

ST LUKE'S CHURCH. MONTHLY MATTERS.



St Luke's Church Dates and News December 2025

Services in December

Wednesday 3 rd	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 7 th	10.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 10 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 14 th	10.30am	Morning Worship
Wednesday 17 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 21 st	10.30am	Family Nativity Service
	7.00pm	Carols by Candlelight
Wednesday 24 th	9.30am	Christingle Making
	10.30am	NO SERVICE
	4.00pm	Christingle Service
	11.15pm	Midnight Communion
Thursday 25 th	10.00am	Christmas Day
Sunday 28 th	10.30am	Morning Worship
Wednesday 31 st	10.30am	NO SERVICE

Vicar's Message

This advent we will be spending time looking together at some of the *Characters of Christmas* to help to prepare our church family to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and to anticipate His return.

From Sunday 30th November we will meet Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary the mother of Jesus, Joseph, the Shepherds, the Angels and of course Jesus Himself.

As always at this time of year there is lots going on in the church over the coming weeks and **I am grateful to every member of our church family** who prepare, pray and serve in so many ways as we welcome those in our parish in through our doors. **My prayer is that in the business of it all, we each hold onto the joy of Jesus.**

Please read this newsletter carefully to see our extra events – please note that the following events all require pre-booking either in church, a WhatsApp message to Aneal, or on the church website: *Lunch Matters Christmas Meal* (10th), *Christmas Craft Evening* (13th), *Little Fishes Christmas Party* (15th), *Christmas Gingerbread House Making Family Challenge* (20th).

We've also had to **cancel a few of our regular events in December** due to people taking a well earned rest. All of these are recorded on the back page.

Please join me in praying that many for our parish will join one of our services or events over the coming weeks, and that they would encounter the Lord Jesus Himself through the true story of His birth!

May you each know and experience the joy of the Christ Child!

Aneal

Little Fishes

Monday 1st, 8th & 15th – 10-11:30am

Our Toddler Group runs weekly at St Luke's with space and activities for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers.

£2 per child

Craft Matters & Hearing Clinic

Wednesday 3rd & 17th – 11:30am-2pm

Bring along your craft, and some lunch.

Lunch Matters Christmas Meal

Wednesday 10th December

11.30am – Suggested donation £5

Come and join us for our annual Christmas Lunch. Tea and Coffee from 11.30am with some fun activities & games before the meal is served.

Sign up in church or through this link:

<https://stlukesreigate.churchsuite.com/events/sus2f3my>

Christmas Craft Evening

Sat 13th December – 7pm

Come and enjoy a relaxed, fun evening making Christmas decorations. Hot chocolate, chocolate fountain and mince pies included.

Suggested donation of £10 to cover costs

Sign up in church or through this link:

<https://stlukesreigate.churchsuite.com/events/tksfjniv>

Christmas Gingerbread House Making

Family Challenge

Sat 20th December – 3-5pm

We'll have festive treats and hot chocolate, Christmas music, a short talk about Christmas and of course... Gingerbread House making!

Everything you need to build your house will be provided.

Sign up in church or through this link:

