



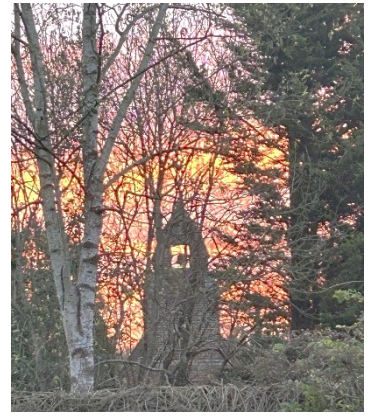
**St Luke's Church**

An open door  
for open hearts and minds

# St Luke's Newsletter

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**May 2024**



## Letter from Revd Annie

It's Ascension Day on 9<sup>th</sup> May. It's Pentecost on 19<sup>th</sup> May and it's Trinity Sunday on 26<sup>th</sup> May. We have a lot to celebrate in May but as we do, we know that in some sense, we are letting go of Easter for this year. As we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus and Pentecost we know, that in some sense, we are letting go of Easter for this year.

(You have my permission to launch into a rendition of 'Let It Go' as sung by Elsa in that famous film...)

All of us at some time have to let go of someone or something precious, but as Christians we know that as well as a letting go, there is a living on. As we think about the Ascension of Jesus and 'let go' of the Easter season what are the expectations of living on that we hold in our hearts?

For me it is described in the words of St. Teresa of Avila, the Spanish Carmelite mystic of the 16th Century. Her words are famous: "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on the world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

These words can lead our thoughts and prayers in several directions of course. But acknowledging that we are the Body of Christ, so we act together to show Jesus to the world and individually we live as a daily witness.

None of this is possible without the Holy Spirit whose presence amongst us we celebrate on 19<sup>th</sup> May at Pentecost. Through the Ascension we see how very close the closeness is between God and the world through Jesus. It's Pentecost when we are reminded us how close God is to us and how our job is to reflect that closeness to others. Jesus says: "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."

Enjoy May!



## Services at St Luke's in May 2024

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am Bubble Church  
10.30am All Age Eucharist

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am Holy Communion Service & Sunday School

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Pentecost

9.30am Café Church

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Trinity Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion Service No Sunday School

**BUBBLE  
CHURCH**

## PCC Members for 2024

Following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting our Parochial Church Council is named below.

### Chair

Revd Annie Kurk

### Churchwardens

John Ritchie (Vice-Chair) Mark Brown

### Deanery Synod Representatives

Ricki Nicholls, John Cheetham

### PCC Members

Robert Bamforth, Julie Brown, Ida Morgan  
Anne-Michelle Gardener  
Patti Hurst (Deputy Churchwarden)  
Alison Pannett (PCC Secretary and Treasurer)  
Helen Wheelwright (Safeguarding Officer)

### Co-opted Member

Sara Goatcher

### Minutes Secretary

Diane Thorpe

# Lukes Lounge

Activities in May  
Wednesday 1pm – 3pm

- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May - Bingo
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> May - Beetle Drive
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> May – Flower Arranging
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Musical Entertainment by Lukes Larks with tea and cake
- Wed 29<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term children's craft



## LADIES FELLOWSHIP at St Luke's

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

May 8<sup>th</sup> Steve Carter : Veterinary Work

May 22<sup>nd</sup> Helen Shiers: PSDS  
(providing support for children with Downs Syndrome & their families)

Annual Membership £20 or £2 per evening

## Caterham Churches Together Wednesday Morning Prayer 8.30am

At 8.30am on Wednesday Morning all members of Caterham Churches are welcome to join the Caterham Churches Together Morning Prayer. In May this will be at St Paul's, Woldingham.

Zoom Available on: May 8<sup>th</sup>, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, May 29<sup>th</sup>

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83624569869?pwd=d3ROTxBQYyYtuR1pyUXN0aUlqVmZnQT09>

## Stations of the Resurrection Encounters with the Risen Christ



at St Lukes Church  
Tuesday 7. 00pm  
Starts 30<sup>th</sup> April – 28<sup>th</sup> May

This 5 week course inviting us to explore in greater depth those extraordinary moments when Christ appeared to his followers after his resurrection. Reflecting together on the unique ways Jesus met with each person or group and how those experiences might offer us a new perspective on the ways we encounter the Risen Christ in today's world. Jesus took them all by surprise. That seems his preferred way of encounter.

## JOIN THE CLEANING ROTA

We are currently looking for volunteers to help clean the church. This would be just once a month although if we get lots of volunteers it could be less.

If you are able, please contact either Alison Pannett or Ann Brown  
Email: [pa@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk](mailto:pa@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk)



## 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: Next Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May

9am – 12pm

### Little Lukes: Fridays 9am – 11am

Parent and Toddler Group

### Lions and Lambs: Friday After school club for

4-11 year olds 3.10pm – 4.40pm