13th July 2025

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

Dearest friends,

Peace, Peace, Peace. A simple but powerful prayer.

In 2022 my father and I drove across Europe to Ukraine to take aid to a refugee centre on the boarder and to bring a family home to live with us.

As we drove across Poland to reach the Ukraine boarder it became very clear that things had changed. We left Germany (and the very fast motorway) behind us, and slowed down to make sure we were within the new speed limit. As we slowed we started to notice more around us.

Instead of the blur of green we started to see small shrines dedicated to Our Lady. We saw bill boards at the side of the motorway dedicated to prayer and time and time again we saw this bill board (pictured).

It reads 'Peace, Peace, Peace' and had an image of Our Lady of Medjugorje on the left hand side.

This poster appeared time and time again. I stopped counting after 100 and started timing how soon it would be before I saw it again.

As I sat in my hotel room that night I turned on the TV and on their equivalent of BBC One was a live broadcast of the Angelus. This public proclamation of prayer, of dedication to Jesus and to His Mother served as a constant reminder to pray and to

live life within the boundless love of the Holy Family.

I found it deeply comforting and profoundly inspiring. Just five miles from where this photograph was taken is a country still plunged into war in the face of a relentless aggressor.

But in the face of that relentless aggression and evil, the response - first and last should always be prayer.

So pray this week, pray Peace, Peace, Peace and consider how you can show your faith to the world and inspire others to know Jesus.

Fr. Matthew

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Notices

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.

Service Times

I am considering moving the service times to 9am and 11:15am to enable me to stay at St. John's for a short time each week, but to also arrive at St. Luke's with more than just five minutes to spare. I would like to hear your thoughts before we discuss it at our next PCC meetings. Please drop me an email or message or tell me during the week.

Pray for Peace

Please spend this week praying for Peace in our fallen and broken world.

Pray that people will come to Jesus Christ and his Love will soften their hearts and save them from evil.

Today

Sunday 13th July

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 🔵

9:15am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ] 11am - Sung Parish Mass [SL] 12pm - Parish Lunch [SL] Divine Office Psalter Week 3, C(I), Trinity 4, Proper 10

Upcoming Dates

July

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 T.H.A.T Foodbank are currently short of:

- Squash
- Rice Pudding
- Custard
- Sugar
- Coffee
- Microwavable Rice

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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 14th July

Monday of week 15 in Ordinary Time [prayers offered at home] Prayer focus: Our Clergy Tuesday 15th July

Tuesday 15th July

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor 9:15am - Morning Prayer [SJ] 10am - Mattins & Coffee Prayer focus: The Parish of St. Luke's

Wednesday 16th July

Wednesday of week 15 in Ordinary Time 10am - Said Mass [SL] Prayer focus: The Parish of St. John's

Thursday 17th July

Thursday of week 15 in Ordinary Time [prayers offered at home] Prayer focus: The Mission of St. Luke's and St. John's

Friday 18th July

Friday of week 15 in Ordinary Time [prayers offered at home] Prayer focus: Children in hospital

Saturday 19th July

Saturday of week 15 in Ordinary Time [prayers offered at home] Prayer focus: All Families

Sunday 20th July

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 🔵

9:15am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ] 11am - Sung Parish Mass [SL] Divine Office Psalter Week 4, C(I), Trinity 5, Proper 11

[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:

All those whose anniversary of death falls this week.