40pm



## Friends of Chaldon Church

### Quiz Night Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Doors open 7.30 for 8.00 pm start  
Chaldon Village Hall, 95 Rook Lane, CR3 5BN

Teams of six to eight people  
Bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles

Tickets £5 in advance from  
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To raise funds for the repair and maintenance of  
Chaldon Church