

ST LUKE'S CHURCH. MONTHLY MATTERS.



St Luke's Church
Dates and News
May 2025

Services in May

Sunday 4 th	10.30am	Morning Worship
Wednesday 7 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 11 th	10.30am	All Together Service
	12.00pm	APCM followed by
	12.30pm	Bring & Share Lunch
Wednesday 14 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 18 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	3 rd Sunday
Wednesday 2 st	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 25 th	10.30am	Worship Block
Wednesday 28 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion

Vicar's Message

Dear sisters and brothers,

It is with deep sadness that I am writing to let you know that our dear sister, Ali Wright, went home to be with our Lord on Sunday 27th April.

Ali has been a committed and vibrant member of St Luke's church since early in the days of the Priory plant and will be deeply missed by so many of us. She has been a model of grace and patience and a huge encourager for so many people. Her warmth, her smile and her beautiful voice have blessed countless people.

She had such a godly character and brought the light of Jesus to the lives of so many.

She will be so very missed and our grief will be deeply felt, until we meet her again when we too go home to our Lord.

Our whole church family are invited to attend a service at St Luke's to celebrate Ali's life on Friday 23rd May at 3pm.

If you would like to watch back to our announcement about Ali's death from our service on 4th May, or to listen to her church family share their tributes, you can do so on this playlist:

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBL02fcZU9loQuMHINTURAJ43AhJmnY2&si=QNoTigPc4ze3sKTU>

Please continue to hold Ali's family - Andy, Becca, Lorraine and Annalise - in your prayers.

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

Please Note – No Little Fishes on 5th and 26th May

Lunch Matters

14th & 28th

A homemade 2-course meal with an activity.

£5 suggested donation

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

Craft Matters & Hearing Clinic
7th & 21st

Bring along your craft, and some lunch

Sunday 11th May: Annual Meeting

On Sunday 11th May we have our Annual Church Meeting (APCM). This year we will giving our usual morning service over to a celebration of all that God has been doing in and through His church over the last year, and looking forward to what He might be doing next.

After the service we will be holding a short meeting where we will be electing our Church Wardens and members of our Church Council (PCC). If you would like to stand for our PCC please speak with Aneal as we have a few spaces available. This meeting will be followed by a church lunch.

Is there a Quiet Revival...?

On Sunday 4th May I shared during my sermon about the new research published by Bible Society that indicates that there are two million more people now attending churches in the UK than in 2018.

You can read the research yourself on their website here:

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/research/quiet-revival>

Please pray for these new believers to be disciplined.



- 1 Thurs: **Pray for** Global Connections - linking many Christian Missions and Charities, in spreading the love and saving power of Jesus.
 - 2 Fri: **Pray for** the Coalition of the Willing to achieve a peace settlement between Ukraine and Russia.
 - 3.Sat: **Pray for** weapons to be turned to ploughshares and tribal warfare to cease in Sudan.
 - 4.Sun: **Be still and know that I am God Psalm 46:10**
 - 5.Mon: **Give peace in our time O Lord. Give thanks for** all who gave their lives for peace.
 6. Tues: **Pray for** Rev Alison Elison & Ministry at St Peter's, Woodmansterne, & Rev Mike Fox - semi-retired.
 7. Weds: **Pray for** Anita – former Vicar, Martha, Lisa and Sarah-Louise who trained at St Luke's.
 8. Thurs: **VE Day** - for fitting memorials to mark this special day of peace.
 9. Fri: **Give thanks for** Annie's mum, Jean. **Pray for** her funeral, for her family and friends and for all mourning the loss of loved ones.
 10. Sat: **Give thanks for** the benefits of AI and pray against its potential for evil.
 11. Sun: **Ill-gotten treasures have no lasting value. Proverbs 10:2.**
 - 12.Mon: **Pray for** Sandcross, Dovers Green. Brooklands schools Valley, Autistic Centre.
 13. Tues: **Pray for** the outworkings of the legislation defining 'What is a Woman'
 14. Weds: **Pray for** all who preach and lead our worship, music, sound and YouTube.
 - 15.Thurs: **Pray for** all who lead our Children and Young People' groups.
 - 16.Fri: **Pray for** all who make and serve refreshments.
 17. Sat: **Pray for** all suffering from conflict, war and natural disasters - for aid to reach all in need.
 - 18.Sun: **God is the King of all the earth, sing praises to Him. Psalm 41:7.**
 19. Mon: We implore you Lord to change hearts and minds, in Israel and Gaza, to bring peace.
 20. Tues: **We pray for** all who risk persecution, even unto death for following Jesus.
 21. Weds: **We pray for** women and girls - forbidden to attend school, workplaces or even leave home.
 - 22.Thurs: **We pray for** the Bible Society's '**Open the Book**' - taking God's word into primary schools, nationwide, and for our team going into local schools.
 - 23.Fri: **We pray for** Sparkfish - taking God's work into local secondary schools and give thanks for their Christmas and Easter Presentations.
 24. Sat: **We pray for** Aneal as he ministers amongst us and give thanks for God's many gifts he shares with us. We also pray for Sabrina and her family, for Belle and Jacob and Aneal & family, still mourning his father.
 - 25.Sun: **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end.**
 26. Mon: For 'The Big Church Day Out' now '**The Big Church Festival**' - worship, teaching and fun and games.
 - 27.Tues: For safeguarding procedures - to keep children and vulnerable people really safe.
 - 28.Weds: **Pray for Tearfund** - exploring new ways of farming for drought areas.
 - 29 Thurs: **Ascension Day.** Thank you O my Father, for giving us your Son - Risen, ascended, glorified.
 30. Fri: Pray for your road in the Parish – sorry for delay in allocating others, due to accident.
- 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;** Sue T, Annie & Nige T, Kelly Turner-Potter & family, Chris & Vicky W, Gina & Hamish W, Perry W, David & Jude W, James W, Jacque W.

Future dates for your diary.....

Fri 2 nd May	10.30pm-2am	Street Pastors (please pray)
Weds 7 th May	12.00pm	Craft Matters with Hearing Clinic
Fri 9 th May	10.15am	Funeral for Jean Macklin
	1.00pm	Funeral for Jean Van der Pant
Mon 12 th May	10.00am	Little Fishes
Weds 14 th May	11.30am	Lunch Matters
Mon 19 th May	10.00am	Little Fishes
Weds 21 st May	12.00pm	Craft Matters with Hearing Clinic
Fri 23 rd May	3pm	Funeral Ali Wright
Weds 28 th May	11.30am	Lunch Matters
Fri 30 th May	10.30pm-2am	Street Pastors (please pray)
Mon 2 nd June	10.00am	Little Fishes
Weds 4 th June	12.00pm	Craft Matters with Hearing Clinic
Mon 9 th June	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 – 18th May

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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