

St. Luke's & St. John's

Proclaiming Christ in Devon

Dearest friends,

Last week we celebrated the feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius. They were brothers who both entered the service of Christ together.

Methodius was a monk and Cyril became a Bishop. Between them they are credited with many wonderful things (not least the invention of an entire alphabet) but at the heart of this celebration is the message of a joint purpose and calling.

The brothers were missionaries in the slavic countries and nothing could stop them bringing the message of Christ to those peoples - not even the lack of a language or alphabet to do so.

They joined forces to make Christ known in a place that was not especially open to the message...

Our mission at St. Luke's and St. John's is just the same. We join forces to make Jesus known in Newton Abbot, Bovey Tracey and Heathfield.

Our estates and surrounds may not be the perfect soil into which to plant - but our mission is one sent by God and so we must look to Cyril and Methodius and be encouraged. Although, I do hope we don't have to invent a whole

new alphabet to do it! Perhaps there's a specific Devonian lingo I've not quite yet picked up!

We have much to be excited about as we look to our two new church plants over the coming year, both at St. Catherine's in Heathfield and in Buckland.

Fr. Matthew

Notices

+Paul visit

Our mass at St. John's will be at 10am rather than the usual 9:15am. After mass you're invited to stay for bacon rolls and drinks in Wickham Hall where you'll have a chance to speak with +Paul.

At 4pm we'll be treated to a beautiful service of Evening Prayer which will end with Adoration and Benediction given by +Paul. This promises to be an truly beautiful service and I encourage as many people as possible from both parishes to attend.



Explorers

Thank you very much to all of you who have emailed and messaged to say they are going to help with Explorers. I'd like to have an initial planning meeting on Thursday 27th at 6pm in Wickham Hall ahead of the Bible Course.

Explorers is a small seed that is going to grow into a new church to be planted into St. Catherine's School in September. I'm looking for volunteers to help with children's crafts, serving coffee & tea (and almost certainly donuts!) and welcoming people into church.

The Bible Course

Thursday evening, 7pm, WH

We're back to the Bible Course on Thursday and delving deep into Judges & Kings. God raised up judges and kings to lead Israel. They were anointed with the Holy Spirit and foreshadowed the coming Messiah.

Prayer Focus

Pray for the new Men's Group that is just starting to form around the Friday morning Mass. Pray for those new members from across the Newton Abbot Team and pray for the creation of a Women's Group in the coming weeks.

Today

Sunday 16th February

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10am - Sung Mass, St. John's with +Paul

11am - Sung Mass, St. Luke's

4pm - Evening Prayer with Benediction (+Paul) [SJ]

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, C(l), Proper 2

February

16th - +Paul Visit to St. John's, Mass at 10am, EP with Adoration and Benediction at 4pm

27th - Explorers Planning Meeting, 6pm,
Bible Course, 7pm [WH]

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

April

2nd - St. Luke's PCC, 7pm

10th - Oswestry Chrism Festival (Exeter Cathedral, 11am)

Palm Sunday (13th April)

St. John's - Process from Wickham Hall at 9am into Palm Sunday Mass at Church

St. Luke's - Process from the Calvary at 11am into Palm Sunday Mass at Church followed by Parish Lunch

St. John's Table Top Sale - Every 3rd Saturday at Wickham Hall

[SJ] St. John's | [SL] St. Luke's | [WH] Wickham Hall

The week ahead:

Monday 17th February

Monday of week 6 in Ordinary Time

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

Prayer focus: Our Clergy

Tuesday 18th February

Tuesday of week 6 in Ordinary Time

9:30am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. Luke's

Wednesday 19th February

Wednesday of week 6 in Ordinary Time

10am - Said Mass [SL]

7pm - St. Luke's PCC, in church

Prayer focus: All Children

Thursday 20th February

Thursday of week 6 in Ordinary Time

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

7pm - The Bible Course [WH]

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

Friday 21st February

Friday of week 6 in Ordinary Time

10am - Said Mass [SL]

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. John's

Saturday 22nd February

Saint Peter's Chair - Feast

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: All Families

Sunday 23rd February

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11am - Sung Mass, St. Luke's

4pm - Team Evening Prayer, St. Mary's (TQ12 1EH)

Divine Office Psalter Week 3, C(l), 2nd Sunday before Lent

Please pray for:

Tom, Jude, 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:

Jeremy Murchinson and all those whose anniversary of death fall this week.

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