

Parish News

Sunday 1st May 2022

Easter 3

Parish Clergy

Revd Vicky Fleming 01543 502857 (Not Fridays) Retreat
this week

Revd Gill Joynson 01543 502131

Revd George Fleming 01543 502857 (Not Fridays) Retreat

Revd. Marie Meredith 01543 741588 (Not Monday's)

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The Church takes the safety of everyone within the church very seriously and expects that everyone will work within the church safeguarding policy. In particular, the Church expects anyone who becomes aware of a safeguarding risk or of actual abuse, to report it immediately to our Safeguarding Coordinator.

Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through 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 - *Acts 9.1-6(7-20)*

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴**He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'** ⁵He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.' ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

Second Reading *John 21.1-19*

¹Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³**Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.'** They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

⁵Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' ⁶He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' ¹⁷He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' ¹⁹He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

Post Communion Prayer

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



Opportunities for Prayer

Every Tuesday & Thursday Morning Prayer at 9am
in St. Luke's unless otherwise announced

A Prayer Group Meeting takes place on the 2nd and 4th
Thursdays of the month at 3pm at 13 Park Road. Join us as we
pray together for God's blessing and empowerment for the
ministry and witness in our communities.

Everyone is important and everyone has a part to play

Let's give thanks for our Wardens and PCC

Heavenly Father thank you for all those who have served on the
PCC and as Wardens. We pray that those you call to serve in
this way will be blessed beyond measure. Anoint them afresh
with your Holy Spirit as they take on the responsibility of
leadership. Amen



We know from the news the terrible devastation being wrought in Ukraine and the millions of people seeking to flee to safety. The refugees need supplies and places to live—we can help by giving and praying.

[DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal - Christian Aid](#)

Weekly Giving Envelopes

for St. Luke's are at the back of the church for collection if you have not already collected them. Thank you to all those who give regularly—it helps enormously.

HOME COMMUNION

The Pastoral Team have resumed taking home communion to members of our congregation who cannot come to a church service at present. If you know of anyone who you think would appreciate having home communion please tell any member of the pastoral team, i.e. David Gethin, Gill Winter and Wendy Bishop, or the church wardens or give their name in to the parish office. The pastoral team will make contact and necessary arrangements.

Please remember the Foodbank when you go shopping—
a have a lot of families struggling
in our parish



Electoral Roll

A copy of the Electoral Roll is displayed on the noticeboard at the back of church. Please will you check that your name is on the Roll as this will be presented at the APCM which will be held after church on Sunday 15th May. If your name is not on the Roll and you wish to be included, be please see one of the Wardens.

Thank you.

****Please let the Parish Office know if you wish to advertise your group meeting****



Every family celebrates birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries—the Church family should be no different. **We want to thank God for you, and ask him to bless you** as you celebrate the milestones of life. Why not give permission to the Parish Office to publicize your special days? Just send a note or an email.



Church Refreshments are back
Please join us for refreshments after
the service in the church centre.

ST LUKE'S FUND-RAISING EVENT

Sunday 26th June 4:00pm

Please come along and enjoy a concert being given by Lichfield Sinfonia, performing items from Films and Shows, and music for the Jubilee. Further details to follow.

Following the wonderful Sanctuary Day held on 2nd April, we will be starting a new course on Wednesday 18th May -

Saints Alive!

- This is a nurture course designed to equip churches to help people to come to faith and become active Christians within the church and the world.
- Saints Alive! Helps people to explore what it means to live the Christian life in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- It offers participants an opportunity to respond to Christ and experience God's power at work in their own lives.

Each participant receives a journal which contains notes from each session, a large Bible passage, daily Bible readings and space for personal reflection.

If you are interested in joining the course please sign up or email: vicky.fleming981@btinternet.com

Covid is still about
remember **HANDS, FACE AND SPACE**
If you take risks you are not caring for others!

St Luke's

Wednesday 4th 10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 5th 9am Morning Prayer

Sunday 8th 8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Together in Worship

St Thomas'

Sunday 8th 11.00 Holy Communion

Sunday Services will continue to be on our website,
Facebook page and on our You Tube Channel.



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers



CONNECTIONS