

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

(Proverbs 27:17)

What does wisdom look like in our relationships with other people? The proverbs we are looking at this week, show the importance of building good relationships that help us grow and flourish. The verse above shows that. The concept of “iron sharpening iron” obviously implies at least two pieces of iron. It would be impossible for one tool to become sharper without the presence of the other. Left isolated, both blades would be dull and quite useless. It is the same with us. We were not created for isolation but for community and relationships.

Good friendships help us grow and so a wise action is to invest in good friendships. Friendships where the other person has our best interests at heart and wants to see us flourish in life. And we want the same for them. That might involve them pointing out areas where we need to grow which might even cause us wounds, but proverbs 27:6 says,

“Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.”

This is saying that honesty from friends which is motivated by our own welfare is more beneficial for us than ‘friends’ falsely flatter us, in fact these kinds of friends are really our enemies.

Jesus is the ultimate friend to invest time in, who longs for us to flourish and grow and have an abundant life (John 10:10), but who else do we surround ourselves with? What friendships do we invest in? Which do we need to invest more time in? Who are the people that are going to sharpen us and help us grow and flourish in life? Let’s be wise.

Claire Coleman

This Sunday’s Services on livestream:

[Sunday 10th July – Proverbs 27:5-18, Wisdom in Relationships](#)

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.

Vicarage BBQs

If you are planning to come to the BBQ at the vicarage this Saturday (9th July), please sign up online by 5pm today (Friday).

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 10th

Family Service with Baptism (St. Luke's Church), Proverbs 27:5-18 –
11:00am-12:00pm

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

Wisdom for life (Dorothy Drive), 5:30pm-7:00pm

Monday 11th

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

Wisdom for life (Margate Road), 7:30pm-9:00pm

Tuesday 12th

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

Wednesday 13th

Wisdom for life (Lyndhurst Road), 2:00pm-3:30pm

Wisdom for life (South Eastern Road), 7:30pm-9:00pm

Thursday 14th

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

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

Friday 15th

Play and Praise (St. Luke's Church Hall) – 10:00-11:30am

Gather, Women's Drop-In (St. Luke's Church) - 12:30-2:30am

Saturday 16th

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

Growth Community Leaders Planning Meeting (St. Luke's Church) 10:30am

Thanet Light Orchestra Concert (St Luke's Church) – 7.00pm

Sunday 17th

Family Service (St. Luke's Church), Proverbs 28:6,8,11,19-22; 30:7-9 -
11:00am-12:00pm

Special Youth Led Service with YWAM (St. Luke's Church), 6:00pm-7:00pm

Sailor's Church

Evening services continue at the Sailor's Church in the Harbour at 6pm, throughout July. Today's is a special one for Sea Sunday. Everyone is welcome to come along.

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...

- Baby Hope being baptised this morning, giving thanks for good news on her heart problems.
- Alison and David Hawthorn and family, David's daughter's funeral is on Tuesday.
- Collette that her treatment for cancer can start soon.
- Kate Page who is having treatment for breast cancer.
- Rita Ryan and family after the sudden death of Colin recently.
- Healing for Gloria's left knee following an incident last week.
- Emma (friend of Kelly) undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
- Ken Tipler that the pain can be kept under control.

Please also continue to pray for: Michelle (Terry De Vere's wife), Mitch Styles, Flo Baldock, Jean Hann, Shirley Crabb, Joy Smithers, Nathan Court, Pauline Emptage, Barb (Gloria's daughter's friend).

Volunteer Forms

We are keen for **everyone** who attends St. Luke's regularly to fill in a volunteer form to help us effectively set up teams for September. It's just as helpful to know who doesn't want to do what as it is to know who does, so please do respond as soon as possible using the paper form at the back of church or (preferably) [the online form](#).

Thanet Light Orchestra Concert – St. Luke’s this coming Saturday 16th July

This concert will include a century old Thanet Concert overture amongst other great music. It will be on 16th July, 7pm at St. Luke’s, with the Thanet Light Orchestra. Tickets will be £10 on the door, under 18s will be free. You can purchase **tickets in advance for £5 from Fiona**.

Youth Led Service, Sunday 17th, 6pm, St. Luke’s

This term our youth led evening service on Sunday 17th June 6pm at St Luke’s is being supported by a visiting Mission Adventures outreach team from Youth With A Mission (YWAM). They will be taking the lead, ably supported by the youth from YI. The service is for all ages to join together and is a more interactive and informal style of worship. [Find out more about YWAM.](#)

2022 Harvest Appeal: Compassion

As part of our Harvest appeal, St. Luke’s chooses a particular charity to support through one off financial giving. This year the PCC have decided to support Compassion, which supports children in poverty through local churches around the world. For example, our Sunday Club sponsors John in the Philippines through Compassion.

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/worledge/meet-with-paul>

Links to Share:

Last week’s Sermon:

[A Wise Tongue \(Proverbs 27:5-18\)](#)

Is the internet a good thing or a bad thing? The internet is communication on supercharge, but just as face to face speech can be used for good or bad so can the internet. What we need is wisdom to speak for good in both face to face relationships and online. God's wisdom in Proverbs can help us with this.

Memory Verse App

Learning verses from the Bible can be a great way to grow in faith. This app available for iPhones provides fun ways to help you learn them. [Find out more.](#)

How the God of the Bible is different to other ancient gods

This short video, which is less than 4 minutes long looks at Genesis 1-2 and explains how it portrays the God of the Bible as very different to the other ancient gods that were worshipped at the time the Bible was written. [Watch Video.](#)

When were the gospels written?

Many of us enjoyed Robin’s talks about the reliability of the gospels. This book review argues that the academic consensus on the dating of the New Testament documents may be about to change as it reviews a new book on the subject. [Read Book review.](#)

Finally, let’s pray that God will help us to relate to one another with increasing wisdom.

Yours in Christ,

Paul Worledge
(Vicar, St. Luke's Ramsgate)