

Parish News

Sunday 30th August 2020

12th Sunday after Trinity

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It is so frustrating trying to make contact with Vicars so Vicky will endeavour to be in her study every evening except Fridays and Sundays between 6pm and 7pm so that you can be sure of speaking to her. You are welcome to ring at other times but you may have to leave a message!

Important Reminder

If you like a member of the Pastoral Care Team to make contact with you, or anyone you know in need, you should inform the Parish Office. Because of Data Protection legislation access to contact details is restricted and so the person concerned must give permission.

If someone would like prayer please tell the Parish Office.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading— *Jeremiah 15:15-21*

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.¹⁹Therefore, thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people

a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Second Reading– Matthew 16.21-28

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, **‘God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.’** ²³But he turned and said to Peter, **‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’**

²⁴**Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.’** ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.’

Post Communion Collect

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Wearing face masks in Church is mandatory.



Full Church of England advice on wearing face masks is available on our website it includes details about how to treat them and how to make them if you so wish. There are some hand made masks available at **the back of St. Luke's for you to buy.**

Forgiveness

Forgive our sins as we forgive,
You taught us, Lord to pray;
But you alone can grant us grace,
To live the words we say.

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
And bid resentment cease.
Then reconciled to God and man,
Our lives will spread your peace.

Rosamund E Herklots

Prayers of thanksgiving for the Bell Ringers

Our theme for this year is:

We are the body of Christ and everyone is important.

In August we are giving thanks for the Bell Ringers. The bells have been silent during lockdown and it is thrilling to hear them again on Sunday mornings calling people to worship. Because of social distancing measures only half the team can ring but don't they make a joyful sound!

Calling people to worship and telling the community that the church is alive and well is an important part of our witness. Bells help us to celebrate events like no-other sound that rings throughout the country at the same time. The bell ringers are playing their part in the body of Christ and giving freely of their time. Please take time to thank them personally by phone or email.

A prayer to say:

Father, we thank you that we are the body of Christ and that each part of the body is important. We thank you Lord for our Bell ringers. Bless and encourage them as they serve you by ringing out and calling people to worship and helping us to celebrate your love Amen





As we **Build Community with Christ in the Centre**,
please bring donations of food etc to church
when you come on a
Wednesday or a Sunday.

They are requesting donations of:

Tins of rice, fruit, potatoes, meat, and mushy peas.
Breakfast cereals, crisps, biscuits, sweeteners,
treats, sweets/ chocolate
Toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Thank you!

Dear Friends,

Bank Holidays, the days you look forward to as a rest from the daily routine, According to the BBC, the August Bank Holiday was initially introduced as a way to give us all a chance to make the most of the end of the summer. Did you know that up until 1834 there were 33 public holidays in the U.K., consisting of saint's days and religious festivals? But someone considered this to be excessive, so the number was reduced to just 4.

This year though, Bank Holidays along with other things, have been different. For those of us working from home, they have lost their specialness. We are already at home, spending time with family, and until recently, we couldn't go anywhere. As the months have gone on, days and weeks seem to be merging into one another. Those of you who are retired have probably found this out already. Over the last hundred years we have slowly lost those rhythms and seasons in our lives and this is not good for us. We need to have balanced lives – work, rest and play (eat a Mars bar – let the reader understand!).

God gave us the example to follow, from the beginning, creating the world in six days and then resting on the seventh. From this we get the idea of a Sabbath rest, a time to cease from the daily routine, rest, recuperate and spend time with God. It is not an easy thing to do, but we must be disciplined for the sake of our own wellbeing, and force ourselves to take time out.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die;

A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;

A time to seek, and a time to lose;

A time to keep, and a time to throw away;

A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Gill Joynton

Our Services for September 2020

Date	St. Luke's	St. Thomas
6th September	10am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer
13th September	8am Holy Communion 10am Morning Prayer	10.30am Open for private prayer
20th September	10am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer
27th September	8am Holy Communion 10am Morning Prayer	10.30am Open for private prayer

Wednesdays

St. Luke's is open for private prayer and there is a recorded Morning Prayer Service on our website

Pastoral Contacts and Prayer List

If anyone is aware of members of the congregation who would like a telephone call from a member of the Pastoral Team, or to be put on the prayer list please let the Parish Office know and this will be arranged.