

St. Luke's & St. John's

Proclaiming Christ in Devon

Dearest friends,

Why are we blessing motorbikes? It's a good question! Why are we blessing them at the Cathedral rather than here in church, if this is a new worshipping community for us? Another good question!

We bless motorbikes in a tradition that goes back to at least the 1950s. In 1959 Father Bill Shergold got up the courage to wander into the Ace Cafe and invite bikers to come to his church for Evensong. It was not an easy thing to do - bikers - especially those at the Ace - were renowned for being violent, anti-social, and rowdy. Not the type we want in church.

But Fr. Bill pushed on and ended up creating the world-famous 59 Club (which I was lucky enough to be Chair of when I was in London).

The blessing of the bikes became an annual opportunity to bring new people into our churches and show them that

they are exactly the type we want to see.

We are launching a new chapter in outreach for both our churches as we invite bikers into our fold. We do it at the Cathedral (this year) to show that this is a big invitation to all, across the whole diocese, not just our parishes. Next year it will be with us in either Newton Abbot or Bovey.

All that's missing, is you. Come to Exeter next Sunday afternoon and be part of the conversation - invite people to our churches and into our family.

In love,

Fr. Matthew

Notices

Tuesday Mass, St. John's
Please note that the Tuesday mass at St. John's next week (5th May) will be at the later time of 11am.



Quiz and Fish & Chips

Don't miss the quizz with fish and chips at St. Luke's on the 2nd May! Make sure you've told Dcn David that you're coming so he can order you food.

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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Blessing of the Bikes

On the 10th May we'll be at Exeter Cathedral for the Blessing of the Bikes. This is a wonderful new worshipping community that we're launching from our churches - a great way to invite people who would not usually cross our path. Let's make an effort to be there and have conversations and invite them to church.

3:30pm, Exeter Cathedral, 10th May
www.holymotorbikes.com

Today

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

Upcoming Dates

May

2nd - Quiz with Fish & Chips [SL]

6th - St. Luke's Ladies Group

10th - Blessing of the Bikes [Cathedral]

16th - Table Top Sale [WH]

Rosary Group, 10:30am [SL]

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 [SJ]

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 [SL]

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

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

The week ahead:

Monday 4th May

Monday of the 5th week of Eastertide ●

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: *The homeless*

Tuesday 5th May

Tuesday of the 5th week of Eastertide ●

9:15am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

11am - Said Mass [SJ]

Prayer focus: *St. Luke's*

Wednesday 6th May

Wednesday of the 5th week of Eastertide ●

10am - Said Mass [SL]

Prayer focus: *St. John's*

Thursday 7th May

Thursday of the 5th week of Eastertide ●

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

Prayer focus: *St. Catherine's School*

Friday 8th May

Friday of the 5th week of Eastertide ●

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: *Stover School*

Saturday 9th May

Saturday of the 5th week of Eastertide ●

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: *Haytor View School*

Sunday 10th May

6th Sunday of Easter ●

9am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ]

11:15am - Sung Parish Mass [SL]

5:30pm - Blessing of the Bikes, Exeter Cathedral

Year A(II), Psalm week 2, Easter 6

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:

All those whose anniversary of death falls this week.