

ST LUKE'S CHURCH. MONTHLY MATTERS.



St Luke's Church
Dates and News
July 2025

Services in July

Wednesday 2nd	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 6th	10.30am	Morning Worship <i>Guinness's Visit with by church lunch</i>
Wednesday 9th	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 13th	10.30am	All Together Worship <i>Café Church Style</i>
Wednesday 16th	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 20th	10.30am	Summer Church with <i>Holy Communion</i>
	7.00pm	3rd Sunday
Wednesday 23rd	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 27th	10.30am	Summer Church
Wednesday 30th	10.30am	Midweek Communion

Vicar's Message

This month I'll once again be heading to York for a couple of days to serve as a clergy global majority heritage (GMH) member of the General Synod (*Friday 11th to Tuesday 15th July*). General Synod is essentially a branch of our national parliament where decisions made change the statutes of the land insofar as they relate to the Church of England.

The agenda is quite full with lots of time being given to finances including the spending plans for the next three years, and a Private Members Motion (PPM) on clergy pensions (which has received some national coverage). One debate of particular interest to me is another PPM calling for a governance and culture review of the House of Bishops (HoB). Sadly our church has been marred by scandals within the HoB over the last few years, and this motion seeks restore trust in the HoB, something that is sadly much needed.

We will also have the final drafting and approval of the Abuse Redress Measure, which seeks to standardise the response and redress offered to survivors of church-based abuse. It has been a long and difficult process to get this piece of business this far, and we would value your prayers as it understandably receives much public scrutiny. We want to get this right.

All papers and the agenda can be found here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/governance/general-synod/groups-sessions/general-synod-july-2025>

Please pray for all who gather at Synod, that we would be seeking to do God's work in a way that brings Him glory. Please pray for the wonderful team who will lead the church and our services whilst I am away. Please pray for Sabrina and our children as she manages everything in our family life.

Aneal

Little Fishes

Mondays, 10-11:30am

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

There are toys, ride-Ons, games, crafts and messy play for the children with refreshments provided (for adults too).

£2 per child

Lunch Matters

9th & 23rd

A homemade 2-course meal with an activity.

£5 suggested donation

11.30am – 2pm in the **St Peter's Room**

Craft Matters & Hearing Clinic

2nd & 16th

Bring along your craft, and some lunch

Ladies Meal

Sign up to join with other women from our church community for a meal and a time of hanging out together. We've got a table booked at Pizza Express in Reigate from **6:30pm on Monday 7th July**.

You can access the menu here:

<https://mobile-pay.pizzaexpress.com/reigate-high-street/restaurant-menu/main-menu>

If the cost is a concern for you, please get in touch with Pearl

(pearl@stlukesreigate.org.uk) directly as we would not want it to be a limiting factor to you attending.

Sign up in church or on our website.



ENTER Worship Event

Saturday 12th July, 7:30-9:30pm

hosted by Redhill Baptist Church. RH1 6AE

Join with churches across Merstham, Redhill and Reigate for our next evening of worshipping our God with music, art and prayer.



Lord, may we seek whatever is 'noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and praiseworthy'

