



St Luke's Newsletter

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November/December 2026

Open to God. Open to One Another. Open to Our Community.

As the days grow shorter, November gives us reasons to remember. On All Souls' Day, we think of people we have loved and the difference they made in our lives. All Saints' Day invites us to remember people whose kindness and courage still inspire us. On Remembrance Sunday, we honour those who died in war and think about the peace we hope to build.

In the Church of England, November is called Kingdom Season. In everyday language, it's a time to ask: ***what would our community look like if it were shaped by kindness, fairness and care?*** Safeguarding Sunday is one chance to reflect on how we help people feel safe and respected. The month ends with Christ the King, a Christian image of leadership expressed through service and love.

Then comes Advent: the weeks before Christmas. While the season around us can get busier, Advent offers a chance to pause and notice what matters. A little quietness can help us make space for hope, and for one another. (Highlight: We have a **Quiet Day** on the afternoon of 29 November!)

There will be opportunities to gather and enjoy the season, too. On the evening of 3 December, our Christmas Time Concert will bring some fun and light to the winter darkness. On the afternoon of 20 December, familiar, uplifting carols will accompany the story of Christ's coming at our service of **Nine Lessons and Carols**.

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Keep in touch with what's happening at St Luke's and in the community.

Our Weekly News comes out once a week (Fridays only!) with events, activities, and updates for all.

Everyone is welcome to subscribe.

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On Christmas Eve, children will dress up and gather at **the Crib**. Later, at **Midnight Mass**, we'll celebrate the birth of Jesus. On Christmas morning, the whole family can come together. Whether your Christmas is a lively gathering, time with friends, or a quieter day, you are warmly welcome at St Luke's.

Christmas can be a joyful time, but it can also bring loneliness, grief or worry. The first Christmas story, with its uncertain circumstances and need for welcome and care, speaks to ordinary life. Its promise is that ***no one is beyond the reach of love.***



**ST LUKE'S
COMMUNITY
CHOIR**

Sing together. Everyone welcome.

No audition

7.30-8.30 pm WEDNESDAY REHEARSALS
Autumn and winter 2026 dates

7 & 28 OCT 2026	4 & 18 NOV 2026
2 & 16 DEC 2026	6 JAN and meet weekly 2027

Based at St Luke's Whyteleafe
Choir Director: Emma Skipper (known as Mrs Skipper)
Everyone aged 13 and over is welcome.
No previous singing experience is required.

Please complete the registration form before attending your first rehearsal.

Under 18? A parent or carer must provide additional

REGISTER HERE before you come



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QUESTIONS? stlukeswhyteleafe@gmail.com

Remembrance Service



**Sunday
8th November
at 10.30am**

St Luke's Church
Whyteleafe

The warmth of a family celebration can be more than a lovely moment: ***it can remind us to make room for others, including people who may not have a table or company of their own.***

Perhaps this is how a celebration can help build a more caring community: by sharing food, checking in on a neighbour, listening patiently, or letting someone know they matter. Small gestures can carry warmth well beyond Christmas Day.

You might also be curious about our **Christingle service** on 10 January. It marks the start of the school term and offers a reminder of light and hope for the year ahead—for our homes, schools and workplaces. As we move from remembering, through Advent's pause, into Christmas, may we find a little hope - and a way to share it.

Rev. Yin-An *Vicar of St Luke's Whyteleafe*



Sundays for Children and Families at St Luke's, Whyteleafe 2026

18th Oct	10.30am St Luke's Patronal Festival <i>Intergenerational Service</i> <i>followed by a Bring and Share Lunch</i>
1st Nov	9.30am All Saints' Sunday - <i>Intergenerational Service</i>
15th Nov	10.45am Fellowship of Children and Families <i>"God's Love, Our Responsibility!"</i>
6th Dec	9.30am Advent 2 - <i>Intergenerational Service</i>
20th Dec	10.45am Christmas Party of the Fellowship
24th Dec	4pm Crib Service on Christmas Eve <i>Children are invited to come dressed as Nativity characters</i>
25th Dec	9.30am Christmas Day Service <i>Intergenerational Service</i>
10th Jan 2027	9.30am Christingle Service - <i>Intergenerational Service</i>

Fellowship of Children and Families

Come along, make friends and enjoy some family time together!
Join us for crafts, games, puppet stories and refreshments. We'll also have a little quiet time to give thanks, share our worries and find some peace. Whether you come to church regularly or have never been before, you and your family are very welcome!
Sundays at 10.45 am, straight after our morning service.

