

St. Luke's & St. John's

Proclaiming Christ in Devon

Dearest friends,

A couple of weeks ago I was ensconced in Bath doing battle with the various Faculties both churches require. We were lucky enough to be invited to stay with some of Edmund's friends who were joining him on a rowing week.

They're a wonderful Christian family and one evening over dinner one of the boys passed a rather judgemental comment about one of the other lads on the rowing course.

Quick as a flash his Dad said, 'we do curiosity in this house, not judgment'.

It hit me right between the eyes. For years I've done battle with the difficulty of judgment and forgiveness. I've told you the story of the chap I couldn't stand in college and how my Spiritual Director turned that from hatred to friendship with the simple wisdom, 'pray for him dear boy, pray for him'.

The simple guidance from a dear friend in Bath to explore, be curious, when you leap to judgment is just as powerful.

Next time you find yourself judging a brother or sister, 'oh why on earth do they do that?', or 'they're always doing this rather than that', or 'what a stupid thing to do!'. Try instead to ask; 'why did they do that?', 'why do they behave

that way?' and before you know it you'll discover an empathy you didn't know was there.

When we ask God for patience He doesn't send us patience, He sends us opportunities to learn it. When we ask God to be less judgmental He sends us people to be curious about.

Try it and see what happens.

Fr. Matthew

Notices

St. Luke's Family Fun Day
This Saturday! 2pm-5pm

Join us at St. Luke's for a wonderful old fashioned church fete and family fun day. We're planning a very quiet and very simple affair. Come and play at the coconut shy, buy an ice cream and burger, or chance your arm at splat the rat! or hook a duck. The stocks will even be out... If you're



able to help set up or take down please do come along an hour early or stay a little at the end. Volunteers needed to hand out flyers to people who come.

Vicarage BBQ

Thanks to everyone who came and made it such a lovely afternoon. It was terrific to spend time together, have a natter, and share a hot dog or two!

Service Times

From Sunday 7th September service times will move to 9am and St. John's and 11:15am at St. Luke's. I continue to work on a solution that would allow both churches to return to a 10am mass. Thank you for your support in making this work.

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

Planning Meetings

Summer BBQ @ St. John's
Planning Meeting, 6pm,
14th August

Explorers Planning Meeting
6pm, 21st August
All Welcome

Today

Sunday 17th August

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

9:15am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ]

11am - Sung Parish Mass [SL]

6pm - Evensong [SJ]

Divine Office Psalter Week 4, C(I), Trinity 9, Proper 15

Upcoming Dates

August

14th - Summer BBQ Planning Meeting, 6pm [SJ]

16th - Summer Family Fun Day [SL]

17th - Evensong, 6pm [SJ]

21st - Explorers Planning Meeting, 6pm [SJ]

31st - Joint Mass, 10am [SJ]

Summer BBQ, 1pm - 5pm [SJ]

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

September

25th - Autumn / Christmas Planning Meeting, 7pm, [WH]

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]

Explorers Planning Meeting

In September we're planning on holding our first 'Explorers' service at St. Catherine's School in Heathfield. This is vital to the future of St. John's as it will be our primary path to talking and walking with families across the area. It'll be a place for us to try new ideas and get things wrong, a place to play and a place to learn. We need as much wisdom and prayer as possible and that's where you come in. Can you help be part of a dedicated group who will meet each month to pray for Explorers? This will be a virtual prayer group on WhatsApp. Can you come and help set up tables or move things around? Can you come to the planning meeting and offer your thoughts or encouragement. Whatever it is you have to offer, please consider coming to the planning meeting on Thursday 21st at 6pm in Wickham Hall.

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Fr Alan White and Deacon David Rogers

Lay Minister: Mr Graham Whittle (01626) 212339

The week ahead:

Monday 18th August

Monday of week 20 in Ordinary Time ●

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: Our Clergy

Tuesday 19th August

Tuesday of week 20 in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Coffee & Natter [SJ]

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. Luke's

Wednesday 20th August

Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor ●

10am - Coffee & Natter [SL]

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. John's

Thursday 21st August

Thursday of week 20 in Ordinary Time ●

[prayers offered at home]

6pm - Explorers Planning Meeting [WH]

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

Friday 22nd August

Our Lady, Mother and Queen ●

10am - Sung Mass [SL]

Prayer focus: Children in hospital

Saturday 23rd August

Saturday of week 19 in Ordinary Time ●

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: All Families

Sunday 24th August

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

9:15am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ]

11am - Sung Parish Mass [SL]

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, C(I), Trinity 10, Proper 16

[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, David, Kathryn, Jenny, Eileen, Elaine.

Pray for the souls of:

Melville, and all those whose anniversary of death falls this week.