

St. Luke's & St. John's

Proclaiming Christ in Devon



Dearest friends,

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

It's often said that we Christians are 'an Easter people'. What does that mean? At the most basic level we are Christians because Jesus died for us, he descended into hell and on the third day he rose again. It is this central fact that is at the heart of our faith.

Without that our faith is hollow. Without that understanding of that ultimate act of Love, without that understanding that he rose again, then who are we?

Are we a social group here to care for the poor? Are we a group of people who meet for a cup of tea and a chat? Absolutely not! We are a community of Christians whose faith in Jesus Christ - in his death and resurrection - drive us to acts of good in the world.

Our faith is at the very heart of who we are and what we do in the world. Our faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ means that death no longer has

dominion over us. Death has no sting, because we know that we are saved into eternal life in the Love of God.

Now what do we do with that faith? We must take it out into the world and share it with others - we share it because we want more people to come to understand that Love and we want more people to be saved into Heaven!

Now go, and announce the Gospel of The Lord!

Fr. Matthew

Notices

Summer Lectures

Over the summer term I don't plan to run what you may call a traditional 'course'. Instead I'm going to offer a series of Sunday afternoon lectures, perhaps once a fortnight. These lectures will range from 'What is the Christian perspective on Assisted Dying', to 'Why was Devon so central to the Anglo-Catholic movement in England'. Suggestions over the last week or so have also included, 'Women in scripture', and 'The Nicene Creed'. That

gives us four very good afternoons, but is there just one more you'd love to hear more about? Let me know.

Evangelism

As the longer evenings start to warm up it's a good opportunity to get out and invite people to our wonderful churches. In Bovey Tracey we are going to partner with PPT to visit the new estates in the parish and invite people to the loving welcome of St. John's and PPT. In Newton Abbot we're partnering with the rest of the Team to be in the town centre on market days to hand out flyers and loving invitations. Training is provided and it's a terrific opportunity to meet people. If you'd like to get involved please see me.

Summer Term Planning

As in previous terms we'll meet together as two churches and plan the term ahead. The Summer Term will be based out of St. Luke's and our planning meeting will happen there on the **30th April at 6:30pm**. We'll do a short review of the Easter term and then plan for the term ahead.

Today

Sunday 20th April

Easter Sunday

6am - Dawn Mass [SL]
 9:15am - Mass of Easter Sunday [SJ]
 11am - Mass of Easter Sunday [SL]
 Divine Office Psalter Week 1, C(I), Easter

Upcoming Dates

April

30th - Summer Term Planning Meeting, 6:30pm [SL]

May

7th - PCC Meeting [SL]
 16th - Bingo [SL]
 30th - Cheese & Wine Evening [SL]

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

Reflection

Keep nothing back.

Nothing that you have not given away will ever be really yours.

Nothing in you that has not died will ever be raised from the dead.

Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and decay.

But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him, everything else thrown in.

The final paragraph in Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis

The week ahead:

Monday 21st April

Easter Monday

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

Prayer focus: Our Clergy

Tuesday 22nd April

Easter Tuesday

[prayers offered at home]

Tea & Coffee at St. John's.

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. Luke's

Wednesday 23rd April

Easter Wednesday

[prayers offered at home]

Tea & Coffee at St. Luke's.

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. John's

Thursday 24th April

Easter Thursday

[prayers offered at home]

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

Friday 25th April

Easter Friday

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: Children in hospital

Saturday 26th April

Easter Saturday

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: All Families

Sunday 27th April

Divine Mercy Sunday

9:15am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ]

11am - Sung Parish Mass [SL]

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, C(I), Easter

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

Please pray for:

Jude, Lydia, Viv and Linda, Rosemary, Diana, Phil and Jean, Alan, Marilyn, Roy, Anne-Marie, Simon, Liz, Melville and Jean, David, Kathryn, Jenny, Eileen.

Pray for the souls of:

Joyce Barnett, John Horsfall and all whose anniversary of death falls this week.

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