

## Teaching series

As Easter approaches, we have some of our own number, on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Passion Sunday, helping us consider 'What the cross means to me'.

## Dust & Glory: every day in Lent

This week's activities: Have you learnt a short prayer by heart?  
Read or listen to Jesus' story of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7).  
When you are in church, notice when we say sorry to God and others.  
Make an extra effort to listen carefully to others.  
Clear up a cupboard or drawer that is in a mess.  
Pray for those who lead your church.  
Give thanks for someone who has helped you in your journey with God.

## Parent & Toddler PCC plans

Our church council would like us to be able to start a weekly termtime parent & toddler activity in the church hall. Would you be part of a team? Help us make plans and tell Rob or Wendy of your interest.

## Church giving – how God's work grows

We don't pass the plate in our services, but we do rely on your generous giving to provide for God's work in our village and far beyond, and to maintain the church, church hall, and churchyards in our care. We are all encouraged to use the card reader, standing order forms and envelopes.

## Last Lent Lunch and music Fri 24<sup>th</sup>

As a church we have provided our buildings and paid the heating costs. Holmes Chapel Christian Aid group has provided homemade soup lunches in St Luke's church hall followed by our music recitals in Church.  
24<sup>th</sup> March: 12noon soup lunch, £5 each. 1.15pm Stephen Haigh organist.

## Christine Jones funeral Fri 24<sup>th</sup>

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 3pm in church, to remember the God-given life of a much appreciated church member, who was our organist, choir leader and a big character: Christine Jones.

## Bellringers – we need you

Our tower has not been able to ring every week in recent weeks because of a lack of ringers (or ringers not coming regularly). As a village church we want to hold onto the quintessentially English sound of bells, calling people to worship the God who gives us beauty and creativity, and marking the important occasions in our nation and local community. Please help us.

## Coffee and Croissants 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Proper Coffee plus a Croissant for breakfast on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 9.30 -10.30 in the Church Hall. Please bring a donation to help cover costs. It's available for the 9.00 congregation after their service, and the 10.30 congregation before their service. Come and join us, a chance to meet up and chat with members of the other congregation. Hope to see you there!

## Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Donkey at 10.30

Palm Sunday with Missy the donkey: a short family service at 10.30 then follow the donkey from the churchyard to the Methodist church for a Palm Sunday style procession, then coffee etc. with the Methodists.

## Easter Weekend special services

**Maundy Thurs** 7.30pm Quiet Reflective Service  
**Good Friday** 10.30 Shared service at the Methodists,  
7<sup>th</sup> April followed by Hot cross buns, back in St Luke's church hall  
12.30 Churches Together Walk of Witness from church hall  
2pm Favourite hymns and meditations at St Luke's  
**Easter Sunday** 9am Holy Communion  
9<sup>th</sup> April 10.30 Family Service

## Music weekend 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> Apr 'Fit for a King'

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7.30pm Variety Concert in church. Tickets £5.  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am and 10.30am Songs of Praise services in church  
2.30pm Afternoon Tea with musical entertainment, in hall. Tickets £8.

Help needed with after-concert refreshments (tea, coffee) - tell Wendy  
Afternoon tea & Cake making - please speak to Barbara Street

# Weekly services

Sunday 9am Holy Communion in church  
Sunday 10am Genesis children's group (most Sundays)  
Sunday 10.30am Morning Worship in church (HC 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Steve Waltho  
Safeguarding Officer: Allan Whiston  
PCC Secretary: Janet Chettle  
Comms Team: Steve Smith, Trevor Jenkins, Alan Rickards  
Church hall lettings: Barbara Street  
More names plus PHONE NUMBERS IN THE MAGAZINE

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# Link

Today is Mothering Sunday. In Victorian times, it was a special weekend when members of families, who had scattered across the county or country, were allowed time to return to their old village and home 'mother' church. Now it has become a special Sunday to recognise the wonderful work of those who mother us, and say a big thank you. THANK YOU!

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March, as well as being the day when the hour Springs forward (don't be late for church!), is also Passion Sunday. It's the Sunday in Lent when our focus becomes the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus on the cross. So we have a thoughtful theme, helped by members of the congregation sharing: 'what the cross means to me'.

Yours in Christ

*Rob*