- 1 **Tues:** Pray for children and young people to be protected from harm from the Internet.
- 2 **Weds:** Comfort and heal all who suffer abuse to provide perverted online material.
- 3 **Thurs:** Restore innocent lives and mental health, heal regrets and fears and protect their futures.
- 4 **Fri:** Give skill and wisdom to those working to combat the power of the dark web.
- 5 **Sat:** Lord, by your Spirit restore stolen childhoods.
- 6 **Sun:** **May everyone hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongue (Acts 2:11)**
- 7 **Mon:** Pray for more people to join Wycliffe as Bible Translators.
- 8 **Tues:** Pray for recruitment and training for team of Lofsang language in Senegal.
- 9 **Weds:** Pray for Bible Translation & Sunday school material for Lofsang people (nearly 50% under 15).
- 10 **Thurs:** Praise God for launch of Luke and Acts in modern-day Lofsang. May many encounter Jesus.
- 11 **Fri:** Pray for wide distribution of additional apps and resources to accompany Luke and Acts.
- 12 **Sat:** Pray for Lofsang children being taught to read their language.
- 13 **Sun:** **God's will be done, God's Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven**
- 14 **Mon:** We pray for wisdom and good concentration for all youngsters who are still sitting exams.
- 15 **Tue:** For children and students who will be leaving schools, colleges, uni's, friends and familiar places.
- 16 **Weds:** For families dreading long school summer holidays and no exciting plans ahead.
- 17 **Thurs:** We pray for parents finding it hard to provide food, care and shelter for their children.
- 18 **Fri:** For all providing and attending summer clubs, camps and festivals, especially Christian ones.
- 19 **Sat:** We pray for all from St Luke's attending New Wine – Pearl and Simon village hosting the group.
- 20 **Sun:** **'Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them' (Eph 5:11)**
- 21 **Mon:** We Praise God for the dedication and passion of organisations and people uncovering exploitation.
- 22 **Tues:** Lord, please help people targeted by scammers to recognise them in time to avoid the crime.
- 23 **Weds:** We pray for those who have become victims of scams to find help and restoration.
- 24 **Thurs:** Help us to be vigilant and good neighbours to those amongst whom we live.
- 25 **Fri:** We pray for rescue and freedom for all who have been trapped by trafficking or modern-day slavery.
- 26 **Sat:** We pray for the hearts of those intent on exploitation to be filled with God's love instead.
- 27 **Sun:** **We pray for 'our road' in St Luke's Parish and walk it if we can**
- 28 **Mon:** We pray for all innocent victims of war and those in combat to save their homelands.
- 29 **Tues:** We pray for the people of Ukraine, still fighting for their right to exist as a nation peacefully.
- 30 **Weds:** For all needing food, health care and a place to call home.
- 31 **Thurs:** Pray for peace for a nation of your choice.

For those who are sick & suffering... Maggi J; Simon C's Mum; Sarah H's grandson.

Grieving – Jude W and family; Liana H and family; James W; Di H's family; Aneal A and family; Jojo L and family; Gillet family; David R; Turner family; Macklin family, Ali W's family - Andy, Becca, Lorraine & Annalise

We pray for the following members of our church family; Joan B, Simon C, John C, Barry C, Angela D, Washington & Surriyafarhad D, Caroline D & family, Mark & Eleanor D & family, Keith E, Lorna E.

Future dates for your diary.....

Weds 2 nd July	12.00pm	Craft Matters with Hearing Clinic
Fri 4 th July	10.30pm-2am	Street Pastors (<i>please pray</i>)
Sat 5 th July	9.30am-12pm	Church Maintenance Morning
	7.00pm	Men's Pizza Night
Sun 6 th July	12.00pm	Church Family Cultural Lunch
Mon 7 th July	10.00am	Little Fishes
	6.30pm	Ladies Pizza Meal
Weds 9 th July	11.30am	Lunch Matters
Mon 14 th July	10.00am	Little Fishes
Weds 16 th July	12.00pm	Craft Matters with Hearing Clinic
Mon 21 st July	10.00am	Little Fishes
Weds 23 rd July	11.30am	Lunch Matters
Fri 25 th July	10.30pm-2am	Street Pastors (<i>please pray</i>)
Mon 28 th July	10.00am	Little Fishes

Zoom Prayer Meetings

Monday 9am (& 8pm on 1st & 3rd Monday)

Wednesday 9am

Friday 8am

on Zoom Meeting ID: 849 7205 6375
Passcode: 268102

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

3rd Sunday – 20th July

Third Sunday is a service where we seek **intimacy** and an **encounter** with our living God in more creative and open ways than we can on a Sunday morning. We meet from 7-8pm for a time of extended sung worship and prayer as we expectantly wait to hear what God is saying to us.

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