

St. Luke's & St. John's

Proclaiming Christ in Devon

Dearest friends,

St Joseph the Worker is a quiet but compelling example of discipleship lived out in ordinary life. He is not remembered for preaching sermons or performing miracles, but for his faithfulness in daily work, his obedience to God, and his care for those entrusted to him.

Our world often measures worth by status or achievement. St. Joseph reminds us that holiness is found in the hidden and the humble. As a carpenter, he sanctified ordinary labour, showing that our daily tasks – however routine – can become offerings to God when done with love and integrity. Work is not merely a means to an end, but a participation in God's creative purpose.

St. Joseph exemplifies faithful responsibility. He was entrusted with the care of Mary and Jesus, and he fulfilled this calling with tenderness and

strength. In him we see that vocation is not about prominence, but about trust: God places us where we are needed, and asks us to be faithful there.

Through prayer, diligence, and trust, we can follow St. Joseph's example, making our lives a humble offering and our work a witness to God's grace.

In love,

Fr. Matthew

Notices

Dates for the Summer Term

There's a new list of dates and events on the back of the pew sheet for you to take a look at. This is the draft list from our Summer Term Planning meeting. If anything is wrong or we've missed something, please let Fr. Matthew know before next Sunday.



Easter review

Thank you to everyone who came to the Summer Term Planning meeting and Easter Review. We had a great discussion and some helpful feedback. Sheets with what we discussed and agreed are available at both churches.

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.

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Fr Christopher Robins, Fr Robin Eastoe SSC
Fr Alan White and Deacon David Rogers

Oswestry Festival

We will be meeting outside Truro Cathedral at 11:30 am for the mass at Middy on Saturday, 25th.

As many of those attending have discount train tickets we have been unable to book a group ticket. Please make your own way.

Today

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

Upcoming Dates

April

25th - Oswestry Regional Festival, Truro Cathedral

May

2nd - Quiz with Fish & Chips [SL]

6th - St. Luke's Ladies Group

10th - Blessing of the Bikes [Cathedral]

16th - Table Top Sale [WH]

17th - Lecture, World Religions (4pm) [WH]

Afternoon Tea (5pm) [WH]

Evensong (6pm) [SJ]

20th - St. Luke's APCM, 6pm [SL]

21st - St. John's APCM, 6pm [WH]

31st - Joint service & parish outreach with PPT [SJ]

NA Benefice Evensong, St. Luke's

June

3rd - St. Luke's Ladies Group

7th - Explorers

20th - Table Top Sale [WH]

21st - Lecture, Christian Denominations (4pm) [WH]

Afternoon Tea (5pm) [WH]

Evensong (6pm) [SJ]

July

1st - St. Luke's Ladies Group

4th - Parish Outing to Exmouth

5th - Explorers

10th - Evening Lecture - History of the Anglo Catholics in Devon [WH]

18th - Table Top Sale [WH]

19th July - Joint mass with BBQ [SL]

25th - Quiz with Fish & Chips [SL]

26th - NA Benefice Evensong, West Ogwell

Sept

2nd - St. Luke's Ladies Group

5th - Glastonbury Pilgrimage

10th - Winter Term & Christmas Planning Meeting [WH]

11th - Bingo [SL]

13th - Explorers

20th - Lecture, Church Vestments (4pm) [WH]

Afternoon Tea (5pm) [WH]

Evensong (6pm) [SJ]

27th - NA Benefice Evensong, St. Mary's

No Ladies Group in August

No midweek Mass in August

Fr. Matthew on pilgrimage from 24th July to 4th September

The week ahead:

Monday 27th April

Monday of the 4th week of Eastertide ●

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: *The homeless*

Tuesday 28th April

Tuesday of the 4th week of Eastertide ●

9:15am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

Prayer focus: *St. Luke's*

Wednesday 29th April

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor ●

10am - Said Mass [SL]

Prayer focus: *St. John's*

Thursday 30th April

Thursday of the 4th week of Eastertide ●

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

Prayer focus: *St. Catherine's School*

Friday 1st May

St. Joseph the Worker ●

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: *Stover School*

Saturday 2nd May

Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor ●

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: *Haytor View School*

Sunday 3rd May

5th Sunday of Easter ●

9am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ]

11:15am - Sung Parish Mass [SL]

Year A(II), Psalm week 1, Easter 5

Please pray for:

Linda, 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:

William Rance, John Horsfall and all those whose anniversary of death falls this week.