

IN TOUCH

March 2024

St. Luke's Church, St Luke's Road T. Wells TN4 9JH www.stlukestw.co.uk



Dear Friends,

The first bit of news to tell you is that our vacancy for a Vicar has now been advertised in the Church Times, on the Diocesan website and on the website of our patrons, CPAS, who are heavily involved in the recruitment of clergy to various parishes. The closing date for applications is March 17th. Please respect the process that does not allow Andrew and Nicola (our Parish Representatives) to discuss with us anything about who has applied etc. We will learn more when it's permitted! Please pray for them and for those who might be looking at the advertisement and wondering or those who have already started to apply. We pray that we will find the right person in this first round and that if we have doubts we will have the courage to go again.

And now to more mundane matters! Those of you who have been in church recently will be aware how cold it has been as one of our two heating systems has broken down. This together with the money we have recently spent on the hall (with more work still to be done) has meant that we really need to review our church finances. Andrew, our Treasurer, is putting together a small group to come up with ideas about how we can improve our finances – if you feel you could help with this, please get in touch with him – email ajwenham77@gmail.com.

As you will be aware Lent started last month, and as we draw closer to Easter Day on March 31st we start to think more deeply about what it meant for Jesus to go to the cross for us. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday (March 24th) when we will be all together in church with a special service looking at the events of that day when Jesus entered Jerusalem in triumph. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we will have a very short time of reflection at 7.30pm in church and on Thursday at 8pm we will have a Communion Service remembering the Last Supper – the last meal that Jesus had with his disciples. On Good Friday we have two services – one at 10am when we “Tell the Easter Story”. This is a service of short readings, hymns and an opportunity to visualise what might have happened that week and is suitable for both children and adults. Later at 2.15 we have a more meditative service when we sit silently at the Foot of the Cross to listen to readings and music. Then of course we come together on Easter Day to celebrate Christ risen. We do hope that you will manage to come to some of these services to remember and give thanks for what Jesus did for us. All are welcome.

May we wish you a very Happy Easter.

Sue, Andrew, Gerry and Jo

BIG CHURCH CLEAN FOR EASTER

We are getting together to clean the church on Saturday March 23rd – 9.30 onwards. We need lots of help – if you could help please sign the list at the back of church or email the church address below.

Church Contacts

Vicar: position currently vacant

Church Wardens: Sue Pearch & Andrew Wenham

Licensed Lay Minister: Jo Wheeler

Reader with PTO: Gerry Wenham

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Gerry Wenham

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For general contact with the church please phone 07842738320

Or email: lukestw.church@btinternet.com



Services in March

Sunday 3rd March

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 10th March

10am Mothering Sunday Service

Sunday 17th March

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 24th March

10am Palm Sunday Service

Mon, Tues & Weds

7.30pm Holy Week Reflections

Thursday 28th March Maundy Thursday

8pm Holy Communion

Good Friday 29th March

10am “Telling the Easter Story”

2.15pm “At the Foot of the Cross”

EASTER DAY

Sunday 31st March

10am Parish Communion