

St. Luke's & St. John's

Proclaiming Christ in Devon

Dearest friends,

40 Days after His Resurrection Jesus was taken up into heaven. During these 40 days - just as we have been living them - Jesus spoke to many people, sat and ate with them, prayed with them, talked with them.

We have celebrated these 40 days together and we continue to do so - just as the disciples did all those years ago.

Luke tells us that after Jesus was taken up into Heaven,

'They worshiped him and went back into Jerusalem, filled with great joy, and spent all their time in the temple giving thanks to God.'

They were instructed to wait in Jerusalem until the coming of the Holy Spirit.

That happened not long after at the event we call Pentecost - we celebrate it in two weeks on June 8th - the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told the disciples that whilst John had baptised with water they were (not many days from now) about to be baptised with the Holy Spirit.

We are part of that event through our own baptisms and part of that command to the disciples to become witnesses for Jesus and all He had taught us - not just in Jerusalem and in

the places that Jesus had taught - but 'to the ends of the earth'.

There's a lovely ending to the reading in Acts recording this event. The disciples are left staring at the sky after Jesus has ascended as two men in white ask them why they're still looking - telling them Jesus will return. In other words, stop watching and go do what He told you!

Fr. Matthew

Notices

Quiz & Curry

Join us all for an evening of quizzing and curry (alternative option available) on Saturday 24th May. Do try to let Fr. Matthew know if you are coming (but don't worry if you can't, come anyway!) We start at 7pm in St. Luke's.

The Ascension

Next Thursday is The Ascension of Our Lord. This is a solemnity - a holy day of obligation. Please make every effort to attend the 10am Sung Mass at St. John's the celebrate this high fest of Our Lord. (no mass at St. John's on Tuesday)



Sculpture of Jesus ascending to Heaven in the Ascension Chapel at Walsingham

BCP Choir

The Newton Abbot Parishes and St. John's are uniting to build a new evensong choir. Our first rehearsal will be on the 19th June and the 3rd Thursday of every month thereafter at 7pm in St. John's. We'll start with a very simple setting that we can then sing on the Sunday (22nd June) and then start to practice simple Anthems and so forth.

Pentecost Walk

On Saturday 7th June, the day before Pentecost - we'll be walking around all of the 6 churches in our benefice, pausing to pray in each one and at key points along the way. We'll be starting at St Luke's at 10 a.m. Then walking to St Paul's, St Mary's, St Bart's, All Saints and ending at Abbotsbury around lunchtime.

Today

Sunday 25th May

6th Sunday of Easter ●

9:15am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ]
 11am - Sung Parish Mass [SL]
Divine Office Psalter Week 2, C(I), Easter 6

Upcoming Dates

May

24th - Rosary Group, 10:30am [SL]
 Quiz & Curry, 7pm [SL]
 29th - Liz Chelly Funeral, 11am [SL]
 30th - Cheese & Wine Evening, 7pm [SL]

June

4th - St. Luke's Ladies Group, 2pm [SL]
 PCC Meeting, 6pm [SL]
 7th - Newton Abbot Team Benefice Walk, 10am [SL]
 8th - St. Luke's Parish Lunch
 Pentecost Cream Team & Evensong, 3pm
 15th - Evensong, 6pm [SJ]
 21st - Table Top Sale, 10am - 12pm [SJ]
 Parish Outing to Truro
 29th - Joint Mass, 10am, followed by
 Bring & Share meal [SL]
 Evensong, 5pm [SJ]

Regina Coeli

℟. Joy to thee O Queen of heaven, alleluia.
 He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia.
 As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia.
 Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

℣. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
 ℟. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray...

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 Fr Alan White and Deacon David Rogers
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The week ahead:

Monday 26th May

Saint Philip Neri, Priest ●
 [prayers offered at home, Fr. Matthew's rest day]
Prayer focus: Our Clergy

Tuesday 27th May

Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop ●
 9:15am - Morning Prayer [SJ]
 4:30pm - Reception of Liz Chelley into St. Luke's, then
 Evening Prayer
Prayer focus: The Parish of St. Luke's

Wednesday 28th May

Wednesday of the 6th week of Eastertide ●
 11am - Requiem Mass for Liz Chelley
Prayer focus: The Parish of St. John's

Thursday 29th May

The Ascension of the Lord - Solemnity ●
 10am - Sung Mass [SJ]
Prayer focus: The Mission of St. Luke's and St. John's

Friday 30th May

Friday of the 6th week of Eastertide ●
 [prayers offered at home, half term]
Prayer focus: Children in hospital

Saturday 31st May

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary ●
 [prayers offered at home]
Prayer focus: All Families

Sunday 1st June

7th Sunday of Easter ●
 9:15am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ]
 11am - Sung Parish Mass [SL]
*Divine Office Psalter Week 3, C(I),
 Easter 7, Sunday after Ascension Day*

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

Please pray for:

Vernon, Re, Leo, 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:

Aileen B Nashed and all whose anniversary of death falls
 this week.