# St. Luke's & St. John's Proclaiming Christ in Devon

#### Dearest friends,

Our gathering in front of the Blessed Sacrament is no simple thing. Our bowing in front of the tabernacle where Christ rests is no simple formality. Our devotion to Jesus in the Sacrament is no simple prayer. It is the heart of our faith.

Jesus offered himself up for us and in His last supper he declared the bread to be His body and the wine to be His blood. No dissembling, no metaphor, no parable.

So on the feast of Corpus Christi (The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ) we are invited to reflect on the amazing gift that Jesus has given us. It is a gift we have had since the very formation of the Church and a gift that gives us the strength we need to go out into the world and proclaim Him.

The Mass is the model of the perfect Christian life. It is a model we should follow to be more like Jesus in all we do.

We gather, we confess our sins, we glorify God, we read scripture together and study its impact on our lives, we pray, we offer our gifts, we share the Peace of Jesus, we receive Him in the Sacrament, we are sent out into the world. Each one of these acts builds us up in Him, but above all we are built up to be **SENT OUT**.

We end our Mass with the words 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord!'

This is no simple instruction but the greatest command that Jesus gave us. Go!

What do we do with that instruction? What do we do with this wonderful gift of Christ in the Sacrament? Only you can answer that...

Fr. Matthew

#### Notices

#### **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.

#### **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



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#### **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.

#### **Birthday list**

Don't forget to add your month and date of birth (but not the year you were born!) to the new birthday list in St. Luke's if you would like to receive a card each year. A big thank you to Cynthia for organising it and making such beautiful cards for us.

#### Joint Mass, 29th June, 10am

It's a 5 week month which means one thing - a joint mass at **10am!** 

After the mass there'll be a bring and share lunch, please sign up using the sheet in church.

Parish Office: Wickham Hall, Ashburton Road, Bovey Tracey. TQ13 9BY

## Today

#### 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

## **Upcoming Dates**

#### June

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]

Summer Fete at St. Luke's - I need a few volunteers to help organise our simplified summer get together on the 16th August. Please be in touch with Fr. Matthew.

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#### Churchwardens

[SJ] Tyler Smith - tyler@slsj.co.uk [SL] Mr Graham Whittle - graham@slsj.co.uk [SL] Mr David Dunn - david@slsj.co.uk

#### Associate Clergy

Fr Christopher Robins, Fr Robin Eastoe SSC Fr Alan White and Deacon David Rogers Lay Minister: Mr Graham Whittle (01626) 212339

## The week ahead:

#### Monday 23rd June

Monday of week 12 in Ordinary Time [prayers offered at home, Fr. Matthew's rest day] Prayer focus: Our Clergy

#### Tuesday 24th June

## **The Nativity of St. John The Baptist - Solemnity** • 9:15am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

10am - Said Mass [SJ] Prayer focus: The Parish of St. Luke's

#### Wednesday 25th June

Wednesday of week 12 in Ordinary Time 10am - Said Mass [SL] Prayer focus: The Parish of St. John's

### Thursday 26th June

Thursday of week 12 in Ordinary Time [prayers offered at home, Fr. Matthew on leave] Prayer focus: The Mission of St. Luke's and St. John's

#### Friday 27th June

#### The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Solemnity

[prayers offered at home, Fr. Matthew on leave] Prayer focus: Children in hospital

#### Saturday 28th June

The Immaculate Heart of Mary [prayers offered at home] Prayer focus: All Families

#### Sunday 29th June

#### Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles - Solemnity

10am - Joint Mass at St. Luke's followed by Bring and Share Lunch Divine Office Psalter Week 1, C(I), Trinity 2, Proper 8

[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, Marilyn, Roy, Anne-Marie, Simon, Liz, Melville and Jean, David, Kathryn, Jenny, Eileen, Elaine.

## Pray for the souls of:

Alan and all those whose anniversary of death falls this week.