

Parish News

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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 God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading— Romans 13.8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹**The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet’; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’** ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Second Reading– Matthew 18.15-20

Jesus spoke to his disciples. ¹⁵**‘If another member of the church sins** against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among **them.’**

Post Communion

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through 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



To Elizabeth & Chris Gooch on
7th September

We pray for every blessing on
your anniversary

God Bless
Cath Middlehurst
on 13th September



Pastoral Contacts

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

Our theme for this year is:

We are the body of Christ and everyone is important.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the Licensed Ministry Team

In September we are giving thanks for the members of the Licensed Ministry Team—David Gethin, Di Holt, Rev. Gill Joynson, Rev. George Fleming and Rev. Vicky Fleming.

The team have worked hard to bring services, pastoral care and kept in touch writing letters for the Pew News during lockdown and in these ever changing times. We have all learnt a lot more about technology so that we can video services for the website and Facebook pages. Every month we meet, virtually at the moment, and discuss the future and the services. .

Every person in the team has played their part in helping to build community with Christ at the centre in these difficult times.

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 Licensed Ministry Team, for their dedication to your calling and their help in enabling worship to continue in difficult circumstances. We pray that you will bless them as they seek serve you and build community with Christ at the centre.

Amen





Ian Coulter is volunteering at the foodbank please start bringing your donations of food etc to church when you come on a Wednesday or a Sunday. If we are to start **Building Community with Christ in the Centre** then making sure people in our community do not go hungry should be on our agenda. So when you go shopping either on line or in store please put a few extras in your basket. 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.

Dear Friends,

September is here and we anticipate the darker days of autumn and the chilly nights of the winter season. As with so many aspects of life we share these things together, whether we want to or not. Some go to other lands to avoid the rigours of winter but most of us must face what is to come with steadfastness .

Isn't this a parable of life? We are in it together for better or worse. How we react to circumstances and each other will

determine how we manage to negotiate what lies ahead.

Our Lord taught us to 'love your neighbour as yourself' Mark 12:31 Whatever else we may do or think the cornerstone of our lives is to be found in loving relationships.

During the recent lockdown we heard about many people going the extra mile to help others. Many people struggled with the severe effects of being restricted in a way they had never known. How glad they were for a helping hand and a friendly face during those ark days.

Where I grew up in the Northern Ireland it wasn't too difficult a task to like and at times love ones neighbours the local neighbourhood was filled with wonderful characters. They live on in my memory with fond affection.

The local butcher's wife had a hat for every occasion. When asked about her various hats, she said, 'When, I'm down in the dumps I usually get a hat' to which the reply was 'I often wondered where you got them'.

I often smile as I remember those days in a community where people knew and cared for each other. As we continue to build community with Christ at the centre we must remember it is impossible without love.

To love one another as Christ taught us isn't easy and it challenges us all. When we put the building blocks together in our vision for the future we need to remember the importance of love in all we do and say.

Rev. George Fleming

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

 Bible Society—The Bible Course Explore the BIG story

The Bible Course will help you understand the Bible for yourself. Over eight sessions you will see the big picture of the Bible storyline – from Genesis to Revelation. Along the way you will pick up tools and skills to help you read it for yourself. Each session is interactive, with sections of teaching, discussion time and personal reflection. Between sessions there are daily readings to prepare for the following week. By the end of the course you will have confidence to pick up the Bible, read it for yourself and apply it to your life.

We will be following this course in our new Sunday Night **Service at 5pm starting on 20th September in St. Luke's**

Church. To book to come, order a £5 manual or get details about free online resources please email the office.