Intergenerational Service

Our intergenerational services bring children, young people, families and older generations together to share stories, pray, sing and celebrate. Children and young people are encouraged to take an active part, helping to tell stories and lead different parts of the service.

Noise, laughter and joy are all part of the experience! There's no need to worry about keeping little ones quiet. We love having everyone together!
Sunday at 9.30 am



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Welcome to Christmastime

Thursday
3rd December
at 7.00pm

Enjoy an evening of
Christmas Carols, Songs,
Readings and Poems

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LADIES' FELLOWSHIP at 7.30pm

What's On November & December 2026

Nov 11 Pearly Kings and Queens
Louisa Hitchen



Nov 25 Bingo Fun for all



Dec 9 Happy Christmas - Pam Ayres Poems
Pauline Pocock



Ladies Fellowship meets in the hall of St Luke's Church, Whyteleafe Hill.

At each meeting there is a speaker, activity or entertainment with refreshments.

The atmosphere is informal and friendly and you will be made very welcome if you wish to join us.

We have an annual membership fee of £20 but visitors and those who can only come occasionally pay just £2 for the evening.

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Mary's Song by Lauren Wright Pittman

Advent Quiet Day Magnificat The Wonder of Becoming

An Advent Quiet Day exploring the mystery of God's presence,
the courage to wait, and the hope of new beginnings.

29th November 2026

2pm – 5pm

at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Chaldon

What might I allow to grow within me?

2pm – 3pm Listening

What is stirring within me?

3pm – 4pm Wondering

What is growing beyond my understanding?

4pm – 5pm Magnifying

How might I respond to what God is doing?

The use of digital devices is strongly discouraged during the Quiet Day



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Wreath Making

Wednesday 9th Dec
1pm – 3pm

Come and make a
Christmas Wreath at St Luke's

Please contact our Parish Administrator via
email if you wish to attend at

pa@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk

Cost: Minimum £5 donation



St Luke's Relaxed Lunch Cafe

12.30pm – 2.30pm

Wednesday

18th November

Lunch followed by a Christmas Rag
Wreath Making

&

Wednesday

16th December

Christmas Party with carols and fun

Drop in, meet people, and enjoy a
welcoming space — no need to book
Open to everyone



Collection for Whyteleafe Community Hub

At St Luke's we shall be collecting for Christmas
for the Whyteleafe Food Hub over the first 2 weeks
of December at our 9.30am services.

After a fantastic response at our Harvest Festival it would be great if we
could all give a few items towards the Foodbank to help make this
Christmas Special for those in need.

Suggested Items:

Shower Gel, Deodorant, Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste and Toothbrushes,
Biscuits, Chocolate, Sweets

If you cannot make the services on the 6th or 13th December but still want
to give please contact our Parish Administrator Alison via email:

pa@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk

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ST LUKES CHURCH HALL, WHYTELEAFE CR3 0AA

JUST TURN UP

HEALTHY SNACKS

CALL: 01737 770220 FOR MORE DETAILS



Pastoral Support

If you would like to enquire about pastoral support - including baptisms, weddings, funerals, or home visits,

please contact Rev Yin-An (vicar@stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk) or the Parish Administrator.

We are here to support you at any stage of life.

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Knitting Ninjas

9.30am till 12pm

Next Meetings
Friday 6th November
& Friday 4th December

Come and chat, knit, crochet and craft.

Bring your own project or we can supply wool and needles.

Refreshments provided.

Knitting Ninjas meet monthly on the first Friday of the month

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EXPLORING FAITH
St Luke's Whyteleafe



Curious About Christian Faith?

You don't need to have all the answers or even be sure what you believe.

Autumn 2026 Programme

As we journey towards Christmas, we will explore inclusion in the Bible, including some difficult and challenging texts.

