



# St Luke's Newsletter

October 2021



## Letter from Revd Annie

*'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'*

John 10:10

Anyone Know a Good Builder? Our local Facebook page for Whyteleafe and Kenley regularly has notices from people needing recommendations for a good tradesperson, a hairdresser or gardener or often a builder. I've always wanted to be brave enough to recommend Bob...

Bob the Builder is one of the most iconic tradesmen of our generation, working to get the job done with his friends Scoop, Muck, Dizzy, Roley, and... can you remember?

Yes – Lofty!

Every week they helped build and transform community life and shaped the culture of construction for a generation of children. And to name-drop, I know Keith Chapman who 'invented' Bob the Builder and Bob's work ethic is very important to him.

All together now: *'Bob the Builder, can he fix it? Yes he can!'* You'll be singing that all day now. You're welcome! Following the Second World War, Britain was rebuilt by an extraordinary workforce of ordinary men and women. They were armed with shovels and trowels, tape measures and planes. An army of bricklayers, surveyors, carpenters, electricians, and civil engineers came in their thousands to shape the future of our country.

Leading the way in that revolution was Laing Construction. They built homes, factories, schools, and bridges, all to enable a nation to flourish once again following the ravages of war.

John W Laing and his company moulded the culture of construction in their generation. A Christian, John Laing introduced holiday pay, a company pension, payments by results, and safety equipment like the hard hat. His character was godly too: he was known for his generosity and sense of fun. His workforce flourished under his leadership.

John Laing believed in 'life abundant' and he applied it to how he led his workforce and how his company carried out projects. His faith informed his work and shaped his daily practice.

We are facing a building project at St Luke's. Over the next year we are getting closer to being able to make alterations to our church building that will benefit our community, that will help build the future of our church, that could help families flourish and hopefully enable our community to connect.

Today we're faced with monumental challenges of our own: climate change, panic buying, a housing crisis, a health crisis, and national debt. But, like Laing, can we help build the future? Yes we can!

So, let's give thanks and pray for the people who will help build our future community and our church through their actions.

Let's pray: *'May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us'* Psalm 90:17  
Working together, let's get God's work done!

### Services at St Luke's in October

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

9.30 am Outdoor Harvest Festival followed by Holy Communion in church

Sundays 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> October

9.30am Holy Communion Service

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October

11.00 am All Souls Memorial Service

*See letter attached*



### Dates for the Diary – More Details Next Month

7<sup>th</sup> Nov

9.30am All Age outdoor Pet Blessing Service

14<sup>th</sup> Nov

10.30am Remembrance Service

5<sup>th</sup> Dec

9.30am All Age Christingle Service

6<sup>th</sup> Dec

7pm Luke's Larks - A Welcome to Christmastide

19<sup>th</sup> Dec

7pm Carols by Candlelight

24<sup>th</sup> Dec

4pm Nativity Service



**St Luke's  
HARVEST FESTIVAL  
3<sup>rd</sup> October  
9.30am Harvest Service**

**All are welcome to our  
Outdoor Harvest Service in the churchyard.**

All donations of food will be donated to the Whyteleafe Hub. Ideal Donations are Teabags, Coffee, Biscuits, Canned Vegetables, Sugar, Tinned Fruit, Cereals. They currently have a good supply of soup, tomatoes and pasta!



**St Luke's Ladies Fellowship**

All are welcome to come & listen to this month's speakers at 8pm in the transept

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Oct "Life as a Tiller Girl" Jackie Yellop**

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Oct "Diamonds & Pearls" Andrew Browne**

Entrance £2.00 to non-members

**THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

A number of our congregation may still have at home a collection box in which you put small change for the Children's Society. For many years, this was collected from you by Jill Clark.

In the view of the PCC, the work needed to count and bank this change no longer justifies the considerable time involved, and we have decided to stop this. If you still have a collection box, could we ask you to give it to either Alison Pannett or Richard Goatcher this month.

On 21<sup>st</sup> November at our 9.30am service we will be having a speaker from the Children's Society. At this service there will be a collection for the Children's Society to enable you to still support their work.

**Conversation & Communion**

**Tuesday Evenings 7.00pm**

**at St Luke's Church**

In this series we shall be using a DVD study entitled 'Everything must Change' produced and presented by Brian McLaren, an American theologian, pastor, activist and passionate advocate for a new kind of Christianity.

Each week we are invited to consider what kind of changes we as individuals need to make in order to enable the Kingdom of Heaven to become a reality in the world. But this is not only a personal challenge, the Church too needs to be transformed.

So our conversation will range from the personal to the universal.

5th Oct	Two Big Questions
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	A suicidal System
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Reframing Jesus
26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Reintroducing Jesus
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Wholeness and Healing Service
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	The Security System
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	The Prosperity System
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	The Equity System
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	A Revolution of Hope
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wholeness and Healing Service



There is still time to sponsor our wonderful walkers see link below for details

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stlukes-rideandstride2021>

**Caterham Church Together  
Wednesday Morning Prayer  
in October 8.30am  
at St Paul's Church Woldingham.**

**Space, words, silence, songs, creative prayer stations for the climate in Southwark Cathedral the Saturday before the COP26 Conference start**

Members of congregations across the deanery, including our own church will be meeting Rev Helen on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 11am at Vauxhall Station in the spirit of pilgrimage to walk to the cathedral please let Rev Helen know if you plan to join.

Please note you do need to book tickets below for the service. **There is a limit of 300 tickets, but there is a hope to be able to release further tickets closer to the time. The event will also be livestreamed on the day to enable those who aren't able to join us at the Cathedral to pray and reflect with us.**

**TO BOOK TICKETS:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prayer-vigil-for-cop26-climate-conference-tickets-152732774841>



**Evening Prayer in October**

**Zoom at 6.30pm on Thursdays & Fridays**

Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82053753781> Please email [vicar@chaldonchurch.co.uk](mailto:vicar@chaldonchurch.co.uk) for password



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Dear Friend,

This year our All Souls Memorial Service at St Luke's Church will be held on

**Sunday, 31st October at 11.00am.**

During the service, names will be read of those to be specially remembered and there will be an opportunity for you to light a candle for your loved ones. The last two years have been difficult for so many who have lost loved ones and may not have been allowed to mark the occasion how we might have wished. This is also an opportunity to bring those memories and prayers before God.

If you have names that you wish to be included in the list to be read out during the service, please contact our Parish Administrator, Alison Pannett. Even if you can't make the service you can still have names read out.

You can post your list of names using the slip below to The Parish Administrator, 26 Whyteleafe Hill, Whyteleafe, Surrey, CR3 0AB or email her on pa@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk. Please can you pass all information back to us by 22nd October.

If you are aware of anyone else who may wish to remember a loved one in this way, please do pass the information on.

With every blessing

Revd Annie Kurk

Vicar of St Luke's Church, Whyteleafe

*'The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning; great is his faithfulness.'* Lamentations 3

Name:.....

Please read the names of the following people at the All Souls Service at St Luke's.

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Please return this slip by post The Parish Administrator, 26 Whyteleafe Hill, Whyteleafe, Surrey, CR3 0AB or email Alison Pannett on pa@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk by 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021.

In accordance with our Data Protection Policy, the information provided on this Form will be destroyed after the service.