

**"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;" (Psalm24:1)**

Who does it all belong to? The fundamental answer according to the Psalmist is: God.

Do you ever reflect that everything you think you own in a sense really belongs to God? What difference does that make to how you use your belongings and spend your money? When we give to God's work, do we see it as an allocation of the resources God has entrusted us with?

This idea should also impact us as we consider the environmental issues we face today. If the world belongs to God and we are just the caretakers or tenants, then are we acting rightly? Are we looking after the earth that God has given over to our stewardship? Isn't the environmental damage being done to the earth a key result of our sin and rebellion against God?

Once we see things in this way, then surely, as Christians we should be praying and taking a lead on encouraging a more caring approach to the environment and our climate. Let us pray especially for the upcoming COP26 international conference on the climate being hosted in Glasgow next month, that it will lead to solid agreements that will help to seriously limit the damage we are doing to our world.

## **Finance Letter**

This Sunday and next Sunday letters will be available for collection in church about financial giving to St. Luke's. This is for those who have agreed to receive them. Please collect the letter addressed to you. If there is not one for you, please feel free to take a spare letter. Any not collected by 31<sup>st</sup> October will be posted. We will be having a chance to respond during the service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

**There will be no email next week, but below are the livestream links for the next two Sundays. Remember that 31<sup>st</sup> October is the day the clocks go backwards, so you have an extra hour in bed before church.**

## **[Livestream Sunday 24th 11am](#)**

## **[Livestream Sunday 31st 11am](#)**

Click the above links to access the livestream of each Sunday's service. You can also use the link to watch the service at a later time.

## **Weekly Calendar**

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

**Family Service** (11am, St. Luke's) – Gen. 1:24-31, **Caring for God's Creation**

### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

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

## **Thursday 28<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 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

**\*Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>** *(Please notes the clocks go back on this day)*

**Family Service** (11am, St. Luke's Church) – Gen. 2:15-25, **Garden of Eden**

## **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

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

**PCC meeting** (St. Luke's Church Hall) – 7:30pm

## **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

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

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

**Cafe4All** - St. Luke's Church, All Welcome for a coffee and chat. 10:00-11:30am.

## **Friday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Play and Praise** (St. Luke's Hall, please use the side door off the driveway), Our parent and toddler group. 10:00-11:30am.

## **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Churches Together Prayer Breakfast** (Hardres Street United Church) - 9:00-10:00am

## **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Family Service** (11am, St. Luke's Church) – Gen. 3:1-19, **The Fall**

## **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...

- COP26 climate change conference coming up.
- St. Luke's finances that people can respond generously to the appeal.
- Ken Tipler that the pain caused by his bone cancer can be kept under control.
- Danny, a friend of Charlie's has been discharged from hospital and is now at home recovering. Danny is making good progress. Continued prayers for healing for his skin grafts.
- Katrina (Norah's daughter), who has a lesion on the brain. Having to wait for another scan to see if it is treatable.

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

## Latest Updates:

### Youth Led Service, Exploration: Next Steps

There seemed to be good support for the idea of a youth-led service, following the really encouraging exploration meeting on 10th October. To work towards that, starting on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> November, we plan to gather the youth together at Claire's house from 5-6pm weekly. This is to work towards the youth leading a service around Christmas. We are praying for more adult helpers to be alongside me in this venture to enable these meetings to happen and moving forward as this work grows and develops.

### More than Sunday: Next Steps

We had the last of our three sessions this week, when we looked together at the idea of developing 'Growth Communities' across the three churches in central Ramsgate. The next steps for the three churches together are:

- Appointing leaders for the Growth Communities.
- Prayer Meetings on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> evening or Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> morning.
- Joint Service at St. Luke's on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 11am.

### Christmas with Cantate, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm

Cantate a fantastic ensemble of singers will be performing at St. Luke's again. Do put the date in your diary and invite friends and family along. Donations gratefully received.

### Kent Association for Blind: Volunteer Needed

Kent Association for the blind are looking for someone to lead a team of volunteers to enable the *Reflections* group to meet in Ramsgate on a Monday afternoon. If you can help contact: Madeleine who is our volunteer co-ordinator on 07469 154638, or email [madeleine.gray@kab.org.uk](mailto:madeleine.gray@kab.org.uk).

### Christmas Unwrapped – Can you help?

Most years we invite Year 6 pupils from the local schools to a 90-minute session in the church to learn about the Biblical Christmas story through an interactive presentation. If you might be free during school hours in early December and are willing to help the children make mince pies or offer refreshments to adults, then please let me know as soon as possible.

## Links to Share:

### Last Sunday's Sermon:

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

#### [Faith for life?](#)

In this passage, Jesus encounters two sisters in their grief at the loss of their brother Lazarus. What happens is amazing, but it points to an even more important truth.

You can now access all 15 talks in the [Encounters with Jesus](#) series.

### Psalm 24 – A modern Version

Check out this song from Keith and Kristyn Getty based on Psalm 24: [The King of Glory](#).

## **Free to be vaccinated**

Anti-vaccination sentiment is stronger in the USA than it is in this country. This is partly due to a lack of trust in the government or not wanting to be associated with a government they perceive to be anti-christian. In this article John Piper, argues that Christians are free, but should use their freedom to submit to authorities. [\*A Reason to be vaccinated.\*](#)

Finally, let's remember who the world really belongs to!

Yours in Christ,

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