

Weekly services

Sunday 9am Holy Communion in church
Sunday 10am Genesis children's group (most Sundays)
Sunday 10.30am Morning Worship in church (HC 4th Sun)
Mon, Tue, Wed 9am Morning Prayer on Zoom
Wednesday 10.30am Midweek Communion in church

Weekly Growth Groups

Sunday 6.30pm Rob's Jesus-100 group on Zoom
Monday 8pm Tim's group, mainly on Zoom
Monday 8pm Rob's group, nearly always on Zoom
Tuesday 7.15pm Exodus for 11-15s Zoom or church hall
Tuesday 8.15pm Rob's monthly group on Zoom

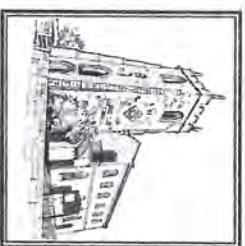
Church Officers

Churchwardens: Jayne Weaver
Assistants: Yvonne Janvier, Peter Cotton, Charlotte Webb
Church Treasurer: Trevor Jenkins
Genesis leaders: Fiona Pulle, Jayne Cawood, Karen Cragg
Exodus leaders: Rachel Copley, Rob McLaren
Safeguarding Officer: Allan Whiston
PCC Secretary: Janet Chettle
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From 20th Nov 2022



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Dear Friends,

Advent is the time we remember Jesus, the light shining in the darkness. When things are dark, you don't need a big light to make a difference. Jesus arrived small. But as an adult, he compared himself with the immense floodlights in the temple courts and said: I am the light of the world!

The new lighting is in. Light makes such a difference to a space, and particularly the special space which is our meeting place as the people of God. We thank Alastair for his coordination of the Lighting Project and all who have contributed sacrificially and generously to make it possible to enhance St Luke's church building in this way.

So, this Advent we have extra reason to worship Jesus with feeling: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

Yours in Christ,


Teaching series in Nov/December

Our Advent series is hearing what Jesus said about the future. As the main vision of the future for those around us seems to be 'climate catastrophe', we want to hear Jesus' vision of the present age and the age to come.

Name Badge Sunday 20th Nov

We all need help learning people's names. On this Sunday only, we hand out sticky labels and felt pens, asking everyone to help us with their name.

HC Singers Concert 26th Nov

The first event in the newly lit St Luke's: a performance of the Christmas Oratorio by Bach by Holmes Chapel Singers. Tickets from Peter Cotton.

Advent: a new church year

For Christian churches who use a liturgy and a lectionary this is the start of the Church Year. Advent Sunday is the preparation for the celebration of God sending his only Son into his world. Everything else flows from there.

Back in church on Sunday 27th Nov

The church lighting project has gone smoothly so far and should be fully commissioned by Thurs 24th. We plan to be back in church on Sunday 27th

Christmas Markets on Sun 4th Dec

Lasting from 3pm to 7pm, the Markets will be happening near the church, with the road closed from early in the day. We have a programme of music and activities planned for this great opportunity to welcome all sorts of people from the village and beyond.

Community Centre Warm Hub for all

Until March 2023, every weekday afternoon, 1.30pm till 3.30pm, incl. free soup and a bread roll. Free Wi Fi access, table-top board games, plus free advice and practical tips on how to keep safe and warm at home, be more energy efficient and save money on household bills.

New chairs in the Church Hall

We are so grateful for the very helpful gift from two church members which has enabled us to purchase comfortable, lightweight, good-looking new chairs for the church hall. A kind donation from the Community Choir provided an extra 5 chairs. This will improve the comfort for all users and further update our church hall facilities for church and community.

Community Choir Open Eve Weds 14th

7.30 - 8.45pm. Church Hall. Please join us for our Open Evening, where you'll be able to hear the choir sing and join in with some well-known Christmas music. Entry free. Refreshments included.

Sunday before Christmas

10.30am. All-age Nativity Service with Genesis Children's Group.
7pm Candlelit Carol service with lessons and carols to sing and to hear.

Mulled wine at the vicarage Weds 21st

From 7pm, all welcome at 74A London Road with Jean & Rob

Christmas Eve

3pm Crib & Christingle Service (with pre-schoolers in mind)
5pm Crib & Christingle Service (with primary-schoolers in mind)
11pm Midnight Christmas Communion

Christmas Day

9am Christmas Morning Holy Communion (in usual 9am style)
10.30am Christmas Morning Service for all ages (in usual 10.30 style)

Supporting sister churches in Salta, Arg.

The proceeds from the Harvest Supper (plus a matched amount from the PCC = £500 total) have been given to support the work of Anglican church San Andres, Salta in North West Argentina. They have planted a new congregation in a run-down area on the edge of their city, Pastor Dany Lescano and trainee Marcos of San Andres say 'Gracias' with 'un abrazo'.