

Sunday 5th 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 3rd Sunday before Advent

THE COLLECT

for Today and every day this week

**God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every
age: as we rejoice in the faith of
your saints, inspire us to follow
their example with boldness and
joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Hymns: 695, 195, 201 & 752



'Remembering our loved ones'

St Luke's Church will be open between 2 and 3pm on **Sunday November 12th 2023** for people to come and light a candle and remember their loved ones. Prayers will be said every quarter of an hour but you are welcome to come at any time during the hour. If you are unable to come, please be assured we will be lighting a large candle in memory of all those who have known and loved this church.



Sunday 12th November 10am Morning Worship

Explorers meet in the Church Hall

2pm to 3pm

*'Remembering our loved ones'
(for details see reverse of pew sheet)*

Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child

Please return your filled boxes by next Sunday 12th November 2023.



Please remember in your daily prayers

Those who are unwell or housebound

All those in hospital or recovering from treatment

Anyone struggling with loneliness or grief

The residents of Brook Rd, Brooklands & Caley Road

The following members of our electoral roll and their family Louise Morris, Sue Nethercott and 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

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

Today's First reading is from

Hebrews 12: 18-24

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

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 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you O Christ

Dates for the diary



Monday 6th Nov

Kidzone meet in the church hall from 3.30pm

Monday 6th Nov The PCC meet at 7.30pm

Tuesday 7th Nov BLEND 3.45to 5.15pm

This is a drop in group for young people in school years 6,7,8 & 9 that meets in the church hall and is now run by a youth leader from West Kent YMCA.

IN TOUCH

Please take a copy of the new monthly news sheet. This includes details of all this month's services and future events. This includes the first monthly update from the Vacancy Steering Group.

There is also a copy on the church web site www.stlukestw.co.uk

**Our Christmas Fair at St Luke's is
Saturday 25th November from
2 to 4pm.**

**Please take a poster to display and
advertise this event.**

There is a sign up list at the back of the Church, if you could help run one of the stalls on the day or help set up on the Friday night please add your name to the list.

Over the next few weeks we will be asking for various stall donations especially **bottles of any kind** that would be amazing.

For those who would rather donate financially then please give your donation to the people at the Christmas Fair table or if you would rather pay by card ask them how to pay.

Any questions then please do email Hattie

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Thank you from Caroline

Caroline has asked me to pass on her thanks for the wonderful send off last Sunday and the generous gifts and good wishes. There is a card from her on the notice board at the back of church.