

St Luke's Newsletter

MARCH 2020 Edition



No Car : No Sermon

Introducing your new double act



Preach Free Priest and Revless Reverend

During Lent 2020 your 2 vicars have chosen very different Lenten disciplines!

Since each person's wilderness is different, we have ended up with very different challenges. Through the wilderness of Lent, we are invited to surrender to the wild leadings of the Spirit; you may think that your 2 vicars have been very wildly led! Both of us will doubtless encounter unexpected challenges and arid places as well as hopefully angels and revelations. In our gospel accounts the Spirit guides Jesus into the wilderness where he comes face to face with temptation and struggle and in his forty days of fasting, resisting, and wandering, Jesus is shaped and formed for ministry. How will giving up preaching shape and form Annie, how will giving up the car shape and form me?

In giving up preaching Annie is cutting off a precious limb in her ministry in order to allow others to find their voices; this will be a huge sacrifice for her as she 'lets go' the power and outreach that she has through her preaching. What unexpected challenges will stepping back from the lectern bring for Annie? What sorts of angels will she encounter as she nurtures others and hears their stories?

For myself the challenge would appear more physical than spiritual as I 'let go' the dependency on my car, although even in anticipation I am surprised how much the challenge is affecting my inner life. I suspect that unlike Annie I will not feel I have lost a limb. Instead I will become acutely aware of them as I toil around the parish on foot, bike and bus! What unexpected kindness will I encounter on my travels, what exposures will I feel?

Where will we each find the sacred?

In the vulnerability of letting go the sermon and the car we expose ourselves to new challenges. People rarely enter the wilderness willingly, but hopefully through our wandering we remember **who we are** and **whose we are**. There is no wilderness space too harsh or threatening for God's love.

This Lent, with our wild challenges we encourage each of you to join in a 40 Day journey. As you travel through Lent can you 'let go' something precious and seemingly vital to your life?

Our Lent Course, our special services, our special events are all designed to guide us on this journey, it is a journey we must all make in the next 10 years as we learn to live differently on this precious planet. The material we will study will help us see how changing our priorities in life and living more lightly on our planet may in fact bring us through the wilderness of climate breakdown to a kingdom based on love and interdependence instead of fear and isolation.

Without her preaching Rev Annie may grow closer to those whose voices she amplifies and gain a greater understanding of how her preaching informs her life.

Without my car I may grow closer to the natural environment and gain a greater understanding of my fossil fuel dependency. *Rev Helen*

For more information to help you consider actions for Lent go to:

www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/living-out-our-faith/lent-holy-week-and-easter/livelent-care-gods-creation
and

www.rebellion.earth/2020/02/19/extinction-rebellion-faith-communities-launch-40-days-of-action-on-ash-wednesday-enough-earth-destruction

40 days of restraint and journeying into a simpler more fulfilling life lived with others.

40 days of prayer for the planet.

40 days of reaching into communities, developing relationships and mutual understanding.

40 days of solidarity with those already devastated by the climate and ecological emergency.

Follow our 40 days wilderness struggles on social media



St Lukes Whyteleafe & St Peter and St Paul's Chaldon



@2vicars2church

Services During March

Sunday 1st March 1st Sunday of Lent

9.30am All Age Service

Tuesday 3rd March

12.00pm Lent Course

Sunday 8th March 2nd Sunday of Lent

9.30 Parish Communion & Inklings

Tuesday 10th March

12.00pm Lent Course

Sunday 15th March 3rd Sunday of Lent

9.30am Parish Communion & Inklings

Tuesday 17th March

12.00pm Lent Course

Sunday 22nd March Mothering Sunday

9.30am Parish Communion & Inklings

Tuesday 24th March

12.00pm Lent Course

Sunday 29th March 5th Sunday of Lent

9.30am Parish Communion & Inklings

Caterham Churches Together MORNING PRAYER 8.30am

In March on Wednesday mornings Churches Together are meeting at United Reformed Church, Caterham.

Fish & Quiz Night Saturday 14th March at St Luke's First question at 7pm

Tickets now available from Richard Goatcher - £8 (supper included).

Corner House Café at St Luke's Tues 31st March 2.30 - 4.30pm



The children of the Whyteleafe School Choir will once again be entertaining us with a fine selection of lively songs to get our feet tapping.

As usual a splendid tea will be served by a loyal team of Corner House Cafe Nippies.

Lent Course

starting Tuesday 3rd March 2020

The Lent course for Whyteleafe, Chaldon and St Mary's will be run on Tuesdays.

At St Luke's, Whyteleafe in the transept at 12 noon & St Peter & St Paul's Church, Chaldon on March 3rd at 7.30pm and all following Tuesdays at 7.30pm at St Peter & St Pauls Infant School, Chaldon

EASTER SERVICES at St Luke's

9th April Maundy Thursday

7pm Eucharist with foot washing

10th April Good Friday

4pm Interactive Stations of the Cross

12th April Easter Sunday

9.30am All Age Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday March 6th

United Reformed Church, Caterham Caterham and District Churches Together

12.30 - 2.00pm Soup Lunch

2.00pm - 2.45pm Talk about Zimbabwe

7.30pm Ecumenical Church Evening Service

Conversation and Communion Tuesday Evenings 7.30pm

During Lent Conversation and Communion will be taking a break as we have our Lent course on Tuesday at 12 noon.

ADVANCED NOTICE PALM SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE 5th April

At the next All Age Service on 5th April we will be visited by a donkey to help celebrate Palm Sunday. Children will have the opportunity to say hello.



Ladies Fellowship at St Luke's

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

Annual Membership fee is £20 or £2 for the occasional visitor.

11th March Silver Belles and Cakes

(please bring cakes to eat and/sell for funds)

25th March Aloe Vera – its healing powers

PILGRIMAGE 2020

Chaldon to Winchester in 6 days

Total distance approx. 70 miles

6 nights and 6 days

Depart: St Peter and St Paul's Sunday May 10th 12 noon

arrive Winchester teatime Friday May 15th

You can even walk just for the day.

Spaces are still available please contact Rev Helen.

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 **Richard Peacock** 07947274189 richardjpeacock@gmail.com

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