

IN TOUCH

November 2023

St. Luke's Church, St Luke's Road T. Wells TN4 9JH www.stlukestw.co.uk



Saying Good Bye to Caroline Following a very moving service of Holy Communion which ended with a Leaving Liturgy, we moved into the hall to have coffee and present Caroline with a picture, book of prayers, and a cheque together with a bottle of fizz as a flat warming present! Several then stayed for lunch together. A celebration of her ministry mixed with the sadness of goodbye.

Moving on.... The PCC's meeting with the Archdeacon, to talk about the recruitment of a new Vicar, was postponed until early November. However, we were able to talk to her when she visited us for the Patronal Festival in October – a visit she really enjoyed and which gave her a really good “feel” of who we are, which will be very helpful. We hope you also enjoyed meeting her. We will let you know more about the recruitment process and timing when we know. But we do know it will be several months before we have a new Vicar.

So meanwhile Sunday Worship will continue following the same pattern with visiting priests from the local area coming to take Communion Services with Gerry and Jo taking the other services. Please watch the pewsheet for notices about other services. Kidzone will also carry on as will BLEND with BLEND now being run by the YMCA.

Sue, as sole Church Warden (Stefan has tendered his resignation) takes responsibility for running the church– supported by Gerry and Jo in conjunction with the PCC. The three of us will be taking it in turns to receive and respond to phone calls and emails. Please see the new contact details at the bottom of this page. We are also deeply indebted to Christine, our Parish Administrator for all that she does. As none of us can take on the full time job that Caroline has been doing we are dividing responsibilities between us, and will try and keep you informed. We will also be appealing for help in keeping on top of various bits of church work. It is the church family together that will mean a new Vicar comes to a lively church ready to accept them into the family and start a new page. If you have any concerns about anything please speak to one of us and stay in touch - Sue, Gerry and Jo

Highlights for November



12th November – Remembrance Sunday
10am Service of Remembrance

2pm to 3pm 'Remembering our loved Ones'
A chance to light a candle in memory of those we have lost

25th November 2-4pm Our Christmas Fair
Help if you can and encourage lots of people to come.

Coming up next month

Every year at St Luke's we have our
Christmas Plate
for us to make a donation to charity.

This year the money collected will be divided between Calverley Hill- Homeless Hostel (SAHA) and Fegans who provide counselling for children and support for parents.

Please be generous in your giving to help those less fortunate at this Christmas season.

Details of our Christmas Services will be published soon

For more details of the above events please see the weekly Pew sheet and church web site.

Church Contacts

Vicar: position currently vacant

Church Warden: Sue Pearch

Licenced Lay Minister – Jo Wheeler **Reader with PTO** –Gerry Wenham

Parish Safeguarding Officer - Gerry Wenham

Email: gewenham@gmail.com **tel. 07876164425**

Parish Administrator – Christine Stevens

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please call or text between 11am and 6pm weekdays only

For general contact with the church please phone 07842738320

Or email: lukestw.church@btinternet.com (if you would normally use our personal email addresses, please continue to do so).



Services in November

Sunday 5th November

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 12th November

10am Remembrance Morning Worship

Sunday 19th November

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 26th November

10am Family Morning Worship

Please see the pewsheet for notices about other services.