

**" For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost."**

Luke 19:10

On Tuesday the queen was well enough to attend the thanksgiving service of her late husband, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. What caught the headlines, however, was not so much her attendance as who she walked down the aisle with: her son, Prince Andrew.

This was controversial, because it is generally accepted that Prince Andrew was in some way caught up with the abusive behaviour towards teenage girls, instigated by Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell. Such behaviour is of course rightly condemned, but is it unforgivable?

In asking him to accompany her down the aisle, the queen is seen as expressing support and forgiveness for her son. That does not mean she condones his past behaviour, but it does mean she will not reject him as her child.

In this week's passage from Luke's gospel, Jesus chooses the most publicly condemned person in Jericho to visit. Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector, someone who worked for the occupying Romans to make himself rich by taking money off his neighbours and fellow countrymen.

Jesus's choice offers him a second chance. The offer of forgiveness enables Zacchaeus to move from a life of greed to one of generosity. Here was someone who was lost, but through Jesus's offer of forgiveness found salvation. Who will we hold out this offer to today?

*Paul Worledge*

## **Churches Together in Ramsgate, Prayer Breakfast – Tomorrow, Saturday 9am, St. George's Church Hall**

A last-minute reminder that Christians from across the churches in Ramsgate are gathering for breakfast and prayer at St. George's Church Hall on the corner of Church Road and Broad Street at 9am this Saturday. Do join us if you can.

### **This Sunday's Services on livestream:**

[Sunday Service – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022](#)

Click the above link to access the livestream for this week's service. You can also use the link to watch the service at a later time. Apologies that there was no sound on last Sunday's service. We know what the problem was so it shouldn't happen again.

## **Weekly Calendar**

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Family Service** (St. Luke's Church), Luke 19:1-10 - 11:00am-12:00pm

**Youth Initiative** (St. Luke's Church), 5:00pm-7:30pm

**Christianity Explored** (Dorothy Drive), 5:30pm-7:00pm

### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Daily Prayer** (St. Luke's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

## Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

**Daily Prayer** (at St. Luke's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

**Cafe4All** (St. Luke's Church), Coffee and Chat for all - 10:00-11:30am.

## Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

**Daily Prayer** (St. George's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

**The Great Ramsgate Spring Clean**, Boundary Road Park, 10am

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

**Palm Sunday** (St. Luke's Church), Luke 19:28-40 - 11:00am-12:00pm

## Easter Services (14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April)

This year we will be sharing some of our Easter Services with St. George's. The Maundy Thursday Communion (6:30pm) and Good Friday Meditation (12:00-3:00pm) will be at St. George's church, whilst the Easter Story on Good Friday (10:30-11:15am) and Easter Sunday Youth Initiative Service (6:30pm) will be at St. Luke's. Each church will have their own Easter Sunday morning services at the normal Sunday service times. [Please see the website for more information.](#)

## Easter Sunday Youth Initiative Service

On Easter Sunday, the 17th April, at 6pm in St Luke's church, Youth Initiative (YI) will be leading a service that will help us celebrate Easter as we think on the theme - How much are you worth?

Youth Initiative is the name of the group that meet weekly in term time and are aged 11-18 (with some additions). They are working hard at putting this Easter Sunday service together. There will be activities, worship, discussions and time for reflection based on the them of 'How much are you worth?' The service should be around 45 minutes and we will end our time together with light refreshments. All ages are welcome.

## Prayer Requests

Be assured I will do my best to check that people are happy for the requests to be shared before including them. Please pray for...

- Children and staff as schools start their Easter break.
- Peace in Ukraine and for the refugees fleeing.
- Those suffering with Covid at present.
- David Perkins with a broken ankle.
- Michelle (Terry De Vere's wife) just starting chemotherapy.
- David Gill whose cancer has now spread to his throat.
- Mitch Styles that he will receive the help he needs.
- Flo Baldock for ongoing treatment for her stomach.
- Ken Tipler that the pain from his bone cancer can be kept under control.

Please also continue to pray for: Jean Hann, Shirley Crabb, Joy Smithers, Nathan Court, Pauline Emptage, Collette Judge, Barb (Gloria's daughter's friend), Rita Ryan.

## Great British Spring Clean

You may be aware that over these weeks around Ramsgate there are various litter picks. It would be great if a number of people from our church could join with the one in and around Boundary Road Park on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 10:00am.

## Basic Safeguarding Training

For those involved in work with our children or young people, there is an expectation that you undergo regular safeguarding training. This can be done online, but there is an opportunity to do it in person coming up at St. Mark's church in Ramsgate at 10am on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. If you would like to book a place then please contact Jess on 01843 692478 or [office@stlaurenceparish-ramsgate.org.uk](mailto:office@stlaurenceparish-ramsgate.org.uk).

## Plans for the Platinum Jubilee

We are planning to have a joint service at St. George's church on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 11am to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This is part of a weekend of celebrations across the country. After the service we are hoping to hold a 'tea party' in the church grounds of St. George's.

If you would be interested in joining a team of people to help plan for this event. Then please see Paul as soon as possible.

## Last Sunday's Collection for Ukrainian Refugees

On Mothering Sunday we collected £110.10 to purchase gifts for Ukrainian Mothers through the Sanctuary Foundation.

Due to the generosity of many people in our country and around the world, much of the stock available to give had already been purchased. So with St Luke's donation we were able to purchase 18 bottles of all-in-one shampoo and conditioner, 6 bottles of shampoo, 6 bottles of conditioner, 6 bottles of aloe lotion, 6 bottles of shower gel, 12 bottles of children's bath and shower gel, 10 bottles of kids shampoo, 6 bottles of baby bath gel, 6 bottles of baby lotion, 6 large packs of baby wipes and 12 bottles of top to toe baby wash.

These will be distributed by Sanctuary foundation to help support and bless Ukrainian mothers. Thank you for your generosity.

## Book to see the vicar:

If you would like to arrange to see Paul the vicar about anything, then please use this following link to book an appointment: <https://calendly.com/worldedge/meet-with-paul>

## Links to Share:

### Christ Ukraine and Radical Compassion

This article from Tearfund, rejoices in the outpouring of concern and compassion for Ukraine that we have seen, but asks us not to forget other similar conflicts around the world. [Read more...](#)

### Understanding Gambling Harm

This article explores the harm caused by gambling and how to identify those who may be at risk. [Read more...](#)

### Helping People with Trauma after a disaster

Due to the war in Ukraine, many people have volunteered to receive refugees. How can these caregivers be prepared to help with the trauma that the refugees may be suffering? [Read more...](#)

Finally, let's remember that Jesus offers us forgiveness and a second chance, no matter how much we are condemned by others.

Yours in Christ,

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