



St Luke's Newsletter

OCTOBER 2020 Edition

This photograph is on the Seven Sisters walk between Seaford and Eastbourne. At first glance it's a picture of a fence. It was probably constructed to keep grazing animals in...or out. Fences can be helpful to avoid transgression. Fences can also be barriers to progression. I've discovered that when walking with Simon and Hazel.



If we construct a barrier, before too long we can't see, hear or understand our neighbour. They becomes a faceless 'other'. No need to talk. Communication ceases and it seems like a transgression to cross to the 'other side'.

What difference it would make if those building walls and fences would learn from our bridleways and public footpaths... to clear a track, remove obstructions, offer a sign plucky ramblers and dog walkers could follow. How might we encourage border-crossing to chat with those on the other side?

What might a stile, for example, look like between Remainers and Brexiteers? Progressive left and conservative right? Black and white? Refugees and residents? Post-Christian secularists and religious devotees?

For those professing to follow the way of Jesus, we are 'agents of reconciliation' (2 Corinthians 5:11–21). Jesus Christ crossed the barrier separating heaven and earth, imploring us to enter his Father's field through his barbed scars. We now extend this invitation to others, leaving self-protection to become a bridge on which people tread on the way home. The greatest right to roam is liberation to love God and neighbour, where all transgressors are met with welcome signs.

In Jesus' footsteps, how can you help strangers become neighbours and enemies' friends – especially in lockdown? Let's reach across that garden fence and risk 'trespassing' in peace and safety.

Invite your neighbours to church. Help them to find the link to St Luke's recorded services on YouTube. Teach them how Zoom works. Do you know who is lonely, sick, bereaved, sad, isolating in your street? Let's build that stile and let's get over it.

Rev Annie

St Luke's Services During October

Every Sunday at 9.30am Communion Service

**Wednesday 7th October
at 6pm Prayers for Whyteleafe**

All are welcome to come and pray for our church and our community

A recorded service will still be available to you all weekly on YouTube.
Links can be found on our website www.stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk

Contact Rev. Annie Kurk on 07563 499260, email: vicar@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk
or contact the Parish Administrator Alison Pannett on 020 8763 8504, email: pa@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk

**Harvest Service
Sunday 4th October
9.30am at St Luke's**



As food donations are not being encouraged during this year of Coronavirus, please bring supermarket vouchers instead for Welcare.

If you would like to donate money:

If you would like to give to the The Farming Community Network please do so online at www.fcn.org.uk/#support who support farmers and families within the farming community through difficult times. There are more than one suicide a week from UK farmers at the present time.

Caterham Churches Together

October's
Wednesday
Morning Prayer

8.30am at
St Mary's Church
Caterham



Forget-me-not

ALL SOULS DAY AT ST LUKE'S

Sunday 1st November

9.30am Communion Service
All welcome

11.15am All Souls Service

This will be a ticketed service due to limited numbers allowed in church.

If you would like a name read out or a ticket for this service
please email pa@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk

Noon to 1pm

Following the All Souls Service the Church will be open for prayer for those who would like to come & light a candle for their loved ones.

**Mid Month St Luke's
Zoom Quiz Night
Saturday 17th October at 7pm**

Join us as an individual or a team
All Welcome

Invite your friends, bring a drink &
nibbles..

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

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86565195203?pwd=Q0N6QTNPbS93dXdOM05CMS9RRnJNZz09>

Evening Prayer on Zoom

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at 6.30pm

From Tuesday 6th October at 6.30pm
Evening Prayer with music will be offered on Zoom on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays each week for 30 mins & will be hosted Rev Helen, Rev Sara or Leslie, our Lay Reader

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82053753781?>

The password is unchanged but if you require it please email vicar@chaldonchurch.co.uk or pa@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

**Sunday 8th November
10.30am**

**Outside by War Memorial at St Luke's
BRING A CHAIR AND A BROLLY**



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