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Church giving information

If you would like to set-up a regular giving to St Luke's, please note the following BACS details.

Sort code: 30-98-77

Acc num: 01395516 (PCC St Luke's)

Please reference your donation with "[your name]/planned giving". You can also donate using our card reader in church with either a credit or debit card. THANK YOU!

Pew Sheet notices

If you have a notice to include in this weekly Pew Sheet please email details to Christine Stevens (details above) before 5pm on a Wednesday.

St Luke's on WhatsApp

There is a WhatsApp "Community" for St Luke's. If you use WhatsApp, use the QR code (right) to add yourself.



You'll find several channels available from announcements, general chat to prayer requests, information for parents, and more.

If you run a group and need a channel for your activity or organisers, please speak to Rev David to get set-up.

Parish Christmas Lunch

The Christmas Parish Lunch, a two-course Christmas Dinner in aid of the Warm & Toasty Fund will be on Sunday 7th December after the service. Veggie option available also.

For those who would like to attend, please put your names on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church as soon as possible, but with a deadline of Sunday 30th Nov at the latest!

St Luke's online

You can follow St Luke's online:
Website: www.stlukestw.co.uk
Facebook: @stlukeschurchtw
Instagram: @stlukestw

Sunday 23rd Nov 2025

Today is Christ the King



St Luke's Church, Tunbridge Wells All-Age Worship with Baptism

The Collect

for today and every day this week.

**God the Father,
help us to hear the call of
Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.
Amen**

Hymns for today's service

SB15 Light of the world
SB27 Oh it's great, great, brill
SB17 Lord, I lift your name
419 Shine, Jesus, shine.

Ministers today

Leading: Rev Amanda
Preaching: Rev Amanda
Organist: Mary Harris

Please remember this week in your daily prayers

- ❖ **The following people in our church community and their family:**
Pam Pengelly, Myrtle and Chris Penniall
- ❖ **The residents of** Dougal Close, East Cliff Road, Haslett Close
- ❖ **Those who are unwell, undergoing treatment, or housebound**
including Paul Cookson, the Riseborough family, and Kirsty Waugh.
- ❖ **All those who grieve for those who have died**, including Jessica Larbey and Vivian Ball.
- ❖ For those in our congregation who live alone. For balance in times of fellowship and own space, for God's presence always with them.
- ❖ For HM the King and our nation, for loving and respectful discourse, truth and integrity in leadership.
- ❖ For the people of Jamaica and all people affected by the Hurricane.
- ❖ For the people of Israel and Palestine and for a lasting and just peace. For peace in Ukraine and the defence of their nation.

First reading:

Colossians 1. 11-20

¹¹ God will strengthen you with his own great power, and you will not give up when troubles come, but you will be patient. ¹² Then you will joyfully give thanks to the Father. He has made you able to have all that he has prepared for his people who live in the light.

¹³ God made us free from the power of darkness, and he brought us into the kingdom of his dear Son. ¹⁴ The Son paid for our sins, and in him we have forgiveness.

¹⁵ God can't be seen, but Jesus is his image and number one in creation.

¹⁶ Through his power all things were made — things in heaven and on earth, things seen and unseen, all powers, authorities, lords, and rulers. All things were made through Christ and for Christ. ¹⁷ Christ was there before anything was made, and all things continue because of him. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body (the body is the church). Everything comes from him, and he is the first one who was raised from death. So in all things Jesus is most important. ¹⁹ God was pleased for all of himself to live in Christ. ²⁰ And through Christ, God decided to bring all things back to himself again — things on earth and things in heaven — making peace through Christ's blood on the cross.

Second reading

Luke 23. 33-43

³³ Jesus and the two criminals were taken to a place called the Skull. There the soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. They also nailed criminals to their crosses, one beside Jesus on the right and the other beside Jesus on the left. ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they are doing." The soldiers gambled to decide who would get his clothes ³⁵ and the people stood watching Jesus. The leaders made fun of him. They said, "If he is God's Chosen One, the Christ, then let him save himself. He saved other people, didn't he?" ³⁶ Even the soldiers made fun of him. They came to Jesus and offered him vinegar on a sponge to drink. ³⁷ They said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ And at on top of the cross, they put a sign which read: "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.")

³⁹ One of the criminals began to shout insults at Jesus: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself! And save us too!" ⁴⁰ But the other criminal said, "You should fear God! You are getting the same punishment as he is. ⁴¹ We are punished justly for what we've done. But this man has done nothing wrong!" ⁴² Then this criminal said to Jesus, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom!"

⁴³ Jesus said to him, "Listen! What I say is true: Today you will be with me in paradise!"

The Christmas Fair

Sat 29 November,
12.30–3pm



It's nearly here! This week we're having a final donation push - please bring along anything you've promised and check the donation boxes at the back to see what still needs filling. Don't forget to bake your cakes ready for the fair, and please join us on Friday night to help get the place ready. And finally, invite your friends and family - we can't wait to welcome everyone to our Christmas Fair!

Explorers' Nativity

Sun 14 December, 10am

For the children who wish to take part in our All-Age Nativity, there are speaking and non-speaking parts, and costumes are provided! Practice replaces usual Explorer activities on the 30th Nov and 7th Dec. Please do try to attend on those Sundays.

If you won't be around on the 14th, please let us know so we don't cast your child in a main role! They are nonetheless welcome to take part in rehearsals on the Sundays before.

Real Advent Calendars

Featuring the Christmas story and fair-trade chocolate, order online: www.realadvent.co.uk

Next week at St Luke's



Sunday 30th November 10am

Morning Worship
with Gerry and Jo
Explorers meet in the hall
*There is **Coffee Club**
after the service next week.*

Christmas shoeboxes

Thanks to everyone who took part. A total of 42 shoeboxes were sent to disadvantaged children.

Councillor surgery

Our new ward Councillor for the Borough Council, Ukonu Obasi, is hosting a community surgery in St Luke's church on the 6th of Dec between 10am and Noon.

Dates for the diary

Blend after-school club

Tuesday 25th November, 3.30pm

Christmas Fair

Saturday 29th November

Church cleaning

Saturday 6th December, 9.30am

Councillor Surgery

Saturday 6th December, 10-12

Church Lunch

Sunday 7th December