

St. Luke's & St. John's

Proclaiming Christ in Devon

Dearest friends,

Why do we pray for the dead? Some will tell you that praying for the dead is simply an exercise in futility. The person you are praying for is already dead, they've lived their life and presumably made their own decisions about that life, their actions and most importantly - their faith in Jesus Christ. What more can we do now they are gone?

The simple truth is that we know God is merciful. In multiple parts of scripture we have seen how His heart has been turned towards mercy by the intercession of those who love Him. Who have called out to Him and asked him to be merciful.

We know that God does not work on our timetable. The fact that someone we know and love is dead and gone in this world, doesn't mean they are dead and gone in the life of eternity. Our prayers reach God and He can easily put a new thought or direction in front of the person we are praying about.

Finally, our prayers comfort us here in this life. Praying for my Grandmother brings me peace and comfort - I know my prayers are heard and I pray that my Grandmother is now amongst the company of heaven - surrounded by all the saints and angels - and in turn I

know that she will pray for me.

When we are at the altar we are surrounded by the whole company of heaven - angels and saints unite around us as we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you could see that whole company of heaven surrounding the altar, if you could feel their presence, if you could hear their prayers - oh what a wonder it would be!

Pray for the dead, pray for your loved ones. Be at peace.

If you would like your loved ones remembered at the All Souls Mass on Monday 3rd November (7pm, St. John's) please let me have their names on the sheets in church or via text / email. You are warmly invited to be with us for that mass.

In love,

Fr. Matthew



Notices

St. Luke's PCC

Wednesday evening (5th) at 7pm - we'll be going through the quarterly finance update and discussing next years budget.

Explorers

Is back! SUn day 9th, 3pm-5pm - if you didn't manage to come along last time, do consider joining us at St. Catherine's this time. Lots of fun and an opportunity to meet new people.

All Souls Mass

A mass will be offered for the souls of the dead at St. John's at 7pm on the 3rd November.

You are warmly invited to join us, light a candle, and to offer your own prayers.

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

Today

Sunday 2nd November

All Saints, Solemnity ●

9am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ]
11:15am - Sung Parish Mas [SL]

Divine Office Psalter Week 3, C(I),
4 before Advent, Proper 26

Upcoming Dates

November

5th - St. Luke's PCC, 7pm
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.

The week ahead:

Monday 3rd November

All Souls ●

7pm - All Souls Mass [SJ]

Prayer focus: Our Clergy

Tuesday 4th November

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop ●

9:15am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. Luke's

Wednesday 5th November

Wednesday of the 31st week in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Said Mass [SL]

7pm - St. Luke's PCC

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. John's

Thursday 6th November

Thursday of the 31st week in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

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

Friday 7th November

Friday of the 31st week in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Said Mass [SL]

Prayer focus: Children in hospital

Saturday 8th November

Saturday of the 31st week in Ordinary Time ●

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: All Families

Sunday 9th November

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

9am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ]

11:15am - Sung Parish Mas [SL]

3pm - 5pm - Explorers [SC]

Divine Office Psalter Week 4, C(I),
3 before Advent, Proper 27

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

Please pray for:

Malcom Potbury, Simon Stevenette, Alan Randall, Peter Thompson, Steve Jefferson, Eileen Skinner, 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:

Roy Bridge, Rosemary Carpenter, and all those whose

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