

Services at St Luke's September and October 2026



Sunday Services

Sunday 6th September - Backpack Sunday

9.30am Sung Eucharist Intergenerational Celebration

Sunday 13th September

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 20th September

10.00am Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration for the Battle of Britain

Sunday 27th September – Dedication Sunday

9.30am Sung Eucharist

10.45am Fellowship of Children and Families *"Water from the Rock"*

Sunday 4th October - Harvest Festival

9.30am Sung Eucharist Intergenerational Celebration

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Sunday 11th October - Racial Justice Sunday

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 18th October - Patronal Festival

10.30am Sung Eucharist Intergenerational Celebration

Sunday 25th October

10.30am All Souls Memorial Service

Tuesday Morning Prayer

9am – 9.30am Join Rev Yin-An and Rev Helen in morning prayer.

To find out about upcoming services and special events, please check our website or subscribe to our email updates.

www.stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk

Pastoral Support

If you would like to enquire about pastoral support - including baptisms, weddings, funerals, or home visits, please contact Rev Yin-An (vicar@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk) or the Parish Administrator. We are here to support you at any stage of life.



St Luke's Newsletter

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September/October 2026

Open to God. Open to One Another. Open to Our Community

How was your summer? Did you take up my invitation to enjoy some genuine Sabbath rest - to make space for yourself and protect that time with care?

I do not usually take a holiday in August. Instead, I value the opportunity to work at a gentler pace, making time for planning and reflection. This summer, I have been thinking particularly about the future of St Luke's and our place within the wider Whyteleafe community.

In June, a wonderful group of people gathered for our Mission Action Plan (MAP) workshop. Together, we reflected on the gifts God has given St Luke's and how we can share them more generously with our community. We identified three priorities for 2026–2029:

- **Engaging with our community** by making greater use of the Transept, caring for local people and working alongside Whyteleafe Community Hub.
- **Growing in inclusion and diversity** through learning, speaking and acting for equality, and celebrating the diversity of God's people - particularly LGBTQIA+ people, racial minorities, disabled people and neurodivergent people.
- **Nurturing children and families in faith** by developing their fellowship and deepening our intergenerational worship.

These priorities can be summed up in three simple invitations:

Open to God. Open to One Another. Open to Our Community.

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Keep in touch with what's happening at St Luke's and in the community.

Our Weekly News comes out once a week (Fridays only!) with events, activities, and updates for all.

Everyone is welcome to subscribe.

Please sign up to using the link below

or scan the QR code. <http://eepurl.com/jzfHgU>



From September, several new initiatives will begin to put this vision into action. Working with Barnardo's and Home-Start, we now offer **Stay and Play at St Luke's**, a toddler group for children under five, every Thursday from 10.00 - 11.30 am. It is a friendly place where parents, carers and childminders can meet, play and find mutual support.

Twice a month on Sundays, we will also hold the **Fellowship of Children and Families**. We hope children and their families will find friendship and a sense of belonging at St Luke's as we share biscuits, enjoy crafts and activities, listen to stories, and discover moments of stillness and prayer together.

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

at 7.30pm

What's On September & October 2026

Sept 9 **Silk and Silk Painting**
Elitta Fell

Sept 23 **Beatrice Harrison: The Cello, The Nightingale and the Radio.** - Tony Richardson

Oct 14 **St Johns Ambulance Fun Session**
Paula Richardson.

Date Change
Oct 21 **Have a go and learn how to draw portraits**
Danielle Brewster

Ladies Fellowship meets in the hall of St Luke's Church, Whyteleafe Hill.
At each meeting there is a speaker, activity or entertainment with refreshments.
The atmosphere is informal and friendly and you will be made very welcome if you wish to join us.
We have an annual membership fee of £20 but visitors and those who can only come occasionally pay just £2 for the evening.

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For those who would like to explore Christianity more deeply, we are launching a group called **Exploring Faith**. It is beginning with a group of young adults who are keen to discover more, ask honest questions and explore faith together, while warmly welcoming others who would like to join the conversation. In my own experience, questions and doubts can play an important part in our journey of faith. This autumn, inspired by our MAP, we will examine some difficult and misunderstood biblical texts that have sometimes been used to exclude people. We will meet twice a month on Saturday mornings.

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Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration for the Battle of Britain

Sgt. Peter Walley of 615 Squadron taking off from Kenley on 18th Aug 1940 "The Hardest Day" Artist: Barry Weekley

**Sunday
20th September
at 10.00am**

Remembrance Service

**Sunday
8th November
at 10.30am**

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**Sunday 4th October
9.30am
Harvest Festival**

All donations will be donated to the Whyteleafe Food Bank



Ideal donations are Teabags, Coffee, Biscuits, Canned Vegetables, Canned Meat and Fish, Sugar, Cereals, Tinned Fruit, UHT Milk, Deodorants, Pasta, Toothpaste and Shower Gel



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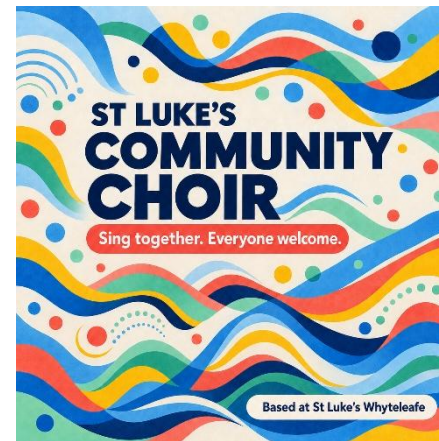


**All Souls Memorial Service
25th October 2026
at 10.30am**

Remembering those we love

There will be space to light candles, remember loved ones by name, pray and reflect, and share in Holy Communion.

