

**"The house of the wicked will be destroyed,  
but the tent of the upright will flourish."**

(Proverbs 14:11)

The book of Proverbs is jammed packed full of pithy little sayings, most of which include two lines about the same topic. Often, the two lines offer two opposing ways of being and their results.

You can see this clearly in the Proverb above. One way is to be wicked, the other upright. Wickedness leads to destruction, whilst those who are upright will flourish. This basic message is repeated again and again throughout the Proverbs and reflects a fundamental teaching that flows throughout Scripture.

On one level it is a principle that most people would accept and agree with, but this Parable adds a twist to the principle. If you asked most people, "Is it better to be upright than wicked?" they would agree with the Proverb and say, "Upright." Yet, if the question was: "Are you more likely to flourish and be secure if you live in a house than a tent?" they would say, "House."

The Proverb thus raises a more probing question: "What is more important, living in a house or being upright?" Given this choice, my guess is that most people would go for having a solid roof over their head, even if it meant acting corruptly to achieve it.

After all, people often seem to get away with corruption. The wicked often seem to prosper and flourish. It is easy to believe that this Proverbs is wrong.

Yet, to do so is to forget about God, to fail to trust that ultimate justice will be brought about by the ultimate judge. Biblical wisdom, however, is rooted in the concept of the 'fear of the Lord' as the beginning of Wisdom (Proverbs 9:10). It believes ultimate flourishing comes only when we live to please Him and look for his ultimate blessing.

*Paul Worledge*

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

[Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June](#)

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.

## **Holy Communion this Sunday**

For communion this Sunday, we will be returning to distributing at the Communion rail. You will have the choice to have the bread dipped in the wine by the person administrator as we have done recently or to go back to receiving the bread and wine separately with the wine from the shared cup.

## **Weekly Calendar**

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Family Communion** (St. Luke's Church), Proverbs 10:1-16, 23-30 –  
11:00am-12:00pm

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

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

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

## **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

## **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

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

## **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

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

**Wisdom for life** (Winterstoke Crescent), 7:30pm-9:00pm

## **Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**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 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Family Communion** (St. Luke's Church), Proverbs 23:12-25–  
11:00am-12:00pm

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

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

## **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...

- Emma (friend of Kelly) undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
- Alison and David Hawthorn and family, after the death of David's daughter last week.
- Nicky Galer, Chris Miller and family after the death of Nicky's brother, Paul last week.
- Baby Hope as she has a few appointments/tests with her cardio team over the coming weeks for her heart defect.
- Michelle (Terry De Vere's wife) undergoing chemotherapy.
- David Gill recently out of hospital after a heart operation.
- Ken Tipler that the pain can be kept under control.

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

## **Claire's Ordination**

Claire our curate is being ordained as 'Priest' at **5:30pm on Saturday 2nd July** at Canterbury Cathedral. This is an important moment in her journey of ministry and it would be great if a good number from both churches could come to support her at the Cathedral. If you would like a lift to the event or can offer others lifts to Canterbury for that evening, then please let Paul or one of the Wardens know.

Claire will take her first Eucharist / Holy Communion at the 9:30am service at St. George's on **Sunday 3rd July**. We will also have a bring and share (picnic) lunch in St. Luke's Vicarage Garden from **12:30-**

**2:00pm** later on that day. Please sign the list at the back of church to indicate what you will bring to the lunch.

## **Wisdom for Life Studies**

It's not too late to join one of our small study groups to meet together and discuss in more depth how we can apply the wisdom of Proverbs to our lives today. This is also a great way to get to know others in the church in a deeper way. If you are interested please talk to Paul.

## **Medieval Church Talk – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

How did they build the church years ago? Who worked on it? Why did they build it here? If you would like to know the answers to these and much more please join us for an illustrated talk **by Margaret Bolton on Saturday 25th June 3pm in St. Laurence Church**. Tickets are available from the St. Laurence Parish Office (01843 592478 or [office@stlaurenceparish-ramsgate.org.uk](mailto:office@stlaurenceparish-ramsgate.org.uk)) or can be bought on the day. The cost is £5 each including refreshments.

## **Gather Drop-In Volunteer Event – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

Gather is a Drop-In for women that runs at St. Luke's church on Friday afternoons, 12:30-14:00pm. If you are female, you could be part of the amazing drop-in team. From 11am, there will be information about Gather, how to apply and the opportunity to stay for a Gather session.

## **Thanet Light Orchestra Concert – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm**

Thanet Light Orchestra who rehearse at St. Luke's on Thursday evening are putting on a concert to raise money for church funds on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets are £10 on the door, but we will make cheaper ones available in advance for church members. Children will be admitted free. It should be a great event so do make sure the date is in your diary.

## **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:**

[Wisdom Calling \(Proverbs 8\)](#)

In Proverbs 8, wisdom is described as a person calling us to follow her. But where does she call from and who is she and why does it matter so much that we follow her?

### **The Chosen – A Netflix style TV series on the life of Jesus**

This is a high quality drama series that explores the life of Jesus through the life of his followers in a format that mimics many of the successful TV series today. They plan to produce 7 series. The first two series are available free using an app. [Find out more...](#)

### **Have you written a Will?**

None of us want to think about our own death, but it is important to prepare for it. One part of that is writing a will. The Church of England have partnered with 'Farewill' to offer the chance to create a will for free. [Find out more here.](#)

Finally, let's pray that God will help us to learn the wisdom of seeking to live a righteous and upright life.

Yours in Christ,

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