

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

Proclaiming Christ in Devon

Dearest friends,

At the end of mass you will hear either myself or Deacon David say 'Go now, and announce the gospel of the Lord'.

I know that many of you will not have heard this before and even Deacon David has to work to remember it!

But when we get to the end of Mass it's always struck me as rather odd that our dismissal lacks a certain energy and hwyl.

The word 'Mass' comes from the final blessing said by the priest in Latin rite services 'Ite missa es' meaning "to send out" as Jesus Christ sent his disciples out to the world to take His teaching to them.

So when we gather on a Sunday together and hear the word of God, to pray together, and to receive Jesus Christ in the Sacrament, how can we do anything else than be 'sent out' in His name and to announce the 'Good News' to others?

Remember that command as you leave church this Sunday, take it as an imperative to leave and to immediately call someone and invite them to come to church next Sunday.

Fr. Matthew

## Notices

### The Bible Course

*Thursday evenings, 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.

### 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.



### Torfaen Male Voice Choir

The internationally acclaimed Male Voice Choir will be giving a concert at St. Luke's on the 8th March at 7pm. Tickets are just £5 each and will be on sale later this week or available on the door. They're astonishingly good and there'll be a good opportunity for a chat after the concert as the boys celebrate a Welsh Rugby Win (prayers are very much in action for Wales at the moment!)

### Pancake Race

We're hoping to hold a pancake race for children on Shrove Tuesday at St. Luke's - but need volunteers to make it happen. Can you fry a pancake or mix some batter? Can you time a race or hold some rope at the finish line? The race will be after school at about 4pm.

### Palm Crosses

Please bring them back!

Ash Wednesday is on the 5th March, can you please bring your Palm Crosses from last year back to church this and next Sunday so that we can burn them to use for the Ashing services at both churches. Thank you!

### Prayer Focus

For the new women's group which is starting to form at St. Luke's.

For the Saturday morning coffee group at St John's.

For volunteers for the Pancake Race at St. Luke's.

## Today

### 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(I), 2nd Sunday before Lent*

#### February

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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at Wickham Hall

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

## The week ahead:

### Monday 24th February

Monday of week 7 in Ordinary Time

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

*Prayer focus: Our Clergy*

### Tuesday 25th February

Tuesday of week 7 in Ordinary Time

9:30am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

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

### Wednesday 26th February

Wednesday of week 7 in Ordinary Time

10am - Said Mass [SL]

*Prayer focus: All Children*

### Thursday 27th February

Thursday of week 7 in Ordinary Time

6pm - Explorers Planning Meeting [WH]

7pm - The Bible Course [WH]

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

### Friday 28th February

Friday of week 7 in Ordinary Time

10am - Said Mass [SL]

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

### Saturday 1st March

St. David, Bishop.

[prayers offered at home]

*Prayer focus: All Families*

### Sunday 2nd March

#### 8th 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 4, C(I), Sunday next 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:

David Carpenter, Elizabeth Brown, and all those whose anniversary of death fall this week.

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