

St. Luke's & St. John's

Proclaiming Christ in Devon

Dearest friends,

In the days between Ascension and Pentecost, the Church lingers over Jesus' prayer in St John's Gospel: that his disciples "may all be one" as he and the Father are one. This unity is not simply an inward feeling or a private spirituality. It is meant to become visible in the life of the Church, in shared prayer, shared love, and shared witness to the world.

That matters especially for us here in Bovey Tracey and Milber. St John's and St Luke's are two churches, with different histories, traditions, and personalities, yet called into one life in Christ. The unity Jesus speaks of is not uniformity. It is the discovery that we belong to one another because we first belong to him. And when Christians learn to love across boundaries, to pray together, and to serve side by side, the Gospel itself becomes visible.

Practical evangelism begins there. People are often drawn to faith not first by arguments, but by seeing communities marked by joy, generosity, and genuine affection. Our shared worship and

common life become an invitation to others: "Come and see."

That is why our joint service in Mill Marsh Park on Trinity Sunday, 31 May, matters so much. Together with PPT Church and the wider Christian community, we will gather outdoors in praise and thanksgiving.

We are not hidden away, but present in the heart of the town. It is a simple but powerful witness: Christians together, worshipping Christ together, and welcoming others into that joy.

And that is, perhaps, the true gift of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit does not gather people into isolation, but into communion - strangers become neighbours, neighbours become brothers and sisters, and the Church is sent out in love for the life of the world. The same Spirit who descended upon the apostles still sends us out this Sunday, not simply to keep the faith for ourselves, but to share it with generosity, confidence, and joy.

In love,

Fr. Matthew



Notices

Holy Trinity Sunday Joint Mass in Bovey Tracey.

We need volunteers to help set up in the morning and do the BBQ etc. Please be in touch with Fr. Matthew

Newton Abbot Parishes Evensong @ St. Luke's

The Benefice evensong for the 5th Sunday is hosted at St. Luke's on the 31st May. Join us at 5pm.

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Associate Clergy

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

Lecture - Christian Denominations

Why are there so many different Christian Denominations? What do they all believe? Don't we all just believe the same thing? Why do we disagree? Come to a lecture at St. John's on the 21st June at 4pm to listen to a lecture by Fr. Matthew.

Join us afterwards for a cream tea (5pm), followed by sung evensong at 6pm.

Today

Sunday 24th May

Pentecost ●

9am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ]

11:15am - Sung Parish Mass [SL]

Year A(II), Psalm week 4, Pentecost

Upcoming Dates

May

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]

Rosary Group (10:30am) [SL]

19th - Joint mass with BBQ [SJ]

23rd - Sending Mass for Fr. Matthew's Pilgrimage, 10am [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

[SC] St. Catherine's School

The week ahead:

Monday 25th May

Mary, Mother of the Church ●

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: *The homeless*

Tuesday 26th May

St. Philip Neri, Priest ●

9:15am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

Prayer focus: *St. Luke's*

Wednesday 27th May

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop ●

10am - Said Mass [SL]

Prayer focus: *St. John's*

Thursday 28th May

Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest - Feast ●

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: *St. Catherine's School*

Friday 29th May

Friday of the week 8 in Ordinary Time ●

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: *Stover School*

Saturday 30th May

Saturday of the week 8 in Ordinary Time ●

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: *Haytor View School*

Sunday 31st May

The Most Holy Trinity - Solemnity ●

10am - Joint Mass, St. John's then Mill Marsh Park

Bovey Tracey. Followed by BBQ and Family Fun!

Year A(II), Psalm week 1, Trinity Sunday (Principal Feast)

Please pray for:

Linda, Kathy, Bob, Bill, Mandy, Vicky Pearce, Jean & Phil, Jennifer Benney, and all those who have asked for our prayers.

Pray for the souls of:

Aileen B Nashed, and all those whose anniversary of death falls this week.