

**"Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again, rejoice!"**

(Philippians 4:4)

C.S. Lewis, the famous author of the Narnia series, started out life as an ardent atheist, but eventually became a Christian and one of the strongest voices arguing for Christianity in the Twentieth Century. He wrote a book about his early life up until the time he became a Christian and called it: *Surprised by Joy*.

Lewis spent his early life seeking after joy. In the end, however, he discovered that you could not find it if you sought it for its own sake. Joy could only be found through the thing that produces the emotion. In the end, he reluctantly conceded that true lasting joy was only found by coming to God through Jesus.

Augustine of Hippo in the fourth century, also had a slow journey into the Christian faith, but ended up becoming the most influential Christian writer of his time and for hundreds of years later. At the start of his autobiography he says, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You."

This week we are looking at Paul in Philippi. He is jailed for teaching about Jesus, but God does something amazing, he sends an earthquake and Paul is set free from his chains. Yet rather than leaving he stays and helps the jailer. As a result, the jailer and his household become Christians and we are told, 'were filled with joy.'

Over the next 10 days, we are encouraging people to choose 5 people to pray for that they will come to know Jesus. We are praying that they may truly discover the joy of knowing Christ. Perhaps you need to rediscover that joy for yourself first? If so, then look again at who Jesus is, what he has done for you and what you have in him. True joy comes when we rejoice in him.

*Paul Worledge*

## **Today, 6:30pm Ascension Day Service, St. George's**

Please join us at St. George's for a short said service of Holy Communion to mark this important day and to launch the Thy Kingdom Come prayer season.

Also, remember that tomorrow and next Friday there will be an extra 9:30am prayer meeting at St. Luke's and on Wednesday an extra prayer meeting at St. George's so we can follow the *Thy Kingdom Come* prayer season.

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

[Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May](#)

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.

## **Weekly Calendar**

### **Friday 27th**

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

**Gather, Women's Drop-In** (St. Luke's Church) - 12:30-2:30am

### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**All Age Service** (St. Luke's Church), Acts 16:6-15 - 11:00am-12:00pm

**Youth Initiative Service** (St. Luke's Church), 6:00pm-7:00pm

## **Monday 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Can You Trust the Gospels?** (Salvation Army) - 7:30-9:00pm

## **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

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

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

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

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

## **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Gather, Women's Drop-In** (St. Luke's Church) - 12:30-2:30am

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

**Prayer Breakfast** (Community Church Ramsgate, *TKC*) - 9:00-10:00am

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

**Joint Service (St. George's Church)**, Luke 22:24-30 - 11:00am-12:00pm

**BBQ and activities** (St. George's Church grounds) - 12:00pm-2:00pm

## **Youth Initiative Service – This Sunday, 6:00pm**

Once a term YI lead an evening service for all ages and today (Sunday 29th) is that day.

In a world that can feel so divided, YI are helping us explore what Jesus says about love overcoming things that divide us. And so the title of the service is 'Love conquers all'. There will be worship, prayers, drama, bible readings and quizzes to help us think about this topic.

Starts 6pm. All welcome.

## **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...

- 5 friends or family members to come to know Jesus.
- For the PCC and especially new members elected last Sunday and Brenda and Andrew elected as Church Wardens.
- Alison and David Hawthorn and family, after the death of David's daughter on Wednesday.
- Nicky Galer, Chris Miller and family after the death of Nicky's brother, Paul on Wednesday.
- 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 from his bone cancer 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.

## Platinum Jubilee – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June

There will be a celebration service for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 5<sup>th</sup> June at **11am in St. George's church**. This will be a joint service with St. George's and will be for all ages. **There will not be a service at St. Luke's that Sunday**. After the service there will be the construction of a balloon prayer arch around the church gate, a BBQ, tea and cakes and treasure hunt. All are welcome.

We need volunteers to:

- Provide and/or run a BBQ or two
- Provide cakes or serve teas, coffees, cakes, etc. after the service
- Help setting up tables and chairs before the service

Please let Paul know by Monday if you can help in any of these ways.

## Can You Trust the Gospels? – Last one this Tuesday

**7:30pm, Salvation Army, High Street, with Robin Plant**

*A Churches Together in Ramsgate Course*

This week: *The Fab Four: What makes them special?*

## Café4All Jubilee Special – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Cafe 4 All invite You to join us between 10.00-11.30am on Thursday 2nd June for: Tea, Coffee, Cakes & Fancy Royal Bakes to mark our Majesty Queen Elizabeth II - Platinum Jubilee Celebration.

Anyone who wants to make & bring something Royal. e.g. 'a table decoration' there will be a prize for the best item!

## Claire's Ordination – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Claire our curate is being ordained as 'Priest' at **5:30pm on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. We will also look to see if we can organise some kind of social celebration on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July for all to join in.

## Growing Faith: Youth and Children's Vision

As mentioned at last week's annual meeting: a date for your diaries: Growing Faith: Youth and Children's Vision - Monday 26th September, 7:30-9:00pm with Ben Hatfield, Canterbury Diocese's Children and Young People's Ministry Adviser. A chance for parents and those interested in supporting or being involved in our work with children and young people to learn, discuss and pray about our vision to grow faith in our children and young people.

## 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**

#### **Grand Openings (Acts 16:6-15)**

As we look at the first coming of the good news about Jesus into Europe recorded in the book of Acts, Colin Gale shows us four grand openings created by God.

### **Talking Jesus Report**

Recently a survey has been done looking at what non-Christians think about Christians and the church and how they respond to Christian conversations. It is a fascinating report with encouragements and challenges, well worth a read as we think about how we can be more effective at reaching our friends and family. [Download a PDF of the Report.](#)

### **Ukraine, why I chose to stay**

For those who serve abroad as Christian missionaries it can be difficult to decide what to do when the context you serve in becomes more dangerous. In this article Alison Giblett talks about her decision to stay in Ukraine when the war broke out. [Read more...](#)

Finally, let's continue to pray for our friends and family that they can come to know the joy and freedom that comes from knowing Christ.

Yours in Christ,

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(Vicar, St. Luke's Ramsgate)