

St Luke's Newsletter

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APRIL 2019 Edition



**SUNDAY 7th APRIL
at 11.00am**

St Luke's
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

inspirational preaching

great fellowship

shared teamwork

Easter Reflection

As we move into April we will be still in Lent and moving towards Holy Week.

If you took away a Lent in a Bag last month you will have been able to take a rock out and hold it in prayer as you reflect upon the rocks in your own life that may need to be transformed, here in her poem 'Good Friday' Christina Rossetti uses the same image of a rock as she appeals to God to seek her out like a lost sheep and open up her heart to the anguish of the cross:

Good Friday by Christina Rossetti

Am I a stone, and not a sheep,
That I can stand, O Christ, beneath Thy cross,
To number drop by drop Thy blood's slow loss,
And yet not weep?

Not so those women loved
Who with exceeding grief lamented Thee;
Not so fallen Peter, weeping bitterly;
Not so the thief was moved;

Not so the Sun and Moon
Which hid their faces in a starless sky,
A horror of great darkness at broad noon –
I, only I.

Yet give not o'er,
But seek Thy sheep, true Shepherd of the flock;
Greater than Moses, turn and look once more
And smite a rock.

On April 21st we will have the joy of Easter and the massive rock that was sealing the tomb will have been smitten and rolled away and the light of the Risen Lord will burst upon us. Lent requires us to work at the boulders, stones, rocks in our lives but at Easter we are reminded that we are not alone, that we do not have to roll away the stone on our own. I hope you still have a candle from your Lent Bag, if so why not take it out and light it on Easter Sunday and read this second poem:

The Angel by Ruth Fainlight

Sometimes the boulder is rolled away,
but I cannot move it when
I want to. An angel must. Shall
I ever see the angel's face,
or will there always only be
that molten glow outlining every
separate hair and feathered quill,
the sudden wind and odour, sunlight,
music, the pain of my bruised shoulders.

Most important of all come and join us at St Luke's for our service on Easter Morning when we can celebrate the new dawn together. **Rev Helen Burnett**

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday 14th April

9.30am Eucharist & Junior Church

Maundy Thursday 18th April

7.30pm Eucharist

We will strip the altar, leaving the church stark and bleak and in an act of deep humility and tenderness our service gives us the opportunity to wash each other's feet.

Good Friday 19th April

12 Noon to 3pm "The Sound of the Passion" (see overleaf for details)

Easter Sunday 21st April

9.30am Easter Eucharist



***Come and join us as we follow Jesus through his passion
and onto his glorious resurrection.***

If you need to contact a member of clergy please telephone our Curate, Rev. Helen Burnett,
on 01737 243606 or Email: stlukeswhyteleafe@gmail.com

Conversation and Communion at St Luke's Tuesday 7.30pm

LENT COURSE The course at St. Luke's Church continues in April on Tuesday evenings & in Chaldon at St Peter & St Pauls School on a Wednesday evening both courses start at 7.30pm.

Week 4 The passionate disciple & best friend
Tues 2nd April & Wed 1st April

Week 5 The rebel who escapes death
Tues 9th April & Wed 10th April

Services During April

Tuesday 2nd April

7.30pm LENT COURSE

Sunday 7th April 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00am BCP Eucharist

9.30am Eucharist & Junior Church

Tuesday 9th April

7.30pm LENT COURSE

Sunday 14th April PALM SUNDAY

9.30am Eucharist & Junior Church

Thursday 18th April MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper

Friday 19th April GOOD FRIDAY

12pm – 3pm Good Friday Meditation

Sunday 21st April EASTER SUNDAY

9.30am Easter Eucharist

Sunday 28th April 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30am Eucharist & Junior Church

ST LUKE'S MENS BREAKFAST

Saturday 13th April 9.15am

at RENDEZVOUS Café, Whyteleafe CR3 0BL

Caterham Churches Together MORNING PRAYER 8.30am

In April on Wednesday mornings they are meeting at Caterham United Reformed Church led by Rev Kathy Flynn Methodist Minister for Caterham

Ladies' Fellowship at St Luke's

Meets at 8 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the Hall of St Luke's Church, Whyteleafe Hill. We have speakers and entertainments, outings and visits to the theatre and restaurants. We have an annual membership fee of £20 but visitors and those who can only come occasionally pay just £2 for the evening. For further information contact Diane 020 8660 5341.

DATE	Speaker
April 10	The Orpheus Centre
April 24	Empowering Victims of Modern Slavery

CHARITABLE GIVING

Our charity of the Month for January and February was Caterham Overseas Aid Trust (COAT) and we are pleased to announce that the total raised was £370.12.

On the Charity Coffee morning held with Whyteleafe School raised £380 for St Catherine's Hospice.

Good Friday at St. Luke's

On Good Friday there will be a series of Meditations entitled 'The Sounds of the Passion'.

They will take place in church and commence at 12 noon and finish at 3.00pm.

In this 3 hour period, as well as sounds and words there will be sacred music and silence. Please feel free to come and go at will, on the hour and half hour, so as not to disturb the thoughts and prayers of others who are present.

Listed below are the titles of each meditation:

- 12 noon** The weeping of women
The Jeering of soldiers
- 12.30pm** The crowing of the cockerel
The splashing of water
- 1.00pm** The rolling of dice
The clatter of coins
- 1.30pm** The thud of the hammer
The cry from the cross
- 2.00pm** The tearing of the veil
Following the meditations there will be a simple liturgy of the lighting of candles at the foot of the cross.
- 3.00pm** The people and ministers depart in silence.

DATE FOR DIARY Sat 8th June

Churchyard Working Party from 9.30am
Fish and Chip lunch provided

The Corner House Cafe Tuesday 30th April 2.30 - 4.30pm at St Luke's



This month enjoy a quiz and film. Come along for an afternoon of conviviality and a splendid English tea.

St Luke's adheres to the Southwark Diocese policies, procedures and guidelines for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults which is contained within their document 'A Safe Church' which can be seen in full on their website at: www.southwark.anglican.org/what/diocesan-policies-procedures

It is also published in the form of a manual, a copy of which is kept in the porch at the front of the church should you wish to view it.

St Luke's Parish Safeguarding Officer is

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