

ST LUKE'S CHURCH. WEEKLY MATTERS.



8th & 15th
December 2019

*A warm welcome
to everyone at
our services*

Sunday 8th December

8.45am	Holy Communion	
9.45am	Pre Service Prayer in the Store Room	
10.30am	Morning Worship	
4.15pm	Messy Church	
6.30pm	Prayer Meeting (33 Lyndhurst Rd)	Lorna 240460
8.00pm	Mid week Bible group leaders meeting (Vicarage)	Anita 243846

Tuesday 10th December

9.00am	Prayer Meeting (Upper Room)	
10.15am	Together on Tuesday (Upper Room)	Sarah 773702
2.00pm	Tea & cake with Hearing Clinic (Upper Room)	Pearl 222390
7.30pm	Mid-week Bible Group (19 Hurstleigh Drive)	Sue 241684
8.00pm	Mid-week Bible Group (25 College Crescent)	Linz 07818 511370

Wednesday 11th December

10.30am	Midweek Communion	
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Thursday 12th December

8.00pm	Mid-week Bible Group (11 Heathfield Drive)	Jeanette 766559
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Friday 13th December

9.00am	Prayer Meeting	
10.00am	Little Fishes	Anita 243846

Sunday 15th December

8.45am	Holy Communion	
10.15am	Pre Service Prayer in the Store Room	
10.30am	Holy Communion	
6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	

Monday 16th December

7.45pm	Advent Scripture & Prayer space (Upper Room)	Annie
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Tuesday 17th December

9.00am	Prayer Meeting (Upper Room)	
7.30pm	Advent Space - watching The Nativity at the vicarage	

Wednesday 18th December

10.30am	Midweek Communion	
12.15pm	Lunch Matters (St Peter's Room)	Pearl 22239
8.00pm	Messy Church meeting (Upper Room)	

Friday 20th December

9.00am	Prayer Meeting	
10.00am	Little Fishes	Anita 243846

Sunday 22nd December

8.45am	Holy Communion	
9.45am	Pre Service Prayer in the Store Room	
10.30am	AT Morning Worship led by Sunday Groups)	
6.30pm	Prayer Meeting (37 Meadow Way)	Sue 248470

Little Fishes

If you are clearing out your children's toys before Christmas to make space for new ones, Little Fishes would be grateful for any that are suitable for 0-3yrs, complete and in good, safe condition. Please bring to church and leave for Wendy J, Deana or Vicky.

Bereavement Group

We will be starting a monthly bereavement group in the New Year on a Thursday afternoon. It will be space to chat, share, be supported and support others. If you would like to be involved in helping, please speak with Alison Elson.

Sunday 8th December

Service theme: The Day of the Lord
Bubbles: Mary & Joseph
Explore: Christmas Preparation
Thirst: Christmas Preparation

Sunday 15th December

Service theme: Judgement
Sunday groups will be preparing for leading next Sunday's service.

Please take time to chat with your child about what they were doing in their groups. If your child is too young to tell you, please ask their leader so you know what they have learnt and can continue the conversation at home.

Church Family Christmas Card Eco Church & Street Pastorsall in ONE!!

This Christmas, we will have a large Christmas Card in the foyer for us all to sign as a Christmas greeting to one another.

The PCC have agreed that we won't send individual cards to each other and monies we would have spent on these cards we will give towards funding new Street Pastor's uniforms (we have a new day time street pastor about to start training).

By doing this we are....
...being environmentally friends
...living in line with Eco-guidelines
...supporting Street Pastors
AND
...still sending Christmas greetings to one another.

Please sign the card and put money in giving box towards Street Pastors.

Christmas Services

Who are you bringing to our Christmas services?

Take a flyer and invite your neighbours, friends & family.

Offer to pick them up....for some people walking through the church door alone is difficult....pick them up and walk with them.

Be bold and courageous and invite them....

Advent spaces.....

