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St. Luke's & St. John's

Proclaiming Christ in Devon

Dearest friends,

Why is Holy Rest, the Sabbath, so important?

It is often said that Priests, when they preach, do so primarily to themselves. This may well be an example of me writing an article I need to read!

We have a packed summer planned, there is something happening every week and we're all working super hard to bring new people to Jesus Christ at both churches.

As we come to the summer school holidays it's a good time to reflect on our workloads and consider a time of rest and relaxation.

This isn't being lazy, it isn't running away – it is vital if we are to be in the best shape possible to welcome the people of Devon and further afield as they discover us through our mission and evangelism work.

What good will we be if, when children come to church we are so worn down and grumpy that the welcome they receive is anything less than loving and enthusiastic?

What good will we be if, when people come to our midweek masses and tea & coffee, they are faced with sour and tired disciples?

God gave us the sabbath – our day of rest – as a model of His being, of His love.

To love Him, is to accept His rest... to be like the disciple that Jesus loved and to recline our heads in His lap.

Thank you for all you have done this year, for all you continue to do, but remember to rest over the summer as much as you can so that you are better placed to be loving and welcoming.

Fr. Matthew

Notices

Team Evensong

This Sunday we have the Team Evensong at Highweek (TQ12 1QD). Our very own Graham is leading the service so it would be wonderful if we could turn out to support him. 5:30pm

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



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.

Rosary Group

The Rosary Group will be meeting at St. Luke's in the Lady Chapel at 10:30am on the 12th July.

It's a wonderful opportunity to stop, reflect, and place yourself in God's care.

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Today

Sunday 6th July

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ] 11am - Sung Parish Mass [SL] 5:30pm - Evensong, Highweek

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, C(I), Trinity 3, Proper 9

Upcoming Dates

July

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

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

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

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The week ahead:

Monday 7th July

Monday of week 14 in Ordinary Time

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: Our Clergy

Tuesday 8th July

Tuesday of week 14 in Ordinary Time

9:15am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

10am - Mattins & Coffee

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. Luke's

Wednesday 9th July

Wednesday of week 14 in Ordinary Time

10am - Said Mass [SL]

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. John's

Thursday 10th July

Thursday of week 14 in Ordinary Time

[prayers offered at home]

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

Friday 11th July

Saint Benedict, Abbot, Co-Patron of Europe

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: Children in hospital

Saturday 12th July

Saturday of week 14 in Ordinary Time

10:30am - Rosary Group [SL]

Prayer focus: All Families

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

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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.