

# St. Luke's & St. John's

## Praising God in Devon

Dearest friends,

Praying for the dead, what's the point?

Some will tell you that praying for the dead is simply an exercise in futility. The person you are praying for is already dead, they've lived their life and presumably made their own decisions about that life, their actions and most importantly – their faith in Jesus Christ. What more can we do now they are gone?

The simple truth is that we know God is merciful. In multiple parts of scripture we have seen how His heart has been turned towards mercy by the intercession of those who love Him. Who have called out to Him and asked him to be merciful.

We know that God does not work on our timetable. The fact that someone we know and love is dead and gone in this world, doesn't mean they are dead and gone in the life of eternity. Our prayers reach God and He can easily put a new thought or direction in front of the person we are praying about.

Finally, our prayers comfort us here in this life. Praying for my Grandmother brings me peace and comfort – I know my

prayers are heard and I pray that my Grandmother is now amongst the company of heaven – surrounded by all the saints and angels – and in turn I know that she will pray for me.

When we are at the altar we are surrounded by the whole company of heaven – angels and saints unite around us as we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

If you could see that whole company of heaven surrounding the altar, if you could feel their presence, if you could hear their prayers – oh what a wonder it would be!

Pray for the dead, pray for your loved ones. Be at peace.

Fr. Matthew

### Notices

#### All Souls

There will be a special sung mass (with hymns and an opportunity to light a candle) for All Souls at St. Luke's on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 10am. If you would like the name of your loved one read out amongst the names of the

dead and for them to be prayed for please place their name on the sheet in church or email Fr. Matthew.

#### Remembrance Services

In a slight change to previous years there will be a remembrance service in both parishes on the 10<sup>th</sup> November starting at 10:45am outside both churches.

#### Christmas Fayre, St. Luke's

Donations of raffle prizes etc.. are needed for the Christmas Fayre. We also need books, bric-a-brac, etc.. There's a social committee meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> November to arrange the final details of the Fayre. Please contact Claire Baker with any questions.

#### The Rev'd Dr. Chris Moore

On the 1st December we'll be joined by the Rev'd Dr. Chris Moore for an afternoon lecture on the Gospel of Mark. A time travellers guide to Mark will really open up the gospel in a new light. Refreshments will be served. 3pm, St. Luke's.

#### Holy Habits

Starts on the 7th November and runs for 4 weeks. It focus on habits that help us deepen our relationship with God. Sign up on the website or let me know you're coming in person.

## Today

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October

#### 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15am - Sung Parish Mass, St. John's

11am - Sung Mass, St. Luke's

*Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Last After Trinity, Proper 25*

#### November

7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> – Holy Habits [SL] 7pm

10<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Service [SL & SJ] 10:45am

Parish Lunch [SL]

16<sup>th</sup> - Table Top Sale [SJ] 10am-12pm

20<sup>th</sup> - Social Committee Meeting [SL] 6:30pm

30<sup>th</sup> - Advent Carols [SJ] 6pm

#### December

1<sup>st</sup> - A Time Travellers Guide to Mark [SL] 3pm

7<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Fayre [SL]

8<sup>th</sup> - Mayor's Civic Service [SL] 3pm

11<sup>th</sup> - Over 60s Christmas Concert [SJ] 2pm

15<sup>th</sup> - December Parish Lunch [SL]

19<sup>th</sup> - Cantemos Carol Concert [SJ] 7pm

22<sup>nd</sup> - Christmas Carols [SL] 4m

Nine Lessons and Carols [SJ] 7pm

24<sup>th</sup> - Live Nativity [SL] 4pm

1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Christmas [SJ] 8pm

Midnight Mass [SL] 11:30pm

25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day Mass [SL & SJ] 10am

29<sup>th</sup> - Joint Mass at St. John's 10am with dedication of Holy Family Chapel

Christingle Services at both churches TBC

## The week ahead:

### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October

#### Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

[prayers offered at home, Fr. Matthew's rest day]

*Prayer focus: Our Clergy*

### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

The Blessed Martyrs of Douai College

9:30am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

10am - Mass [SJ] Followed by Coffee & Cake.

*Prayer focus: The Parish of St. Luke's*

### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday of the 30<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time

10am - Said Mass [SL] Followed by Coffee & Cake.

*Prayer focus: The Parish of St. John's*

### Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Thursday of the 30<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time

9:30am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

10am - Mass for the dead [SJ]

*Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians*

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

#### All Saints - Solemnity

10am - Said Mass for All Saints

*Prayer focus: The Society of St. Wilfrid & St. Hilda*

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

#### All Souls

10am - Sung Mass for All Souls [SL]

3pm - Enthronment of the Bishop of Exeter [Cathedral]

*Prayer focus: +Paul*

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

#### 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15am - Sung Parish Mass, St. John's

11am - Sung Mass, St. Luke's

*Divine Office Psalter Week 3, 4 Before Advent, All Saints*

## Please pray for:

Viv and Linda, Rosemary, Diana, Phil and Jean, Alan, Sophie, Bill, Marilyn, Roy, Anne-Marie, Mandy, Simon, Liz, Melville and Jean, David, Hannah, Kathryn, Bob, Edna.

## ...and the souls of:

Margaret Wellington, Nicholas Morgan Pritchard, Bethany Kelly Fone, Lady Caroline Courtney, Roy Bridge, Rosemary Carpenter, Joan, Michael, and all those listed in the Lady Chapel of St. Luke's.

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