

St Luke's Newsletter

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JUNE 2019 Edition



**Caterham Churches Together
MORNING PRAYER 8.30am**

In June on Wednesday mornings they are meeting at St Luke's, Whyteleafe

inspirational preaching

great fellowship

shared teamwork

Three years in the life of a parish, three years in the life of the nation.....

We live in uncertain times, we cannot find a way to resolve our internal national dilemmas over Brexit, there is an alarming rise in far-right politics across the globe and overwhelming climate breakdown.

In **June 2016** you welcomed me into the parishes as your curate with such warmth and openness. Much has happened both inside and outside the parishes in those 3 years, here we are in **June 2019** with a new beginning, achieved through cooperation, toleration and the grace of God.

There has been huge change and sadness at the departure of Rev Tim but abiding in love and allowing the spirit to work within us I believe we have modelled a different way of living. That is after all what Jesus taught us, he lived in community with his followers, he taught that we should live in love, that we should share what we have. On a very small and humble scale this is what happened on our recent parish pilgrimage to Canterbury. If we hadn't loved each other we would have fallen out long before Canterbury, we shared in both physical and emotional support and we shared food and accommodation. As a result, we got to know each other in far greater detail than we might have anticipated!



We even shared and swapped boots so that some of us literally walked a mile in someone else's shoes!

As our two parishes step out into a new phase, as we welcome Rev Annie Kurk into our midst and begin to build a new form of ministry I believe we will live, love, learn and laugh together and from our own small discoveries about each other, about our communities, about our place in the body of Christ, we will show the villages of Chaldon and Whyteleafe in new ways what walking with Christ looks like. From strong foundations laid by Tim and by the existing congregations and teams we can step out into the challenges of a changing world with hope in our hearts because we know what it is to live in love.

Annie and I will need to take time to walk together, talk together, learn each other's ways and how to live, love and laugh together. We will have to know each other's shoes and understand each other's journeys.

I am really excited about this and relish the opportunity to be part of a new shared ministry in Whyteleafe and in Chaldon that will see the existing relationship between the two parishes grow and flourish.

Those of us who have walked the walk of vacancy together have been blessed by the ministry of so many who are vital to all that happens in our churches but I would like to mention in particular my wonderful mentors and colleagues, Sara and Leslie and Alison and the churchwardens of both churches who guided us so carefully along the route to a new and exciting appointment.

Three years after the referendum the future of our country remains unresolved and much damage has been done to the fabric of our society.....

Perhaps we are already modelling a different way of being, and when the Church of England can find solutions more quickly than the politicians that has to be worth celebrating!

I look forward to us all celebrating the end of one journey and the beginning of another journey when we gather together on June 5th and June 9th. Rev Helen Burnett

**Churchyard Working Party
Sat 8th June from 9.30am**

All are welcome to come along.

Fish and Chip lunch included

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

The Miracles of Jesus.

A series of 3 DVDs exploring the meaning of the miracles of Jesus as they were understood in the context of 1st Century Israel. Each DVD is 1 hour long and is presented by Rageh Omaar, a British journalist and former BBC World Affairs Correspondent, who encourages us to explore the many questions surrounding this particular area of Jesus ministry and introduces new insights which help to shed light on the person of Jesus and who he thought he was.

The DVDs depict in dramatic format what it must have been like to witness these extraordinary events.

All are welcome to an evening of stimulating viewing and engaging conversation.

4 th June	No Meeting or Service
11 th June	The Message of the Miracles
18 th June	A question of Identity
25 th June	The meaning of the Resurrection.

Services During June

Sunday 2nd June 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am BCP Eucharist

9.30am All Age Eucharist

Tuesday 4th June

7.30pm NO SERVICE

Wednesday 5th June

7.00pm Licensing Service

Sunday 9th June PENTECOST

9.30am Eucharist & Junior Church

Tuesday 11th June

7.30pm Conversation & Communion

Sunday 16th June TRINITY SUNDAY

9.30am Eucharist & Junior Church

Tuesday 18th June

7.30pm Conversation & Communion

Sunday 23rd June 1st SUNDAY OF TRINITY

9.30am Eucharist & Junior Church

Tuesday 25th June

7.30pm Conversation & Communion

Sunday 30th June 2nd SUNDAY OF TRINITY

9.30am Eucharist & Junior Church



The Corner House Cafe Tuesday 25th June 2.30 - 4.30pm at St Luke's

This month the children of Whyteleafe School Choir are joining us for tea and entertaining us with a selection of songs.

ST LUKE'S MENS BREAKFAST

Saturday 15th June 9.15am

at RENDEZVOUS Café, Whyteleafe CR3 0BL

An important early notice for your diaries

Refreshing Church

St Bede's School, Redhill

Saturday 14th September 10am to 4pm

Croydon Episcopal Area Lay Conference 2019

These have been very popular for many of our congregation

Top speakers – Paula Gooder, theologian & Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral and also Bishop Christopher Workshops to choose from on a wide variety of subjects Refreshments and lunch included

Tickets for only £10 can be ordered from Richard Goatcher

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
12 th June	AGM "Bring and Buy"
26 th June	When I was at the bar (Peter Thompson)



Thank you

A thank you to all who sponsored the Pilgrimage, and those who gave during the charity offertory hymn collection.

The online sponsorship alone has now topped £3500 which goes direct to Christian Aid and will help fund the fitting out of a clinic in Sierra Leone with solar panels to run their lighting, refrigeration & medical equipment needs, plus help buy specialist medical fridges and beds.

St Luke's FUNraising Night Out



Monday 24th June at 7pm

at Chinese Fondue, Whyteleafe

The cost per head is £15 includes a charity donation to Christian Aid.

Drinks to be paid for - **CASH ONLY** - on the night.

Tickets must be bought in advance from Jane Brotek. See church noticeboard for more details

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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