

'The Seraphim called to one another, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." ' (Isaiah 6:3)

Have you ever had a moment where something has happened or you've grasped something for the first time and it has changed your view of the world? Arguably the events of the last couple of years, the Pandemic and war in the Ukraine are events that have changed people's outlook. Before these events most people assumed that life would carry on as normal, with little or no potential threat to our way of life. Now we have seen that awful things can happen and radically damage our world. Our perspective has changed.

On a more personal level such changes in outlook are normal. Perhaps you can think back on encounters or events that have radically changed your view of life? Some of these may have been negative: the death of a loved one, realising you weren't able to do what you had dreamed of doing, being made redundant. Others could have been more positive: falling in love, the birth of a child, unexpected success.

In Isaiah 6, we are told of an experience that radically transformed Isaiah's outlook and life. It was about 700BC and he was in the temple in Jerusalem. From a national perspective the old certainties had been shaken with the death of one of Judah's longest reigning kings. Yet, it was the vision of God in the temple that profoundly effected Isaiah. Faced with the presence of God filling and shaking the temple and fiery angels (Seraphim) flying around and proclaiming the holiness of God, Isaiah came to see God, himself, his nation and his purpose in a whole new way. It was a kind of 'Eureka moment.'

730 years later, Peter had a similar 'Eureka moment,' when he encountered Jesus whilst fishing in a lake. Join us this Sunday to find out more.

Paul Worledge

This Sunday's Services on livestream:

[Sunday Service – 20th March 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.

URGENT - Easter Cracked, volunteers needed

Please see Paul today if you are able to help during any of our Easter Cracked sessions on **Tuesday 22nd March, morning and afternoon and Friday 25th March in the morning**. We will be welcoming Year 6 pupils from 4 local schools to experience a 90-minute programme called Easter Cracked. This is an interactive programme that engages the youngsters with the Biblical Easter story and what it means today. We need some volunteers to help, especially with making Easter Egg nests. We need the most volunteers on the Tuesday morning and some on Tuesday afternoon and Friday morning. If you can help out please let Paul know as soon as possible.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 20th

Family Service (St. Luke's Church), Luke 5:1-11 - 11:00am-12:00pm

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

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

Monday 21st

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

Christianity Explored (Margate Road), 7:30pm-9:00pm

Tuesday 22nd

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

Easter Cracked (St. Luke's Church) – 10:30am-12:00pm and 1:30-3:00pm

Wednesday 23rd

Christianity Explored (Lyndhurst Road), 2:00pm-3:30pm

Christianity Explored (South Eastern Road), 7:30pm-9:00pm

Thursday 24th

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.

Christianity Explored (Winterstoke Crescent), 7:30pm-9:00pm

Friday 25th

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

Easter Cracked (St. Luke's Church) – 10:30am-12:00pm

Gather – Volunteer Event (St. Luke's Church), 12:30pm-2:30pm

Saturday 26th

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

Sunday 27th

Mothering Sunday Service (St. Luke's Church), Exodus 2:1-10
- 11:00am-12:00pm

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

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

Clocks go forward – on Sunday 27th

Please remember to put your clocks forward 1 hour for Sunday morning. Don't be an hour late for our **Mothering Sunday service at 11am BST.**

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...

- Peace in the Ukraine and for the refugees fleeing
- Those working for Rook's and P. & O. who have been made redundant this week.
- The Youth Initiative that started last Sunday for more young people to engage.
- The Christianity Explored courses that people will gain a fresh appreciation of Jesus.
- Mitch Styles that he will receive the help he needs.
- Trevor Kenney, now home after a hip operation on Sunday. Pray for a good recovery.
- Flo Baldock for effective treatment for a stomach ulcer.
- Give thanks that Jean Hann is now home and pray for continuing recovery.
- Ken Tipler that the pain can be kept under control. Give thanks that his pain has eased.

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

Help for Ukrainian Refugees

You will be aware that there have been a number of initiatives already put in place to offer support and help for those fleeing the violence in Ukraine. If you are interested in offering help in some way, then there are a number of [suggestions on the Canterbury Diocesan website](#).

In particular, you can sign up as an individual to offer support with [the Sanctuary Foundation](#) a charity set up specifically to help those refugees who will come to the UK. As an initial step our church has been registered. If you are interested in helping to organise any support we may be able to offer as a church, then please let Paul know as soon as possible.

Dick and Caroline Seed – Visit

Dick and Caroline are on a visit to the UK and are hoping to come and see us at St. Luke's as part of a busy schedule. They could either come on Sunday 3rd April in the evening or Tuesday 10th May in the morning. If you would like to meet with them and learn more about their work then please let Paul know which of these dates you can do by Monday.

Church Garden – Mini Work Party, Tuesday 12:00-1:00pm

Christopher Waldie is planning to be in the church garden on Tuesday from 12:00-1:00pm. The plan is to clear any rubbish, clear an area for growing and generally have a tidy up. Whoever can make it they are welcome to join. Christopher will provide some tools but if others can and some seeds or plants, great.

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 Sunday's Sermon:

Last Sunday's Sermon is available on YouTube or a Podcast:

[Jesus' Mission Statement \(Luke 4:14-30\)](#)

Mission statements are common for many businesses and organisations today. In this passage, Jesus reads part of Isaiah and applies it to himself to show what his mission was.

Bible Stories from Ukraine

The people of Ukraine need all kinds of help, but included in that is the need to hear God's word. In the midst of conflict, people are still working to get the Bible into people's hands, just at the time when they need God's words of comfort and hope. [Find out more.](#)

The Church's Response to Covid – Around the world

This short video from Tear Fund shares stories of how people have been supported by the church in different contexts around the world. [Watch here.](#)

Finally, let's celebrate the difference that encountering Jesus has made in our lives.

Yours in Christ,

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