

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

Proclaiming Christ in Devon

Dearest friends,

I've always thought of faith in God as something that needs to be rooted. There are lots of ways to be rooted, if we look to creation we see roots that run deep, roots that skit across the surface, roots that seek and spread wide. All of these root systems achieve the same thing in the same way - they feed the plant and make it stronger. In our case we want to be stronger in our faith and stronger in our ability to share our faith.

As we move towards our ten year planning meeting I wanted to outline some thoughts on how roots can help us think about our parish.

Firstly, we are rooted in our parishes. We exist to serve the souls of those who live in and serve in our parishes. We welcome all, and those who join us from outside the parish are as much part of us as those inside. That community then calls out to the parish to invite all inside.

Secondly, we are rooted in scripture and sacrament. We are a people who are fed by the sacrament and fed by the Word of God as revealed in scripture.

Finally, we are rooted in a love of proclaiming Christ in the world. We are sent out after each mass to love our brothers and sisters who do not yet

know Christ so that they may have everlasting life.

Our aim should be to ensure that everything we do is somehow related to one of these ideas. In the parish, in Word and Sacrament, and in a love of proclaiming Christ.

If we keep these ideas central to our planning, then we'll be running along behind the Holy Spirit!

Fr. Matthew

## Notices

### The future of our parishes

A meeting with the Bishop of Oswestry and the Archdeacon will take place on the 19th October at 4pm at Wickham Hall as we chart the next ten years for our individual parishes and for our joint work.



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## CALLING ALL EXPLORERS! ✨

📍 St Catherine's Primary School, Heathfield

📅 Sunday 5th October 2025

🕒 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Got questions about God ?  
Wondering about faith 🤔

Are you ready for fun, faith, snacks and friendship? 😊

Join us for an afternoon packed with fun, music, and more as we kick off Explorers 🎵🎯✝️

Open to all primary-age children – everyone is welcome! 🙌

Bring a friend and come discover what it means to explore life with God at the centre. 💛

📣 Don't miss it – we can't wait to meet you !

## Upcoming Events

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

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

## Today

### Sunday 28th September

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

9am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ]

11:15am - Sung Parish Mass [SL]

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, C(I), Trinity 15, Proper 21

## 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

12th - St. Luke's Harvest Festival

St. Luke's Parish Lunch

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]

Table Top Sale at Wickham Hall every 3rd Saturday at 10am.

St. Luke's Women's Group meets first Wednesday of every month.

## The week ahead:

### Monday 29th September

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels ●

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: Our Clergy

### Tuesday 30th September

Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor ●

9:15am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. Luke's

### Wednesday 1st October

Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor ●

10am - Said Mass [SL]

2pm - St. Luke's Ladies Group

7pm - St. Luke's PCC

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. John's

### Thursday 2nd October

The Holy Guardian Angels ●

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

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

### Friday 3rd October

Friday of week 26 in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Said Mass [SL]

Prayer focus: Children in hospital

### Saturday 4th October

Saint Francis of Assisi ●

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: All Families

### Sunday 5th October

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

9am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ]

11:15am - Sung Parish Mass [SL]

3pm - Explorers [SC]

Divine Office Psalter Week 3, C(I), Trinity 16, Proper 22

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

## Please pray for:

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

## Pray for the souls of:

Sidney Day, Ron Sheffield, Lyn Addey Ivy Wright, Hugh Michael Clark, Phyllis Steer and all those whose anniversary of death falls this week.

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