

Sunday 8th December, 2024



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St. Luke's Church, Tunbridge Wells Welcome to Morning Worship

Today is the 2nd Sunday of Advent

THE COLLECT

for today and every day this week

**Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.
Amen**

Hymns: 303, 88, 574 & 406

Carol Singing at TWCC

Thursday 19 December, 2.00 p.m.

For his regular monthly church service at the Tun Wells Care Centre, Rev David would like to recruit some carol singers to help provide Christmassy-themed worship for the elderly residents at TWCC! The service usually lasts about 30 minutes. If you would be willing to come along and help sing some Carols and take part in the worship with the residents, please speak to Rev David or email vicar@stlukestw.co.uk.

Children's bell ringing

Ahead of the Crib Service on Christmas Eve, Nicola Lowell is happy to offer 4 or 5 children the chance to be involved in ringing the bells. If your child is interested, please speak to Rev David or Nicola to find out more and sign-up!

Christmas Plate Charity

This year we are supporting the **Mosaic Resource Centre**
This is a local charity providing advice and support to homeless people and families in Tunbridge Wells. Please add your cash donation to the plate or make a donation on 'Monty'.
Thank you

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 a credit or debit card. THANK YOU

Pew Sheet

If you have something you want added to the weekly Pew Sheet please email details to me before 5pm on a Wednesday.
Thank you, Christine (Parish Administrator)
Email: parish.admin@stlukestw.co.uk

Next week at St Luke's



**Sunday 15th December
10am All Age Worship
with the Explorers Nativity**

Please remember in your daily prayers

**Those who are unwell or housebound
All those in hospital
and especially Kirsty Waugh and her family**

**Anyone struggling with loneliness
or grief**

**The residents of
Bramble Walk, Brook Rd and Brooklands**

**The following members of our
electoral roll and their family**

Ashleigh & Peter Ross, Paul Russell

Today's first reading is from

Philippians 1: 3-11

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Today's Gospel reading is from

Luke 3: 1-8

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

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Advent Wreath Prayer

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said**

**you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.**

**Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love.
Amen.**

Dates for the diary

Kidzone meet at 3.30pm on Monday 9th December.

Blend meet at 3.45pm on Tuesday 10th December.

Saturday 14th Dec at 3pm

Please come to help with pre-Christmas church clean. Sign up sheet at back of church

Saturday 21st Dec from 9:30am

We will be decorating the church for Christmas. Please bring evergreen such as holly, ivy and fir plus flowers.

22 Dec 6pm - St Luke's Carol Service

24 Dec 4pm - Christmas Eve Crib Service

24 Dec 11.15pm - Midnight Communion

25 Dec 10am - Christmas Day service

29 Dec 10am - Morning Worship

The Choir/Singing Group

We are looking for new members to join the singing group for the Carol Service on the 22nd of December at 6pm. You do not need to read music, just enjoy singing.

Our practices are at 7.30 in the church on the 12th and 19th December.

If you are interested, please do email samanthajwheeler@btinternet.com and Samantha can add you to the list of singers.



To everyone who donated, helped and/or supported our **Christmas Fair** yesterday. Particular thanks to the Fund-raising team for all their hard work in preparing and running the event.

Operation Christmas Child

Claire Fussell has taken 49 shoeboxes from St Luke's to the distribution point. Thank you to everyone who helped spread a little Christmas joy by filling up a box with gifts.