<https://stlukesreigate.churchsuite.com/events/ygysee7o>





To guide you in your prayers this month

1. **Mon: Pray for** Sparkfish - 'The Christmas Journey' touring local schools.
2. **Tues: Pray for** the church Ladies' Meal – for a time of fun and fellowship.
3. **Weds: Pray for** the Christmas leaflets being delivered through every door in the Parish.
4. **Thurs: Pray for** 'The Nativity' at All Saints Merstham 4-7th and 11-13th Dec. 7.30pm.
5. **Fri: Pray for** Street Pastors - showing the love of Jesus on the streets of Reigate.
6. **Sat: Pray for** a good team of helpers to decorate the church building for Christmas.
7. **Sunday: Advent 2 - Luke 2:26-56 - 'The Virgin Mary'**
8. **Mon: Pray for** the church Men's Meal - for new friendships to be made.
9. **Tues: Pray for** all who are without a home or family this Christmas.
10. **Weds: Pray for** Centrepoin, Crisis, Salvation Army, Dr Barnardo's and all seeking to help others.
11. **Thurs: Pray for** our local and national winter night shelters and food banks.
12. **Fri: Pray for** families broken and divided - to be able to maintain harmony and safety.
13. **Sat: Pray for** friendship and fun at the Craft Evening.
14. **Sunday: Advent 3 - Matthew 1:18-24 - 'Joseph'**
15. **Mon: Pray for** Christians in countries where they face danger - at the time we celebrate the birth of Jesus.
16. **Tues: Pray for** countries at war – that they may lay their weapons down, now and forever.
17. **Weds: Pray for** all working tirelessly to bring peace among, and within, Nations.
18. **Thurs: Pray for** all who have lost loved ones in conflict, now and long ago.
19. **Fri: Pray for** all whose loved ones are ill, and those who wait beside those who are dying; **Street Pastors** tonight
20. **Sat: Pray for** a happy time making Gingerbread houses together.
21. **Sunday: Advent 4. Pray for** the Nativity Service at 10.30 **Luke 2:1-7 – 'Jesus'.** **Pray for** Carols by Candlelight at 7pm **Luke 2:1-20 – 'The Angels'.**
22. **Mon: Pray for** all who must work over the festive period to maintain our health and services.
23. **Tues: Pray for** time to ponder on the real reason for the Christmas season.
24. **Weds: Pray for** the Christ child to draw all people to himself at Christingle and Midnight Holy Communion.
25. **Thurs: Give thanks** as we CELEBRATE, with thanksgiving and praise, the birth of the SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD.
26. **Fri: St Stephen's day** – a Jewish man who became the first Christian martyr. **Pray for** the Jewish nation to recognise Jesus as the Messiah – the Son of God.
27. **Sat: Pray for** Aneal, Sabrina, Belle and Jacob – for good family time together.
28. **Sunday: A good day to walk and pray for** your allocated road and others.
29. **Mon: Pray for** all facing difficulties, and possible redundancy, in their places of work.
30. **Tues: Pray for** all in positions of leadership. **Pray that** God may give them wisdom, courage and strength.
31. **Weds: Pray for** time to look back, and give thanks to God, for his goodness to us in 2025.

For those who are sick & suffering: Maggi J; Sarah H's grandson, Joey.

Grieving: Gillett family; Cattnach family; Hill family; Maris family; Greig family; Wright family; Turner family; Jude W

We pray for the following members of our church family: Dan O & Deana L & family, Juspina O & family, Sheila O.

December dates for your diary.....

Mon 1 st Dec	10.00am	Little Fishes
Tues 2nd Dec	7.00pm	Ladies Christmas Meal
Weds 3 rd Dec	12.00pm	Craft Matters with Hearing Clinic
Sat 6th Dec	9.30am-12pm	Christmas Maintenance Morning
Mon 8 th Dec	10.00am	Little Fishes
	7.30pm	Men's Christmas Meal
Weds 10 th Dec	11.30am	Lunch Matters Christmas Meal
Sat 13 th Dec	7.00pm	Christmas Craft Evening
Mon 15 th Dec	10.00am	Little Fishes Christmas Party
Weds 17 th Dec	12.00pm	Craft Matters with Hearing Clinic
Sat 20th Dec	3.00-5.00pm	Christmas Gingerbread House
		Family Challenge
Mon 5 th Jan	10.00am	Little Fishes
Weds 7 th Jan	12.00pm	Craft Matters with Hearing Clinic

Zoom Prayer Meetings

Monday 9am (& 8pm on 1st Monday)

Wednesday 7:30am

Friday 8am

on Zoom Meeting ID: 849 7205 6375

Passcode: 268102

For any questions or Prayer request, contact Annie (07906 944562), Nige (07504 084975)

Cancelled Events in December

Due to Christmas leave the following events will not run on these dates:

3 rd Sunday	21 st
Little Fishes	22 nd , 29 th
Prayer Meetings	24 th , 26 th , 29 th , 31 st , 2 nd
Lunch Matters	24 th
Midweek Service	31 st

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