

**"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name." (Psalm 100:4)**

It has been wonderful over the first few weeks of September to welcome so many people back to St. Luke's on a Sunday morning. Many for the first time in eighteen months. It has also been encouraging to welcome new people as well.

If you have still not made the first step in coming back, then we would love to see you again. Please remember there is space set aside at the back of church where social distancing and mask wearing are in place for those who may still be concerned about being in a big crowd.

After such a long break, those returning will notice some changes. Hopefully, you will find most of these to be positive. However, if there are problems or issues that concern you when you return, then please let us know so we can work to ensure our services are a positive and joyful experience for all who come.

Church should of course be a joyful experience. We come together not just to learn from God's word and encourage one another, but also to give thanks and praise our great God. He has given us so much and blesses us in so many ways, what else can we do but thank him and praise him?

The more we learn to praise and thank God, the more we discover a deep and real joy in him. My hope and prayer is that our gatherings on Sundays can enable and encourage us to do that more and more.

Livestream Sunday 11am

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

Weekly Calendar

Friday 23rd

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 24th

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

Audi-Visual Training (St. Luke's Church) – 10:30-11:30am – Primarily for those already part of the audio-visual team, but open to anyone who is interested in having a go at running the sound, visuals and livestreaming at St. Luke's.

Sunday 26th

Family Service (St. Luke's, 11am) – John 5:1-18, *Do you want to be well*

Monday 27th

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

Tuesday 28th

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

Thursday 30th

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 1st October

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 2nd

Churches Together Prayer Breakfast (St. Augustine's Abbey) - 9:00-10:00am

Sunday 3rd

Harvest All Age Service (11am, St. Luke's Church) - John 6:1-15

Coming Up

More than Sunday

**St. Luke's Church, from Monday 4th October, 7:30-9:00pm
and repeated on Tuesday mornings, 10:30-12:00noon.**

Three 90-minute sessions of Bible Study, prayer and discussion, exploring how we can be church in central Ramsgate in a post-covid world. We will be considering how we can work well together as churches as well as how we can create smaller groupings to build joyful relationships and community.

Youth Led Service – Exploration

St. Luke's Church, Sunday 10th October, 5-6pm

We really want to hear from our secondary school aged children about creating a youth-led service together. The meeting is open for our youth, their parents and anyone wanting to be involved in any way.

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...

- Beth's Dad, Ian. Continued prayers for Ian as he's still in hospital after his surgeries failed to fix the problem with his heart. Prayer for wisdom and communication for the people sorting out his medications.
- 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.
- Lexi (Alison's granddaughter), whose operation has been postponed again.

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.

Harvest – Sunday 3rd October

Next week is Harvest Sunday. As is traditional for St. Luke's we want to be generous both to those who are struggling locally and our brothers' and sisters' in Christ around the world.

This year as we have benefitted so much from the rollout of the vaccine, which has helped to protect us to a large extent against Covid and enabled us to return to close to normality, we want to raise money to support those around the world who are still waiting to receive a vaccine. So, we are going to be raising money for Tearfund's [Recover Together](#) campaign.

£34 could provided two families awaiting their vaccine with health training and food support for three months.

£65 could provide two communities with hand sanitiser and face masks while they await the vaccine.

£72 could train five church leaders to share accurate information about Covid-19 vaccines in their communities.

We also would love people to bring non-perishable food to the service for the Food Bank run from the Salvation Army. With tinned food, ring pulls are preferable. The items they are looking for are:

Tinned Meat	Dried Pasta / Rice	Spaghetti
Tinned Fish	Tinned Potatoes	500g packets of sugar
UHT Milk	Cup-a-soup	Tea bags / instant coffee
Packet pasta meal	Tinned soup	Tinned rice pudding
Pot Noodles	Tinned tomatoes	Fruit Juice Carton
Biscuits	Tinned vegetables	Squash
Cereal Bars	Cream crackers	Cereals

Links to Share:

Last Sunday's Sermon:

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

[Faith Leading to Faith \(John 4:43-54\)](#)

As Christians we talk a lot about faith, but are there different kinds of faith? In John's gospel we are presented with Jesus encountering a wide variety of people. This encounter shows how Jesus helps someone move from one kind of faith to another.

Blog of the Week:

[Why we should all be using printed Bibles](#)

This blog challenges those of us who do everything on our phones – including reading the Bible to think again! There are some good reasons why we should keep using printed Bibles.

Finally, lets remember to keep praising and thanking God for all his goodness to us.

Yours in Christ,

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