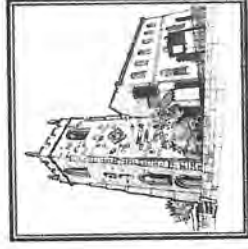


22nd Jan 2023



PARISH CHURCH OF
ST LUKE
HOLMES CHAPEL

Link

Dear Friends,

Today is pulpit swap Sunday. In conjunction with Churches Working Together in Holmes Chapel, the ministers of the three churches in the village do a swap. This year Rob goes to St Margaret's RC, one of the Catholic deacons goes to the Methodist church, and we receive the Methodist minister Yvonne Pearson as our preacher. Last year we circled in the other direction. It is a helpful reminder of our common purpose in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and of our fruitful working together over many years.

Sadly this year, Rev. Yvonne has had to pull out at short notice, after being advised to shield. She gives her apology to the folk at St Luke's. So we will have our Yvonne leading at 9am, and Rob back in time for the 10.30.

Yours in Christ,
Rob.

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 E-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
Comms Team: Steve Smith, Trevor Jenkins, Alan Rickards
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Teaching series in January

Our January teaching series looks at the key people and moments indicated by Jesus' family tree, at the start of the New Testament. It is good to know our roots, and a New Testament understanding the whole Old Testament.

Bring & Share lunch 12th Feb

We plan a bring & share lunch for 11.30am on 12th February after the family service. Come, bring food, and enjoy fellowship.

Allcomers choir on 19th Feb

It's the next opportunity for all to sing in the church service and practice at the end of the Community Choir practice on the previous Wednesday.

Lent booklets – buy yours at discount

Genesis families are working through the Dust & Glory Lent booklet. Why not many of us in the congregation join them by purchasing the Dust & Glory adult booklet for a discounted £1.50 each from Rob.

Men's event being planned

Pie-tasting social event for men of all ages, from teenage to old age. And church members may invite a friend or family member. More details soon.

St Luke's, Brinnington

We are linked with a church just the other side of Stockport. Same name, very different urban situation. William takes a regular vanload for their sale.

San Andres, Salta

Our link church in North West Argentina helps to resource leadership training for the 100 indigenous churches in the Argentinian Chaco region.

Children's Society boxes

Michelle Carter says please bring your Children's Society box to church during January so we can empty your box and send the proceeds. Once emptied we will leave your box in church for you to collect. Thank you

Our Growth Groups have restarted

We have several smaller groups in the parish, where churchgoers can meet during termtime for fellowship (getting to know other churchgoers better), Bible study (discussing the Bible Reading and sermon from Sunday), and prayer. They are most weeks in termtime.

Sunday 6.30pm	Rob's E-100 group on Zoom
Monday 8pm	Tim's group, half the time on Zoom
Monday 8pm	Rob's group, nearly always on Zoom
Tuesday 7.15pm	Exodus for 11-15s mainly church hall
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If you would like to try a group, tell Rob.

Lent Lunches and music

The Holmes Chapel Christian Aid group has plans for 12 noon homemade soup Lent lunches in St Luke's church hall followed by 1.15pm music recitals in St Luke's Church. The Four Fridays of March, beginning on the 3rd March: 12noon lunch followed by 1.15pm Slipper Band. £5 per person.

Christian Focus

Some Christians from churches in the village run a Focus group each month, inviting speakers and follow-up questions on a variety of subjects. On Friday 10th Feb, Jean McLaren has been invited to speak on her 30 years living in the vicarage. 8pm at the Methodist Church Hall. All are welcome.

Community Centre Warm Hub for all

Until March 2023, every weekday afternoon, 1.30pm till 3.30pm

Important dates this term

12 th Feb	Family Service – and bring & share lunch
22 nd Feb	Ash Wednesday – the start of Lent
19 th Mar	Mothering Sunday family service
2 nd April	Palm Sunday
7 th April	Good Friday
9 th April	Easter Sunday