

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

Proclaiming Christ in Devon

Dearest friends,

St George is often remembered as the dragon-slayer. Whether or not we dwell on the details of that story, its meaning is clear enough: here is a man who faced evil, not with fear or compromise, but with courage rooted in faith.

The dragon, in Christian imagination, has long stood for all that opposes God – sin, injustice, fear, and death itself. And so George's victory is not really about heroism for its own sake, but about trust that, in Christ, evil does not have the final word.

That is important for us. We may not encounter dragons in the literal sense, but we know well the quieter struggles: the temptations we wrestle with, the anxieties we carry, the situations that feel beyond our strength. St George reminds us that the Christian life is not about avoiding such things, but about meeting them with steadiness, prayer, and confidence in God.

His story also speaks of faith lived publicly. George did not keep his belief hidden when it became costly to profess it. Yet this boldness was not loud or self-seeking – it flowed from a life already given to God. In that sense, his witness is not so far from our own calling: to live faithfully where we are,

and to let that faith shape our words and actions.

As we give thanks for St George, we should ask for the grace to be rooted more deeply in Christ, to face what lies before us with courage, and to trust that, even in the midst of struggle, the light of the resurrection holds firm.

In love,

Fr. Matthew

## Notices

### Oswestry Festival

We are going to head to Truro together on the train from Newton Abbot at 08:55, arriving at 11am in time for the Pontifical Mass at midday. We'll be leaving on the 5pm train, which should allow an hour or so shopping / wandering after the services. If you would like to join us, please let Fr. Matthew know by TUESDAY 21st so he can book the tickets. Cost will be about £24 return.

### Summer Term Planning

Our Summer Term Planning meeting will take place on **Thursday 16th April** at Wickham Hall at 7pm.

As ever, we'll review the previous term (including Easter) to help us with next year and look to the term ahead. These meetings dictate what we do in the parishes, so make it a priority to attend!



### Holy Trinity Sunday Joint event in Bovey Tracey.

PPT and St. John's will unite to offer a joint service in Marsh Park. We'll process from our churches, meet in the park and offer the eucharist together. Then we'll enjoy a family fun day together. It's the perfect Sunday to invite friends and family and to stay around for games and a BBQ.

### Oswestry Festival

**PLEASE LET FR. MATTHEW KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME TO TRURO ON THE TRAIN** (details above) by the end of TUESDAY 21st APRIL

**HE IS MAKING THE BOOKING FIRST THING WEDNESDAY MORNING!**

## Today

### Sunday 19th April

#### 3rd Sunday of Easter ●

9am - BCP Parish Mass [SJ]

11:15am - Sung Parish Mass [SL]

6pm - Evensong [SJ]

Year A(II), Psalm week 3, Easter 3

## Upcoming Dates

### April

16th - Summer Term Planning Meeting, 7pm [WH]

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

25th - Oswestry Regional Festival, Truro Cathedral

### May

2nd - Quiz with fish and chips, 7pm [SL]

10th - Blessing of the Bikes, Exeter Cathedral, 3:30pm

### Further ahead

5th September, Glastonbury Pilgrimage

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

[SC] St. Catherine's School



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Fr Alan White and Deacon David Rogers

## The week ahead:

### Monday 20th April

Monday of the 3rd week of Eastertide ●

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: *The homeless*

### Tuesday 21st April

Tuesday of the 3rd week of Eastertide ●

9:15am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

Prayer focus: *St. Luke's*

### Wednesday 22nd April

Wednesday of the 3rd week of Eastertide ●

10am - Said Mass [SL]

Prayer focus: *St. John's*

### Thursday 23rd April

#### St. George, Martyr, Solemnity ●

10am - Sung Mass for the Solemnity [SJ]

Prayer focus: *St. Catherine's School*

### Friday 24th April

Friday of the 3rd week of Eastertide ●

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: *Stover School*

### Saturday 25th April

#### St. mark, Evangelist, Feast ●

[prayers offered at home]

12pm - Oswestry Festival, Truro Cathedral

(see note on front of pew sheet re travel)

Prayer focus: *Haytor View School*

### Sunday 26th April

#### 4th Sunday of Easter ●

9am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ]

11:15am - Sung Parish Mass [SL]

Year A(II), Psalm week 4, Easter 4

## Please pray for:

Bob, Bill, LT Oliver Pelendrides, Mark, Vicky Pearce, Jean & Phil, Jennifer Benney, and all those who have asked for our prayers.

## Pray for the souls of:

Martin, Gillian Trigger, Joyce Barnett and all those whose anniversary of death falls this week.