St. Luke's & St. John's

Proclaiming Christ in Devon

Dearest friends,

What does the future hold? If only we could get our crystal balls out and see... fortunately, the Holy Spirit guides and supports us as we figure out where we go next.

This Sunday, we come together at 4 pm for a joint Evensong followed by an hour of discussion about what we would like to see in our parishes over the next 10 years.

In many ways, our future is thrust upon us. We have a shared vicar, we have two buildings, we have two church halls, we have this much money, and that many people...

These things are resources we can deploy, but if we limit our thinking to what we have, we can easily miss what the Holy Spirit is calling us to.

This Sunday, we will attempt to draw together our experience, our prayer, and our will for what comes next. It is no accident that we start this meeting in prayer together in Evensong before meeting as individual parishes, and then as a combined team.

+Paul will be with us to exhort us towards evangelism and mission in our parishes. He will encourage us to reach out to places that are in desperate need of the gospel, and he will call us to work together where we can.

We must look to the future with energy, enthusiasm, and passion for proclaiming Christ.
We do so from a strong position of being rooted in our parishes, in scripture and sacrament. We do so from a deep desire to see God's

Kingdom here on Earth.

Please make a special effort to come on Sunday evening. The shape of our parishes, the content of our services, the future of our lives as parishes, led by the Holy Spirit, is in your hands.

Our vision is clear: Proclaim the Gospel and bring souls to the feet of Jesus Christ.

HOW we do that is in our hands to shape.

Fr. Matthew

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Notices

Explorers

At the school's request, the November and December dates have shifted to the 9th of November and 7th December please make a note!

Last Night of the Proms

Friday 24th at 7pm! Don't miss this terrific evening of beautiful music and singing - complete with union flags, hats, teas & coffee.

Table Top Sale

This Saturday (18th) 10am at Wickham Hall. A great chance to have a chat, and perhaps find some great ideas for Christmas presents.

Upcoming Events

19th October
Future of the Parishes Meeting
with +Paul, WH, 4pm

24th October Last Night of the Proms Concert at St. Luke's, 7pm www.slsj.co.uk 19th October 2025

Today

Sunday 19th October

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ]

11:15am - Patronal Festival [SL]

Followed by bring and share lunch [SL]

4pm - Evensong [SJ]

Mission Planning with +Paul

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, C(I), Trinity 18, Proper 24

Upcoming Dates

October

18th - Table Top Sale, 10am [WH]

19th - St. Luke's Patronal Feast

Mission Planning with +Paul, 4pm, Wickham Hall

24th - Last Night of the Proms Concert, St. Luke's, 7pm

26th - Harvest Festival, St. John's, Bring and Share Brunch

November

9th - Explorers [SC]

15th - Table Top Sale, 10am [WH]

Quiz Night with Fish & Chips, St. Luke's, 7pm

22nd - Christmas Lights Turn On, stalls at both events

27th - Advent Course, 1st lecture, 7pm, [WH]

30th - Advent Carols by Candlelight, 6pm [SL]

December

7th - Explorers & Christingle, 3-5pm [SC]

13th - Bay Brass Band Concert, 7pm [SL]

20th - 9 Lessons & Carols, 6pm, both churches

21st - Christingle & Crib Service, 3-5pm [SL]

24th - Live Nativity, 4pm [SJ]

Midnight Mass, 8pm [SJ]

Midnight Mass, 11:30pm [SL]

25th - Christmas Day Mass, 10am [SL & SJ]

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.

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Churchwardens

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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 20th October

Monday of the 29th week in Ordinary Time

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: Our Clergy

Tuesday 21st October

Tuesday of the 29th week in Ordinary Time

9:15am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. Luke's

Wednesday 22nd October

Wednesday of the 29th week in Ordinary Time

10am - Said Mass [SL]

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. John's

Thursday 23rd October

Thursday of the 29th week in Ordinary Time

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

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

Friday 24th October

Friday of the 29th week in Ordinary Time

10am - Said Mass [SL]

7pm - Last Night of the Proms Concert [SL]

Prayer focus: Children in hospital

Saturday 25th October

Saturday of the 29th week in Ordinary Time

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: All Families

Sunday 26th October

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ]

11:15am - Sung Parish Mas [SL]

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, C(I), Last After Trinity, Proper 25

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

Please pray for:

Peter Thompson, Steve Jefferson, Eileen Steinor, Bryan, Glad & Stan, Carol & Sophie, Pam, Sue King, Marilyn, Arthur Pengelly, Jennifer Benney, Viv & Lyn, Bob, David, Cliff and all those who have asked for our prayers.

Pray for the souls of:

All those whose anniversary of death falls this week.