Mon 16th at 7.45pm - Reading Scripture and Prayer in the Upper Room
Tues 17th at 7.30pm - Watch The Nativity at the vicarage, share and pray.

Plus usual weekly prayer spaces on
Tuesday & Friday mornings at 9am and
Sunday evening at 6.30pm

PRAYER MATTERS.



For those who are sick & suffering... Sohail's mum, Leigh Jackson, Sylvia Bashford, Wendy Prentice, Richard Colpus, Kay Payne and Rachel Wetherall. For those grieving the loss of Albert Simmans.

This fortnight we pray for... Pam Bower, Joan Brown, Pam Bryant, Simon Cattanach, Jackie & Rebecca Chapman, Richard, Anita, Hannah & Rachel Colpus, Sarah, Peter & Bryony Cowley, Tricia & John Crofts, Washington & Surriya Dass and Caroline, Matt, Megan & Tilley Donald... **from our church family.**

To guide your prayers during this fortnight...

- ◆ Pray that Christians and others will not want to rush through the season of Advent but can set time aside to ponder the true meaning of this season.
- ◆ Pray for the island of Samoa, experiencing a measles epidemic - for the families of those who have died, 52 of whom are children under 4. Pray that vaccination rates will increase considerably over the coming weeks and months.
- ◆ As we draw closer to the General Election, pray for wisdom in how we should use our important vote - that the Government elected will lead with integrity, help to repair division and tackle inequality & poverty within the UK and the around the world.
- ◆ Ask God to comfort and protect communities across South Sudan affected by recent severe flooding.
- ◆ Pray that the next government will take measures to curb air pollution. Pray for all those currently affected in many towns and cities across the UK.
- ◆ Ask the Lord to forgive you for trying to please yourself rather than asking Him to work in you what pleases Him.
- ◆ Pray for the country of Pakistan where locusts have destroyed up to 40 per cent of crops, in the country's worst infestation this century. With farming communities left without food & a source of income, pray that they are able to recover from this significant loss.
- ◆ Ask God to equip you with all you need to do His will.
- ◆ Thank God, that churches around the world are being inspired, through His word, to care for each other and for creation and that He will continue to speak to us about how we can make a difference.
- ◆ As drought continues to affect southern Africa, pray for those trying to survive with very little food and income. Pray for rain to fall again soon so that crops can grow and people have food to eat.
- ◆ Pray for those who daily live with immune deficiency disorder.
- ◆ Pray for insight & wisdom for Bishop Woyin Karowei Dorgu of Woolwich

But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. (Romans 5:8 NLT)

Future dates for your diary.....

Tues 24th Dec	9.30am	Prepare Christingles
	4.00pm	Christingle Service
	11.15pm	Midnight Communion Service
Weds 25th Dec	10.00am	Christmas Service
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Sun 12th Jan	4.30pm	Messy Church
Wed 15th Jan	7.30pm	Alpha (Upper Room)
	8.00pm	PCC (Vicarage)
Sun 19th Jan	6.00pm	Healing Service - for all
Tues 21st Jan	8.00pm	Church Prayer Meeting
Wed 22nd Jan	7.45pm	LMT (Vicarage)
Wed 29th Jan	7.30pm	Alpha (Upper Room)
Tue 4th Feb	8.00pm	Deanery Synod (All Saints Merstham)

SAVE THE DATE!

You won't want to miss out!
Church Weekend Away

at Dalesdown

Fri 19th - Sun 21st June 2020

Details and cost out early in the new year

Flooring and Heating Fund

We had a incredible response to the launch of our flooring and heating fund last Sunday with over £40,000 pledged. I know some of you wanted to chat with your spouse and pray about it more. Also, some of you were not able to be at church last Sunday. Please pick up a pledge form and bring it in over the next few weeks (pop it in the giving box or give directly to Simon. We will keep you updated on the project. Thank you all for living out faith in every way.

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