



# St Luke's Newsletter

January 2021 Edition

## Welcome to 2021!

I don't know about you but I expected 2021 to have started without Covid-19. And yet I read that Tandridge currently has the highest infection rate in Surrey, according to Government figures. Great. Alison, our Parish Administrator handed me a poster to put up in church last week – the headline was 'Stay At Home' and it contradicts everything in my heart and soul to see it on display in St Luke's Church. But if that's what we have to do to stop this dangerous virus, then so be it. I can find peace in that.

I can assure you that worship on Sunday mornings at 9.30am will continue in church as long as it is legal and sensible to do so. And our practices of social distancing, sanitising and mask wearing are compulsory in church. We will also continue to provide a pre-recorded version on YouTube each week. As January begins, this is definitely not a time to lose hope, in fact it is right about now that we ought to be thanking and praising God for eradicating the virus. Our faith is strong enough to know that God is at work through all of this. Jesus said to Thomas, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed, blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' John 20:29. 'Stop unbelieving and show yourself a believer', says Jesus to Thomas...and to us.

So to show our trust and hope in Jesus at the beginning of the year, let's have a 'St Luke's Word for the Year 2021'. Suggestions so far have been 'Joy', 'Grace', 'Intentional', 'Connected' – but you may have different thoughts. Spend a few moments dreaming about what you would want for this year, then when you stop, what one word springs to mind? Do send me an email with your suggestion. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy new year - full of hope in God.

*Rev Annie*

### 9.30am Sunday Services at St Lukes January 2021

We shall continue to hold services at St Luke's at 9.30am on Sunday mornings and ask everyone who feels it safe to join us.

To look after each other when attending church please follow these strict guidelines:

- Please enter the church in your own bubble.
- If someone else is entering please wait at least 2m away until they are seated.
- As you enter the church you must wear a mask, sanitise your hands, sign the attendance list and then go and sit down.
- Please do not stop to chat as this can spread infection.
- At the end of the service everyone must leave immediately through the Transept doors.
- There will be no refreshments and people must not stop and talk in the Transept.
- Once outside the church building, the rules for Tier 4 in the community will apply.

### Caterham Churches Together Wednesday Morning Prayer

Join Rev Annie at 8.30am in January for  
Wednesdays Morning Prayer on Zoom.  
See Zoom link on website.

[www.stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk](http://www.stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk)

### St Luke's Monthly Zoom Quiz Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm

Join us as an individual or a team

Invite your friends,  
bring a drink & nibbles.

All proceeds to our St Luke's charities  
£1 per person to join in

For Zoom Link please see website  
[www.stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk](http://www.stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk)

### Sheep Trail Winner

Congratulations to  
India

who won our

Sheep Trail  
Competition

around Whyteleafe.



# Caption Competition



Here are some photographs from the Christmas season.

Please send in your thoughts for captions, amusing and/or prayerful, and win a prize for the best one!

Email: [vicar@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk](mailto:vicar@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk)

# Highlights of 2020

