

# St. Luke's & St. John's

Proclaiming Christ in Devon

Dearest friends,

When I arrived, just about 18 months ago, I wanted to take time to get to know people, get to know the parishes, and start to understand what the Holy Spirit was calling us to over the coming years.

I wanted to spend time listening to the Holy Spirit and feeling my way forward as slowly as I could. I think we've now reached a time where we can start to plan out the next 10 years together.

There are lots of names for this; Mission Action Planning, SWOT analysis, Project & Mission Plotting... they're all pinched from the business world (not always a good thing!) but very simply they offer us a set of tools that allow us to talk and plan.

On the evening of the 19th October I would very much like for us to all meet at Wickham Hall at 4pm where we will pray together and then start to map out where we would like to be in 10 years.

This is for both of the parishes, and whilst I appreciate that it will involve travel for the St. Luke's parish, Wickham Hall is best placed to host us. It is warm, easy to set up, and will have by then a big screen and other resources that will allow us to talk and plan.

Both parishes will have an opportunity to meet on their own and talk through their own plans and ideas - and we'll also come together to see what we could share.

Everything is open for discussion and deliberation, including service times, types of services, new services, how we conduct weddings, funerals, and baptisms... everything. It's important that this doesn't just become a place to come and complain about what we don't like, but a place to come and talk about what we would like to see.

+Paul will be joining us for part of the meeting and will lead us in Evening Prayer in St. John's before giving us a strong word of encouragement before he leaves. He'll also be with us at St. Luke's for the morning mass where we'll be celebrating our patronal.

I look forward to the next few decades together.

Fr. Matthew

## Notices

### Autumn / Christmas Meeting

On the 25th September at 7pm in Wickham Hall we'll hold our termly planning meeting for the Autumn Term and for Christmas services. If you would like to see something happen over the Autumn or have ideas of what kind of services you'd like over Christmas, this is a must attend meeting.

### Explorers

Thank you to everyone who has come forward to help with Explorers. We have a solid core team who will help put up tables, arrange the craft, help teach and lead, and talk to the parents and families who come in. We now have a group of five people who have agreed to pray for the church each month via a WhatsApp Group. **If you'd like to join that prayer group please do let me know.**

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## Upcoming Events

Autumn / Christmas Term  
25th September, 7pm  
Wickham Hall

1st Explorers  
Sunday 5th October, 3pm  
St. Catherine's School

## Today

### Sunday 14th September

#### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross ●

9am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ]

11:15am - Sung Parish Mass [SL]

Divine Office Psalter Week 4, C(I), Trinity 13, Proper 19

## Upcoming Dates

### September

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

### October

1st - SL Ladies Group, 2pm

SL PCC, 7pm

5th - 1st Explorers, 3pm, St. Catherine's School, Heathfield

10th - Bingo [SL], 7pm

19th - St. Luke's Patronal Feast

Mission Planning with +Paul, 4pm, Wickham Hall

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



## The week ahead:

### Monday 15th September

#### Our Lady of Sorrows ●

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: Our Clergy

### Tuesday 16th September

Tuesday of week 24 in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. Luke's

### Wednesday 17th September

Wednesday of week 24 in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Said Mass [SL]

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. John's

### Thursday 19th September

Thursday of week 24 in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

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

### Friday 20th September

Friday of week 24 in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Said Mass [SL]

Prayer focus: Children in hospital

### Saturday 21st September

Saturday of week 24 in Ordinary Time ●

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: All Families

### Sunday 22nd September

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

9am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ]

11:15am - Sung Parish Mass [SL]

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, C(I), Trinity 14, Proper 20

[SJ] St. John's | [SL] St. Luke's | [WH] Wickham Hall

## Please pray for:

Carol & Sophie, Pam, Sue King, Marilyn, Arthur Pengelly, Jennifer Benney and all those who have asked for our prayers.

## Pray for the souls of:

And all those whose anniversary of death falls this week.

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