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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.

St Luke's online

You can follow St Luke's online:

Website: www.stlukestw.co.uk

Facebook: @stlukeschurchtw

Instagram: @stlukestw

Sunday 31st August 2025

Today is the 11th Sunday of Trinity, Back to School Sunday

St Luke's Church, Tunbridge Wells

Welcome to All-Age Worship



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**

Hymns for today's service

850 Jesus' love is very wonderful

814 Hallelu, hallelu

525 One more step

437 Make me a channel

Ministers today

Leading David Green

Preaching: David Green

Organist: Mary Harris

Please remember this week in your daily prayers

- ❖ **The following members of our Electoral Roll and their family:**
Juliet Haines, Ann Hall and Tom Hanafin
- ❖ **The residents of Sandhurst Road and Sandhurst Park**
- ❖ **Those who are unwell, undergoing treatment, or housebound**
including Kirsty Waugh, Janet Jenner and Janet Smith
- ❖ **All those who are grieving for those who have died**
including the family of Alan Reffell.
- ❖ **For those in our congregation who work** in education. For wisdom, patience and creativity and for their witness at work.
- ❖ For HM the King and our nation, for loving and respectful discourse, truth and integrity in leadership.
- ❖ For the people of Israel and Palestine and for an end to the violence. For peace in Ukraine and the defence of their nation.

First reading:

Judges 6.1-4, 11-14

Again the people of Israel did what the Lord said was wrong. So for seven years the Lord let the people of Midian rule Israel. ²The Midianites were very powerful and were cruel to the Israelites. So the Israelites made hiding places in the mountains. They also hid in caves and safe places. ³Whenever the Israelites planted crops, the Midianites, Amalekites and other peoples from the east would come and attack them. ⁴These people camped in the land. And they destroyed the crops that the Israelites had planted. They did this as far as the land near Gaza. The people left nothing for Israel to eat. They left them no sheep, cattle or donkeys.

The angel of the Lord came and sat down under an oak tree at Ophrah. The oak tree belonged to Joash, who was one of the Abiezrite people. Joash was the father of Gideon. Gideon was separating some wheat from the chaff in a winepress. Gideon did this to keep the wheat from the Midianites. ¹²The angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon and said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior!"

¹³Then Gideon said, "Pardon me, sir. If the Lord is with us, why are we having so many troubles? Our ancestors told us he did miracles. They told us the Lord brought them out of Egypt. But now he has left us. He has allowed the Midianites to defeat us."

¹⁴The Lord turned to Gideon and said, "You have the strength to save the people of Israel. Go and save them from the Midianites. I am the one who is sending you."

Second reading:

Acts 26.24-29

²⁴While Paul was saying these things to defend himself, Festus said loudly, "Paul, you are out of your mind! Too much study has driven you crazy!"

²⁵Paul said, "Most Excellent Festus, I am not crazy. My words are true. They are not the words of a crazy man.

²⁶King Agrippa knows about these things. I can speak freely to him. I know that he has heard about all of these things. They did not happen off in a corner. ²⁷King Agrippa, do you believe what the prophets wrote? I know you believe!"

²⁸King Agrippa said to Paul, "Do you think you can persuade me to become a Christian in such a short time?"

²⁹Paul said, "Whether it is a short or a long time, I pray to God that not only you but every person listening to me today would be saved and be like me — except, of course, for these chains I have to wear!"



Saturday 13th September

If you would like to take part in this sponsored event, please take a form or speak to Christine.

50% of the money you raise goes to the 'Friends of Kent Churches' while the other 50% will go to St Luke's 'warm and toasty' heating fund.

There is a form for you to Sponsor Annika Burgess and a list if you can help sign sponsor forms on the day at the back of church

Global Week of Prayer 1-7 September

Churches for Tunbridge Wells are taking part in a global week of prayer. Cards are available at the back of church on how you can sign-up to take part.

School forms

Rev David will be signing school forms on two Saturdays in October. Please use the clipboard at the back of church to book a 15 minute slot to get your forms signed.

Next week at St Luke's



Sunday 7th September, 10am

Holy Communion
with Revs David and Amanda

*Explorers in the church hall
Coffee Club after the service.*

Confirmation classes

For any adult or children (year 6 or above), there is the opportunity to be confirmed this year in October.

Preparation classes will begin on Thursday 18th of September at

4.30 p.m. for school-age children
7.30 p.m. for adults

Please sign-up on the clipboard at the back of church or speak to Rev David.

Dates for the diary

Harvest Festival

Sunday 28th September

School form signing

Sat 4th and 18th October

Confirmation Service 2025

Sunday 12th October, 4pm

Christ Church, Tunbridge Wells