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Church giving information

If you would like to set-up a regular giving to St Luke's, please note the following BACS details.

Sort code: 30-98-77

Acc num: 01395516 (PCC St Luke's)

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 notices

If you have a notice to include in this weekly Pew Sheet please email details to Christine Stevens (details above) before 5pm on a Wednesday.

St Luke's on WhatsApp

There is a WhatsApp "Community" for St Luke's. If you use WhatsApp, use the QR code (right) to add yourself.



You'll find several channels available from announcements, general chat to prayer requests, information for parents, and more.

If you run a group and need a channel for your activity or organisers, please speak to Rev David to get set-up.

Repairing and upgrading our church heating
The Warm & Toasty Fund

We are still fund raising for repairs/upgrade of our heating system

Please add your spare change to the container at the back of church.

Thank you

St Luke's online

You can follow St Luke's online:

Website: www.stlukestw.co.uk

Facebook: @stlukeschurchtw

Instagram: @stlukestw

Sunday 16th August 2026

Today is Trinity 11



St Luke's Church, Tunbridge Wells Holy Communion

The Collect

for today and every day this week.

**God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us
from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Hymns for today's service

572	Praise to the Holiest
501	O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace
284	Holy, holy, holy
662	There's a wideness

Ministers today

Leading:	Rev David
Preaching:	Rev Amanda
Organist	Mary Harris

Please remember this week in your daily prayers

- ❖ **The following people in our church community and their family:**
Deborah Children, Mandy Covington, Stephanie Cresser
- ❖ **The residents of** Caley Rd, Connaught Park, Dillon Way
- ❖ **Those who are unwell, undergoing treatment, or housebound**
including Liane Aviram, Paul Cookson, Janet Jenner, Clive Norman, Sue Pearch, Anchittha Pollatos, Kirsty Waugh, Gerry Wenham
- ❖ **All those who grieve for those who have died**, including Shirley Carey.
- ❖ For those in our congregation who work in manufacturing and industry. For economic favour, creativity and their witness.
- ❖ For HM the King and our nation, for loving and respectful discourse, truth and integrity in leadership.
- ❖ For the people of Israel, Palestine, Lebanon and Iran and for a lasting and just peace. For peace in Ukraine and the defence of their country. For all areas affected by wildfires and the emergency services seeking to protect and defend others.

Today's first reading

Romans 11. 1-2a,29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Today's second reading

Matthew 15.21-28

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷She said, 'Yes, Lord,

yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.'

²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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Eco-Church helpers

Thank you to those who have said they can help with our Eco-Church plans. Because his mind is like a sieve, can you please just remind Rev David who you were and he'll now gather the group together.

Coffee Club

are looking for helpers

We are looking for helpers to join the team who serve coffee after Sunday services. If you can help one Sunday a month (at most), please chat to Steph Cresser or email scresser075@gmail.com.

Kids' football boots?

Rev David would like to set-up a football boot swap for children.

To help him get started, if you have football boots at home that are in good condition and no longer fit your kids, would you consider donating them to St Luke's?

A box is at the back of church.

Friends of Kent Churches

Sponsored Ride and Stride

Saturday 12th September

10am to 6pm

If you would like to be part of a group of people either cycling or walking around the local churches for Ride & Stride 2026, please contact Annika Burgess or Christine Stevens for more details.

This is a fun way of raising money for St Luke's and other churches in Kent.

Raffle Prizes

There is a box in the church porch for any items you can donate as Raffle Prizes for upcoming fund raising events. Thank you

Dates for the diary

All-Age Back to School Sunday

Sunday 30th August, 10.00am

7th to 12th September

Churches for TW are holding a **Global Week of Prayer** at 1 Market Square, Tunbridge Wells.

Cards with details of sessions are available at the back of church

There's a number of fun activities planned for the early part of the Autumn. Do make sure you pick up a special leaflet and get all the dates marked in your diary.

Next week at St Luke's



Sunday 16th August 10am

Holy Communion
with Revs David and Amanda

*No children's groups
during the Summer Holidays*

*There is **DIY Coffee**
after the service next week.*

Keyboard wanted

We're looking for a good quality, second-hand keyboard. Let Rev David or Mary know if you may have something suitable.

New role for Rev David

The Bishop of Rochester has announced Rev David has taken on a new role as an 'Assistant Director of Ordinands'.

This role will be carried out alongside the day job at St Luke's. David will work with people who feel they might be called to the ordained ministry.

He'll be interviewing and scrutinising candidates, and helping them to discern the right calling for them. Please do pray for him in this exciting additional task that he will have wisdom and discernment, and cope with any additional work required.