

Dear St Luke's, 17th January 2021

I am so grateful for the positivity, and perseverance being exercised by everyone in St Luke's, for your continued faithfulness in the face of another lock-down, and restriction on our ability to gather and worship together. I know it is difficult, and presents all kinds of challenges, but I am very grateful for every initiative to meet on-line, and encourage one another.

### **BUILDING COMMUNITY**

The Quiz last weekend was a resounding success thanks to Allison and Mike Sutcliffe and Julia and Andy Hedger. They raised over £560 (with any gift aid on top) to help with the problem of digital poverty, the need for laptops for homeschooling. Allison is working with all agencies to coordinate the effort, and the money initially will go to buy upgraded hard drives for recycled devices for Trusted PC Man to prepare for distribution to pupils at Grayshott School. If you have an un-needed but working laptop(s), [No Apple products], Please. contact Allison, or the T/PC Man in the village.

I am also grateful for Allison, with a new team, initiating a Wednesday Zoom Tea at 3pm, for anyone who would like to connect and chat. They are working on developing our Outreach work into the community.

Thank you to Julia Hedger for her work to support the Babes and Toddlers group on Monday mornings with nursery rhymes and chat, which is vital for new mothers.

Please pray for this great work, and if you know anyone who would benefit from knowing about this please go to our website [HERE](#)

### **CHURCH FLOOR**

The work on the floor of the church is going on very well, and massive thanks to the team coordinated by our church warden Edward preparing the pews, and clearing the South half of the church (Photos will be available on the Website, being uploaded today).

### **FEBRUARY**

As a result of the prevalence of Covid infections in our area, and the increased risk of infection with the new variant, the Standing committee has proposed/decided to hold off returning to in-Person services for February, particularly in the light of the Vaccine roll-out, trusting that genuine immunity is developed by our most vulnerable members. This of course will be reviewed, constantly. Thank you for your patience.

### **Sunday Service Video**

Youtube Link to Sunday is [HERE](#)

### **Sunday celebration**

This is scheduled for 6:30am on Sunday. The link is [HERE](#)

### **Bishop Jo's sermon**

Please supplement our video with +Jo's excellent talk: "Greater Things than These". John 1:43-51 [HERE](#)

### **11.45 Zoom 'After Church' Coffee and Chat**

Time: Jan 17, 2021 11:45 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting [LINK](#)

Meeting ID: 868 6031 5355

Passcode: 180452

### **6.00pm zoom BCP Evensong Service**

2nd after epiphany

- God of Mercy, God of grace
- Psalm 96
- Isaiah 60: 9 - end - read by Julia please
- Magnificat
- Hebrews 6. 17 - 7.10 read by Bob please
- Nunc Dimittis
- Stand up stand up for Jesus - the traditional words!

The usual invitations will be sent round at 5.30, live session starts 5.50pm every blessing, Chris

### **9.00-9.40am Weekday Morning Bible Meditations:.**

We are continuing with the Minor Prophets.

- Monday: Hosea 1:1-11
- Tuesday: Hosea 2:1-20
- Wednesday: Hosea 2:21-3:5
- Thursday: Hosea 4:1-19
- Friday: Hosea 5:1-15

The Zoom contact details are [HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 958 7187 2086

Password: 8qH0He

### **Prayer at 6pm on Monday 18th January.**

Zoom details as follows: [HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 948 4602 7087

### **Bible Study on God's Father Heart**

We will soon be having a short sermon series on God's Father Heart. A Bible study will be available, which looks at the parable of the prodigal son and uses Rembrandt's painting of the same. If you would like to use the study individually, in your existing group or join a group then please contact Brenda. Email [brenda.schwartz@mybroadbandmail.com](mailto:brenda.schwartz@mybroadbandmail.com) or [tel:01420 479777](tel:01420479777). She will make arrangements for those who are interested in joining a group. This will be by Zoom over 3 weeks, beginning the week beginning 25th January.

## **Wednesday Zoom Tea at 3**

Missing not meeting up with people? Able to use zoom ? Do come and meet up with others from St Luke's at 3pm for an hour to chat. Bring your own drink! If you would like to come but are concerned about using zoom please ring me on [07968 224239](tel:07968224239) and I can chat about how to use it. Look forward to meeting you there.

Allison

Join Zoom Meeting [HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 832 3110 2524

Passcode: 168995

## **PCC**

The Parochial Church Council meeting is at 7.30 on Monday 25th of January.

## **Lent Book**

I am proposing that we use a choice of Lent Books, details of which will be distributed next week.

## **Prayer**

Please do continue in your private prayers to pray for me, and our lay leaders, Chris Grocock and Susie Millard, and the Children's team led by Dan, our PCC and our families (I know many of you pray for us daily, for which I am enormously thankful). I am so grateful to Brenda for encouraging our life of prayer as a church, but we need wisdom, strength and inspiration to continue to prepare for a time when things are different.

My vision is to see St Luke's emerge from the current restrictions, ready to meet the needs of the lonely, the grieving, the hurt and bruised. Some will have suffered greatly from the impact Covid, and I long to be part of a rebuilding and restoration ministry to our community, providing hope and a future to those who feel they have none. This is about growing in confidence to share our faith, and this is about having strong foundations in our understanding and confidence in our relationship with our Father in heaven, through Jesus. Our hope of course is that the Vaccine is available and effective in controlling the virus.

We love you and are praying for the Lord's grace and blessing to be upon you all.

Jeremy and Claire,

Rev Jeremy Haswell

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