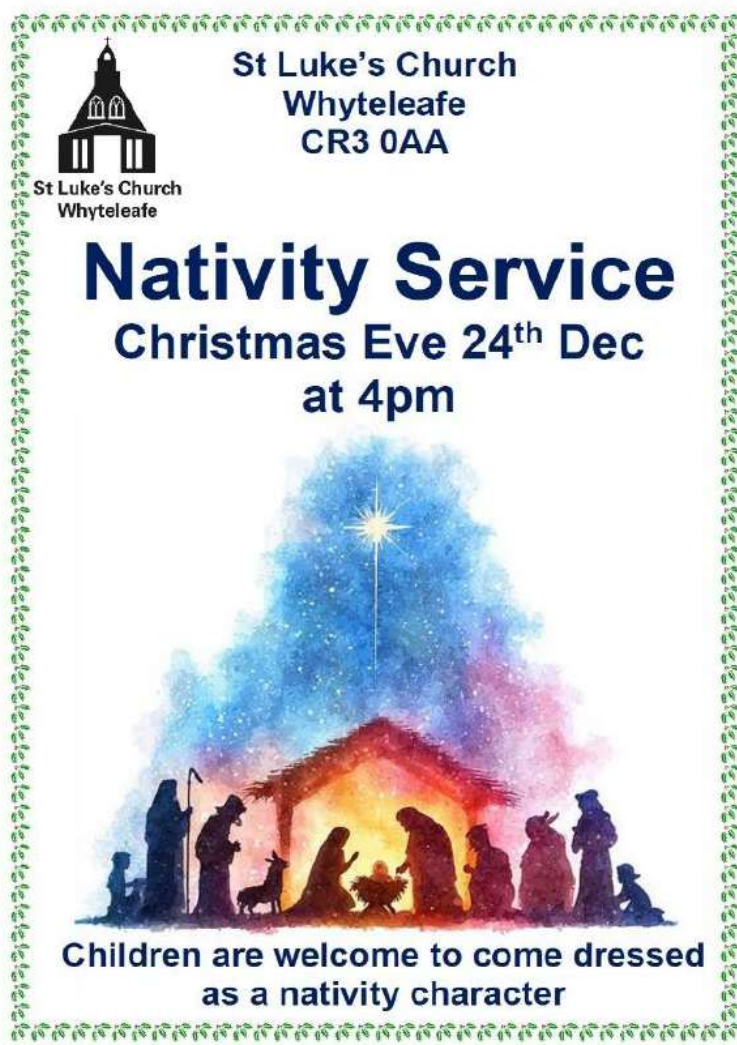
We meet on Saturday mornings at 11 am at St Luke's Church Hall, Whyteleafe Hill, Whyteleafe CR3 0AA.

Please see our programme below.

5 th September	Slavery
26 th September	Women
10 th October	Homosexuality
24 th October	Racial justice
7 th November	Disability
28 th November	Neurodiversity
12 th December	Becoming an inclusive church

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Services at St Luke's

November and December 2026



Sunday Services

Sunday 1st November – All Saints Day

9.30am Sung Eucharist Intergenerational Celebration

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday Service

10.30am Remembrance Sunday Service

Sunday 15th November – Safeguarding Sunday

9.30am Sung Eucharist

10.45am Fellowship of Children and Families *'God's Love, Our Responsibility!'*

Sunday 22nd November - Christ the King

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 29th November – First Sunday of Advent

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 6th December – Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am Sung Eucharist Intergenerational Celebration

Sunday 13th December - Third Sunday of Advent

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 20th December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.30am Sung Eucharist

10.45am Christmas Party of the Fellowship

Sunday 27th December

9.30am Quiet Eucharist



Tuesday Morning Prayer

9am – 9.30am Join Rev Yin-An and Rev Helen in morning prayer.

Christmas Services

Sunday 20th December

4pm Nine Lessons and Carols Service

Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve

4pm Nativity Service *Children are invited to come dressed as Nativity characters*

11.30pm Midnight Mass Eucharist Service

Friday 25th December Christmas Day

9.30am Christmas Day Sung Eucharist Intergenerational Celebration