



St Luke's Church

An open door
for open hearts and minds

St Luke's Newsletter

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October 2024

Letter from Revd Annie

In a month when the subject of war somewhere in the world is discussed on every news channel, it becomes more important that we constantly pray for, and demonstrate in our lives, peace. It is inevitable that we have disputes in our own families – who doesn't? Long standing ones are really hard to mend. Sometimes we can't imagine what it would be like if those we love all got along together.

And yet, can you imagine being in potentially the coolest band in the world and not playing together because you have fallen out with your brother?

The other week (as if you don't already know), the most famous sibling rivalry in rock'n'roll was stitched back together. Oasis are coming and have announced 17 stadium shows. It's hard to exist in post-90s Britain without knowing the tale of Liam and Noel. Those fantastically talented Mancunian brothers founded a rock band, sold a gazillion records, and then spent three decades tearing each other apart in the press and in person. Noel hit Liam with a cricket bat. Liam dropped out of a US tour. Noel left the band after a brawl in Paris...

So the furore hasn't just been about their fans getting to see them perform again. It's about the enormity of their reconciliation – and the little spark of hope it brings.

True, it took about five nano-seconds for people to start joking Oasis would immediately fall out again and that Noel's recent £20m divorce might have something to do with the lucrative tour. But even so, underneath the jibes, the money, and the hilariously grumpy promo pictures, there's a glint of heaven. If Liam and Noel can bury the hatchet, maybe anyone can.



In their own way, they're showing what it looks like when redemption happens to broken humans. Wounds healed. Respect restored. Joy released for hundreds of thousands of others. Their reunion hints at the fact we're made to be in healthy relationships with our neighbours, even when that neighbour's your irritating rockstar brother. For Christians, it's a reminder that we're called to work for reconciliation as Jesus did: putting our status aside and reaching out, even when others don't deserve it.

Hopes may not be high for Oasis' long-term future. They never were – and yet here we are. Hope's funny like that. Like yeast, it works through the dough of life, changing everything. Is there a gesture of reconciliation you can offer this month? What might it change? Keep praying...

Revd Annie

9.30am
BUBBLE CHURCH

Bubble Church is a Sunday church service especially for babies, toddlers, and young families. It's a puppet-packed, Jesus-centred, coffee and croissant fuelled, 30 minute kids and families adventure.




10.30am
Pet Blessing Service

Outdoor if weather permits
Please bring your pets to be blessed
All are welcome
(with or without a pet)

Sunday Services
6th October 24

St Luke's Church
Whyteleafe, CR3 0AA



St Luke's Services in October

Sunday 6th October

9.30am Bubble Church
10.30am Pet Blessing Service

Sunday 13th October

9.30am Harvest Festival & Sunday School

Sunday 20th October

9.30am Café Church with Holy Communion

Sunday 27th October

9.30am All Age Holy Communion



St Luke's Church
LITTLE LUKES
Parent and Toddler Group



Meets Fridays in term time
9am – 11am

Suggested Donation £1

LADIES FELLOWSHIP at St Luke's

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

9th Oct R.U.Sitting Com4tably : Irene Best
'Celebrating the spoken word with tales & conundrums.'

23rd Oct The Diamond Centre for Disabled Riders
Eve Curtis

Annual Membership £20 or £2 per evening

Caterham Churches Together
Wednesday Morning Prayer 8.30am

At 8.30am on Wednesday Morning everyone is welcome to join the Caterham Churches Together Morning Prayer.

In October, Morning Prayer will be held at St John's Church, Caterham

Film Night

Caterham Eco Churches
Presents



A Life On Our Planet
A Witness Statement
By Sir David Attenborough

Wednesday 9th October
Opens 7pm for a 7.30pm start

The Westway Centre
Caterham
CR3 5PG



Donations on the door



FaceBook @SustainableCaterham

Root and Branch Club

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



Next Meeting
Sat 26th October

10.00 am till lunch time

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



HARVEST FESTIVAL
SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER at 9.30am

Please join us at St Luke's for our Harvest celebration.

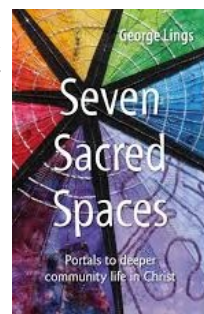
Donations of non-perishable food for the Whyteleafe Food Hub will be collected during the service

Tuesday Chapter and Verse
at St Luke's Whyteleafe

Starting on 1st Oct Tuesday Chapter and Verse will be returning with a seven week course reflecting on the subject of Sacred Space in which we shall be exploring what kind of spaces are important to us and why certain places carry special meaning.

As our guide we shall be using a book entitled 'Seven Sacred Spaces' by Canon Dr George Lings .

He describes the seven distinct spaces within the design of a monastic building and from this model he encourages us to reflect on how the spaces we choose to occupy shape the way we live.



Listed below are the dates for each session starting at 7.00pm every week.

1 st October	Cell - Personal Space
8 th October	Chapel - Worship Space
15 th October	Chapter - Discussion Space
22 nd October	Cloister. - Encountering Space
29 th October	Garden - Working Space
5 th November	Refectory- Hospitality Space
12 th November	Scriptorium - Study Space

Do come along. There's space for you.

Dementia/Activity Café

Every Monday
St John's Church Hall,
Caterham.
2pm - 4pm

Focused on supporting people suffering from memory loss.

FRIENDS OF CHALDON CHURCH
St Peter & St Paul's Church
Chaldon, CR3 5AL

Organ & Flute Recital
Sat 19th October at 3pm
with Barry Williams & Daniel Pengelly

Tickets: £10 per person inc. tea & cake

Due to Staff illness the start of Lions and Lambs this term has been delayed for a few weeks. We will let all know as soon as it restarts hopefully in a few weeks time.

