

Sunday 19th November, 2023



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St. Luke's Church, Tunbridge Wells
Welcome to Parish Communion and
we especially welcome Rev. Jim Stevens
who will preside and preach today

Today is the 2nd Sunday before Advent

THE COLLECT

for Today and every day this week

**Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be
healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Hymns: 104, 364, 177 and 394

Pew Sheet

If you have something you want added to the weekly
Pew Sheet please email details to me before 5pm on a
Wednesday. Thank you Christine (Parish Administrator)
Email: parish.admin@stlukestw.co.uk



This Week

Wednesday Holy communion is at 11am

Sunday 26th November

10am Family Morning

Worship

Explorers meet in the church hall

Church Giving Information

If you would like to give online please note the
following BACS details.

Account number 01395516 (PCC St Luke's)

sort code: 30-98-77 Please reference your
donation with your name/planned giving. You
can also donate using our card reader in church
with either credit or debit cards. THANK YOU

Please remember in your daily prayers

Those who are unwell or housebound

All those in hospital

*Anyone struggling with loneliness or
grief*

*The residents of Brook Rd, Brooklands
& Caley Rd*

*The following members of our
electoral roll and their family Louise
Morris, Sue Nethercott & Natalie
Nicholson*

Vacancy prayer

God our Father, help us to put our
trust in you to send your chosen
person to lead us on to where you
would have us to be. **Amen**

Today's First reading is from

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴ But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵ for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷ for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All: Glory to you O Lord

Today's Gospel reading is from

Matthew 25: 14-30

¹⁴ 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." ²¹ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." ²³ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy

in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." ²⁶ But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you O Christ

Dates for the diary

Monday 20th November



Kidzone meet in the church hall from 3.30pm

Tuesday 21st November

BLEND

This is a drop in group for young people in school years 6,7,8 & 9 that meets in the church hall from 3.45pm to 5.15pm.

Christmas Fair at St Luke's

Saturday 25th November -2pm to 4pm

If you can help with the set up on Friday night please come and chat to the fundraising team and put your name down.

Donations of mince pies (with long 'use by dates' on them!) and bottles of mulled wine please.

Can I also ask those bakers out there to start getting their aprons ready to make some cakes for this year's cake stall!

Cakes and other donations to the hall on Friday evening or before 12 on Saturday.

Any questions then please do email Hattie

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We look forward to seeing you on Saturday with friends, family and neighbours