

St. Luke's & St. John's

Proclaiming Christ in Devon

Dearest friends,

Just a week after we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit into the room filled with Jesus disciples we take a moment to praise and pray for a deeper understanding of the Holy Trinity.

The Trinity pervades every aspect of our faith - it is one of the central planks of our faith - everything we do, everything we are sent out to do is done in the power of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

It is possible, I think, to overthink this. To try to figure out HOW this trinity of God works. We are human and modern humans attempt to understand the world through the lens of science and 'reason'.

The issue of course is that creation is rather more complex and difficult than we can understand. We are not God and we are reaching and trying as hard as we can to understand things that He created and put into place. It's just not possible.

This is not to say that we shouldn't try - that we shouldn't engage in trying to understand the the universe through science and 'reason'; but rather to accept that there are things that we cannot neatly fit into categories of science that are central to how we exist in the universe.

We are not God. Sometimes we need to accept that it is wiser to exist and simply appreciate and give thanks for what God has made - and our part in it.

Fr. Matthew



Notices

BCP Choir, 1st Rehearsal

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.

Evensong & BCP Mass

As it's our third Sunday we'll be enjoying the BCP Holy Communion service at 9:15am and a sung Evensong at 5pm at St. John's. If you've never come to both or either of these services I encourage you to try something (old) new.

Table Top Sale

The wonderful Table Top Sale returns to St. John's on Saturday 21st June. Do come along and buy something lovely - it all helps with the running of the church.

Joint Mass, 29th June, 10am

June has five Sundays and so we come together again for a joint mass at 10am at St. Luke's. After the mass there'll be a bring and share lunch where St. Luke's can show it's generosity and hospitality to our brothers and sisters from St. John's. There will be a sign up sheet in church, please be generous!

Choice Words

Come visit Choice Words, the largest second-hand Christian bookshop in the southwest! We are open 9.30am-4.30pm Monday through to Saturday. You can find us at 71 Queen St. Newton Abbot, or call us on 01626 334 027, or email us at, shop@choicewords.co.uk

Parish Outing

On Saturday 21st June we'll all be heading to Truro on our parish outing. We're departing Newton Abbot Station at 08:55, so we'll meet outside the main entrance to the train station at 08:30. Please don't be late as I have all the tickets ready to give out! We've got a lovely day planned including a tour and mass at the Cathedral.

Today

Sunday 15th June

The Most Holy Trinity - Solemnity ●

9:15am - Sung BCP Parish Mass [SJ]

11am - Sung Parish Mass [SL]

5pm - Evensong [SJ]

Divine Office Psalter Week 3, C(I), Trinity Sunday

Upcoming Dates

June

15th - Evensong, 6pm [SJ]

19th - BCP Evensong Choir Rehearsal, 7pm [SJ]

21st - Table Top Sale, 10am - 12pm [SJ]

Parish Outing to Truro

29th - Joint Mass, 10am, followed by

Bring & Share meal [SL]

July

6th - Team Evensong, Highweek (TQ12 1QD), 5:30pm

9th - St. Luke's Ladies Group, 2pm [SL]

PCC Meeting, 6pm [SL]

12th - Rosary Group 10:30am [SL]

13th - St. Luke's Parish Lunch

19th - Table Top Sale, 10am - 12pm [SJ]

August

10th - St. Luke's Parish Lunch

16th - Summer Fete [SL]

17th - Evensong, 6pm [SJ]

31st - Joint Mass, 10am [SJ]

Summer BBQ, 1pm - 5pm [SJ]

Evensong, West Ogwell Church (TQ12 6EW), 5:30pm

No Ladies Group in August

No midweek mass during August instead, Coffee & Natter,

Tuesday's [SJ] & Wednesday's [SL] 10am

St. Luke's Men's Group meets every Friday for mass at 10am and discussion afterwards. [SL]

The week ahead:

Monday 16th June

Monday of week 11 in Ordinary Time ●

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

Prayer focus: Our Clergy

Tuesday 17th June

Tuesday of week 11 in Ordinary Time ●

9:15am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. Luke's

Wednesday 18th June

Wednesday of week 11 in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Said Mass [SL]

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. John's

Thursday 19th June

Thursday of week 11 in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

7pm - Evensong Choir Rehearsal [SJ]

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

Friday 20th June

St. Alban, first Martyr of England ●

10am - Said Mass [SL]

Prayer focus: Children in hospital

Saturday 21st June

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious ●

8:30am - Parish Outing to Truro [NA Train Station]

10am - Table Top Sale [SJ]

Prayer focus: All Families

Sunday 22nd June

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Solemnity ●

9:15am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ]

11am - Sung Parish Mass [SL]

Divine Office Psalter Week 4, C(I), Trinity 1, Proper 7

[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:

All those whose anniversary of death falls this week.

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