

Sunday 1st September, 2024



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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 Trinity 14

THE COLLECT

for Today and every day this week

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen

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



Sunday 8th September
10am 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 Impala Gardens,
Laurel Rd & Laurel Way*

*The following members of our
electoral roll and their family*
Jillian Hudson, Vivienne Humphrey

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

James 1:17 to end

17 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

19 You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. 21 Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. 26 If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark

All: Glory to you O Lord

Today's Gospel reading is from

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' ⁶ He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."

⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' ¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' ²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you O Christ

Dates for the diary

Blend resume meeting on Tuesday
10th September and Kidzone on
Monday 16th September

Wednesday 11th September

Rev David Green's Licensing service is at 7.30pm. Please remember that parking will be very restricted in and around the church. If possible either car share or park in a residential area further from the church.

Refreshments after Licensing Service for our new vicar

We need your help with the catering after David's Licensing service on 11th Sept. There is a sign up list at the back of church if you can provide cake/cakes or help with serving coffee/tea.

Please bring cakes to the hall between 3.30pm and 4.30pm on Wednesday 11th September

Secondary School Forms for 2025 entry

David will be signing forms for secondary school entry on Saturday 5th and 19th October 2024, between 10am and 1pm, in the Church.

Please add your details to the timetable at the back of church.