

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

## Praising God in Devon

Dearest friends,

Next Sunday is often called 'Bible Sunday' - we set aside the following week, and in particular that Sunday to consider what scripture means in our lives and perhaps take the opportunity to re-engage with it after a time away.

### Good news then that our Bible Course starts THIS THURSDAY!

*The Bible Course* is put together by The Bible Society and will run at Wickham Hall on Thursday evenings for eight weeks. What's it about? Well, here's how they describe it:

"Big, complex, old ... just some of the words people use to describe the Bible. Sound familiar? That's where The Bible Course comes in. The course will increase your confidence, equip you to read the Bible better and help you to see its relevance to daily life. The course provides a birds-eye view of the world's bestselling book.

Over eight interactive sessions, it combines video teaching, group discussion, personal reflection and daily readings. It's ideal for one-to-ones, small study groups or larger gatherings."

The bible remains our most reliable and constant source of understanding of what God wants us to do in the world.

It is not some dusty document that simply tells old stories - but a living book that brings us constantly into the lap of God.

It guides us, encourages us, heals us, and comforts us. I urge you to pick up your bible and come to this brilliant course.

Fr. Matthew

### Notices

#### St. John's PCC

Due to illness we had to cancel this weeks PCC. We will now meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm. We need to vote on a very important matter so please do make every effort to attend.

#### Rosary Group

*1<sup>st</sup> Feb', 10:30am*

The Rosary Group is a lay led prayer group that meets on an ad-hoc basis to pray the rosary together in the Lady Chapel of St. Luke's.

It's the ideal place to come if you've never prayed the rosary or if you need a small group of people who will support you and pray with and for you.

### The Bible Course STARTS THIS THURSDAY!

Our course this term is 'The Bible Course' and will run on Thursday evenings in Wickham Hall at 7pm for 8 weeks starting 23<sup>rd</sup> January. The final session (13<sup>th</sup> March) will be taught by the Bishop of Exeter, The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Mike Harrison.

### Confirmation

Bishop Paul will be with us in February. If you've not been confirmed (or don't know what it means!) and would like to discuss being confirmed, please do speak to Fr. Matthew.

### Susana Crow - YWAM

If you missed Susana's talk this week you can still support her and her mission work. If you would like to support Susanna you can go to the stewardship website:

Stewardship Account:  
[www.give.net/20176623](http://www.give.net/20176623)

Or contact her at her email address:  
[soozmission@hotmail.com](mailto:soozmission@hotmail.com)

## Today

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11am - Sung Mass, St. Luke's

*Divine Office Psalter Week 2, C(I), Epiphany 2*

*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

#### January

23rd - St. John's PCC, 5pm

23rd, 30th - The Bible Course (every Thursday), 7pm WH

25th - Jesus, This Is Your Life & Burns Night Supper [SJ]

#### February

1st - Rosary Group, 10:30am [SL]

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th -

The Bible Course (every Thursday), 7pm WH

9th - St. Luke's Parish Lunch

12th - St. Luke's PCC, 7pm

16th - +Paul Visit to St. John's, leading BCP Mass, Family Service & Evening Prayer (with Adoration and Benediction)

#### March

4th - Pancake Race, 4pm [SL]

5th - Ash Wednesday, 10am [SJ], 7pm [SL]

6th - The Bible Course, 7pm, WH

8th - Torfaen Male Voice Choir Concert 7pm [SL]

9th - St. Luke's Parish Lunch

12th - St. Luke's PCC, 7pm

13th - The Bible Course final session with +Mike, 7m WH

15th, 22nd, 29th - Stations of the Cross [4pm SL, 6pm SJ]

16th - St. John's APCM 3pm

Music & Meditation 4pm [SJ]

23rd - St. Luke's APCM after Mass

Messy Easter at St. Catherine's, 3-5pm

30th - Mothering Sunday

*St. John's Table Top Sale - Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at Wickham Hall*

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Fr Alan White and Deacon David Rogers

Licensed Lay Minister: Mr Graham Whittle

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## The week ahead:

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Monday of week 2 in Ordinary Time

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

*Prayer focus: Our Clergy*

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January

St. Agnes, Virgin, Matyr

9:30am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

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

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Wednesday of week 2 in Ordinary Time

10am - Said Mass [SL]

*Prayer focus: All Children*

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Thursday of week 2 in Ordinary Time

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

5pm - St. John's PCC Meeting (updated)

7pm - The Bible Course

*Prayer focus: The Mission of St. Luke's and St. John's*

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

St. Frances de Sales, Bishop, Doctor

10am - Said Mass [SL]

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

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January

The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle - Feast

5:30pm - Jesus, This is Your Life Concert [SJ]

7pm - Burns Night Supper [SJ]

*Prayer focus: All Families*

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11am - Sung Mass, St. Luke's

*Divine Office Psalter Week 2, C(I), Epiphany 2*

*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

## Please pray for:

Lydia, Mary, Viv and Linda, Rosemary, Diana, Phil and Jean, Alan, Sophie, Bill, Marilyn, Roy, Anne-Marie, Simon, Liz, Melville and Jean, David, Hannah, Kathryn, Jenny.

## Pray for the souls of:

Nathan Edward Debney, Ivy Stone, and all those listed in the Lady Chapel of St. Luke's.