

" There Abram called on the name of the LORD."

Genesis 13:4b

Abram made a choice to follow God. He made a decision to know God personally, to develop a relationship with God. That is how he was able to call on the name of the Lord, because Abram knew God. Abram built altars to God - he honoured, praised and worshipped Him.

When arguments broke out between his herders and those of his nephew, Lot, he chose to put an end to the quarrelling by separating and living in different parts of the land. As the elder in the relationship he had the right to assign Lot land. He could have chosen the best land for himself. But he chose to let Lot choose. The motivation for Abram's choices came from his relationship with God. Abram's choices were those that showed great generosity, totally lacking in greed.

Our lives are made up of a long series of choices. Most choices might seem insignificant but other choices we make heavily influence and affect our lives. When we make a decision to follow Jesus, the motivation behind our choices often changes as we know more and more about how he longs for us to live. Living lives of love and generosity, not of self-centeredness and greed.

Romans 12:2 says, 'Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.' Lot's choices were motivated by greed. Abram called on the name of the Lord and his choices were motivated by generosity. So, as we 'call on the name of the Lord', growing in our relationship with Jesus, I pray that our choices are renewed and motivated not by greed but by generosity and love.

Claire Coleman

St. George's Website – New Blog: Latest

Read last week's sermon (or find a link to the video) and see some lovely pictures of the lantern tower lit up: [Latest – St. George's Church Ramsgate \(stgeorgechurchramsgate.uk\)](https://stgeorgechurchramsgate.uk).

Weekly Calendar

Friday 21st

Prayer Meeting (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity) (at Hardres Street) - 9:00-9:30am

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

Saturday 22nd

Prayer Breakfast (Churches Together) (at Salvation Army) - 9:00-10:00am

Sunday 23rd

Family Service (St. Luke's Church), Genesis 13:1-18 – **Choices, Choices!!**

- 11:00am-12:00pm

Monday 24th

Prayer Meeting (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity) (at Hardres Street) - 9:00-9:30am

Tuesday 25th

Prayer Meeting (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity) (at Hardres Street) - 9:00-9:30am

Thursday 27th

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.

Friday 28th

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

Saturday 29th

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

Sunday 30th

Family Service (St. Luke's Church), Genesis 15:1-21 - **Abraham: Man of Faith**
- 11:00am-12:00pm

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...

- For wisdom to make good choices in our lives and church
- Friends and family of Jean Simmons who died recently.
- Lexi (Alison's granddaughter) for a good recovery after a successful operation last Thursday.
- Jean Hann who has been transferred to Darent Valley Hospital for further treatment.
- Norah and family after the death of her daughter, Katrina.
- John Galer. Give thanks that he is now back at his home with Nicky. Pray for a good continuing recovery.
- Ken Tipler that the pain caused by his bone cancer can be kept under control.

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

Youth Led Services – Pizza and Reflection – This Sunday

It seems like a lot has happened since our youth-led service in December. It was a great opportunity to worship God in a relaxed environment- the youth involved did a great job at bringing their ideas together.

In order to develop this further we are going to gather the youth again at Claire's house for pizza and reflection on how they thought the service went and how we can develop our youth work in 2022.

So, any youth aged over 11 are invited to meet this Sunday, 5-7pm at the curate's house (198 Margate Road).

For the youth that are coming, can you let Claire or Tonya know if there are any food allergies or dislikes.

Do you want to arrange to see the vicar?

If you want to arrange to see Paul our vicar, then you can arrange a meeting using Calendly: <https://calendly.com/worledge/meet-with-paul> . Sorry if you tried this last week and you were unable to book. The issue has now been fixed.

Do you want help celebrating Burn's Night?

Check out this video made by Andrew McMillan for last year's Burn's Night: <https://www.stlukesramsgate.org/burnsnight2021.html>

Ventures from Church Pastoral Aid Society

If you have or know young people who would be interested in a fun and exciting holiday with other young people from across the country and an opportunity to explore more about following Jesus, then do check out the brochures at the back of church for the summer ventures that Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) run or check out the [ventures' website](#).

As CPAS are St. Luke's patron's (they have a say in who is appointed vicar), they offer a special discount to any young people attending a venture for the first time from St. Luke's. [Click here](#) to find out about the discounts and bursaries to help with the cost of the holiday here.

Book Review: *The Purpose Driven Life*, by Rick Warren

"What on earth am I here for?" Many people may have asked this question. If you are one of them, the above book may help you.

The dedication of this book is not to an illustrious person, as is often the case, it is to the reader - you! You are asked to join the author in a course of 42 lessons over as many days. You will discover fundamental truths about the personality of Jesus and how he lived. If it is the right time for you, your life may well be changed and questions answered.

We learn to live as a family of Jesus and to change "me and mine" to "you and yours". We learn to obey and to serve as we are called. The book helps us to get to know the Bible. Chapter 25 "transformed by trouble" helps many to realise that all suffering shapes our characters and is by no means a punishment.

Over the 42 days, or as long as it takes to read the pages, you will become more mature in trusting Jesus. You will realise the extent of the love that Jesus has for all of us.

Audrey Tucker

Helpful Links:

Last Sunday's Sermon:

[Promises, Promises \(Genesis 11:27-12:9\).](#)

Abraham is one of the Bible's best known characters, but why is this man who lived 4,000 years ago so important? Find out how the promises God made to him are so important for understanding the whole Bible and why Abraham himself is a great example to us.

Ramsgate Future

Watch the video on this page for a good summary of plans to invest in Ramsgate to improve it. How might we as churches play our part? [Ramsgate Future](#)

The Storm Pastor

Video from Tearfund about how a church in Bangladesh on the frontline of Global Climate Change is seeking to support its community through regular flooding. [Watch here.](#)

Consultation on 'Conversion Therapy'

You may have picked up in the news that the government are consulting on a law to ban 'Conversion Therapy.' When 'Conversion Therapy' refers to abusive practices used to try and change someone's sexuality or other aspect of their personality, then this is rightly condemned. However, there is a real concern that the way 'Conversion Therapy' is defined in the proposed law that it could end up criminalising any call on people to change their behaviour. If you want to add your name to a letter in response to this consultation calling on the government to think again, then please follow [this link.](#)

Modern Spirituality: Learning from Poets

This is a rather intellectual read, but reflects on recent trends in the quest for spiritual experience in our society by considering the poetry of 1930 poets, both those who were atheist and those who were Christian. Very interesting and helpful as we think about relating to those who are 'spiritually seeking' today. [Read here.](#)

Finally, let's remember to have God's perspective and attitude when making our daily choices.

Yours in Christ,

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