All are welcome, whether or not you regularly come to church.



Another exciting development is the launch of **St Luke's Community Choir**. After looking for musical gifts within our community, we are delighted that Emma Skipper - known to many local families as Mrs Skipper, formerly a music teacher at Whyteleafe School - has agreed to lead and develop the choir.

We hope singing together will bring people together, strengthen friendships and support our wellbeing. No audition or faith background is required: it will simply be a welcoming place to sing and belong. The choir will rehearse on Wednesday evenings (7.30-8.30 pm) and is open to everyone aged 13 and over; those under 18 will need consent from parents.

There is also much to look forward to in our worship. We will mark **Dedication Sunday on 27 September** (giving thanks for our church building and all who worship and serve within it), **Harvest Festival on 4 October** (supporting Whyteleafe Foodbank), **Racial Justice Sunday on 11 October**, celebrate **St Luke's Patronal Festival on 18 October** at 10.30 am followed by a bring-and-share lunch, and gather for our **All Souls' Service on 25 October** at 10.30 am to remember those whom we love and have died. You should not miss any of these important celebrations!!



Please see our worship and events calendar for full details, or subscribe to **St Luke's Weekly News** for the latest information.

Whatever your connection - or lack of connection - with church, we hope you will find something at St Luke's that offers friendship, encouragement and a sense of belonging. Our doors are open, and you are warmly invited.

Rev. Yin-An

 **TERM-TIME AFTER SCHOOL SESSIONS**

FULL THROTTLE FRIDAYS

RACE INTO THE WEEKEND!

STARTING FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER!

RACING. BUILDING. MEGA LOOP. CRASH ZONE. SPEEDWAY CHALLENGE.

WHEN? STARTING FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER (TERM TIME ONLY)

TIME? 3.15PM - 4.45PM (1.5 HOURS)

WHO? CHILDREN AGES 3-7 YEARS

DRINK & SNACK INCLUDED IN TICKET PRICE!

SCAN TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS!



WWW.PITSTOPPLAY.CO.UK

 **TABLE TOP SALES & POP UP CAFÉ**

2ND SUNDAYS APRIL TO OCTOBER

Scout HQ
1 Church Road, Whyteleafe, CR3 0AR
10:00 - 14:00
Buyer Entry 50p

- 12th April
- 10th May
- 14th June
- 12th July
- 13th September
- 11th October

Want your own space to sell?

Sellers set up from 8.30
Tables £5 each

Email: 1stwhyteleafewebsite@gmail.com
to book your table or turn up on the day





St Luke's Relaxed Lunch Cafe

12.30pm – 2.30pm

Wednesday
16th September

?? Lunch followed by a Fun Quiz??

&

Wednesday
21st October

Lunch followed by Poppy Making

Drop in, meet people, and enjoy a
welcoming space — no need to book
Open to everyone



Backpack Sunday

★ Bring along something you use in everyday life
a school backpack, briefcase,
shopping trolley, work bag, or laptop.
★ To receive God's blessing for the year ahead.
The service is for people from all generations!



6th September 2026
at 9.30am

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Sundays for Children and Families at St Luke's, Whyteleafe 2026

- 6th Sept 9.30am Backpack Sunday - *Intergenerational Service*
- 27th Sept 10.45am Fellowship of Children and Families
"Water from the Rock"
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will be collected during the service
- 18th Oct 10.30am St Luke's Patronal Festival
Intergenerational Service
followed by a Bring and Share Lunch
- 1st Nov 9.30am All Saints' Sunday - *Intergenerational Service*
- 15th Nov 10.45am Fellowship of Children and Families
"Safeguarding Sunday"
- 6th Dec 9.30am Advent 2 - *Intergenerational Service*
- 20th Dec 10.45am Christmas Party of the Fellowship
- 24th Dec 4pm Crib Service on Christmas Eve
Children are invited to come dressed
as Nativity characters
- 25th Dec 9.30am Christmas Day Service
Intergenerational Service
- 10th Jan 2027 9.30am Christingle Service - *Intergenerational Service*

Fellowship of Children and Families

A welcoming time for children and families to grow in faith and friendship with others at a similar stage of life. We begin with refreshments, crafts, activities, storytelling and prayer, followed by our Sunday service.

Intergenerational Service

A Holy Communion service where children and families worship alongside people of all ages, with accessible and engaging ways for every generation to take part.

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Knitting Ninja's at St Luke's

Tuesday 1st September
&
Friday 2nd October
9.00am 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.



St Luke's Patronal Festival Sunday



18th October 2026

10.30am Sung Eucharist Service

Followed by

Bring and Share Lunch at Noon

Please bring either a Savory or Sweet dish

Open to Everyone

