

ST LUKE'S CHURCH. MONTHLY MATTERS.



St Luke's Church
Dates and News
August 2026

Services in August

Sunday 2 nd	10.30am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 5 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 9 th	8.45am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Summer Church
Wednesday 12 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 16 th	8.45am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	All Together Summer Church
Wednesday 19 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 23 rd	8.45am	No Holy Communion
	10.30am	Summer Church
Wednesday 26 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 30 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion
	10.30am	Summer Church

Vicar's Message

Thank you for your prayers as I attended General Synod early in July.

For those not in the know, the General Synod is the Church of England's governing council who, being the established church, have authority granted to them by Parliament to govern the Church.

The days were long and full with a mixture of legislative and liturgical business.

By God's grace I arrived just in time to make the final speech in the Neurodiversity and the Church debate, where I was proud to share the work of our Church for Everyone Team, headed up by Anne S and Laura T, and to share a brief comment from Perry W. You can watch my contribution here (although I'd encourage you to watch the whole debate that begins around 1hr 37mins in): <https://www.youtube.com/live/GRfDVqis-pY?t=10145s>

This session marked the closing of the current quinquennium and so the end of my 5 year term on General Synod. It has been a privilege to serve our Lord's Church in this way and to contribute to the governance and life of the church nationally. I will continue to serve on two sub-committees of the General Synod for a little while longer – *one focussing on Clergy Wellbeing, the other on Clergy Pensions*.

Please to pray for the Church of England. There will be elections in the autumn calling for people to serve for the next 5 years. If you would like to know more about what it means to be a member of the General Synod, or would like to stand, please do talk to me. I'd love to pray for you and support you as you make these big decisions.

Please also pray for me as I consider standing again.

Aneal

Little Fishes

Mondays, 10-11:30am, £2 per child

Not 3rd and 31st August

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

Booking essential:

<https://www.stlukesreigate.org.uk/little-fishes>

Holiday at Home

Weds 19th August

Sandwich lunch & Beetle Drive

£3 suggested donation

12.30 – 2pm in the St Peter's Room

Thurs 27th August

Trip to Littlehampton

Cost TBA for transport

Timings TBC

Visit: www.stlukesreigate.org.uk/post/holiday-at-home

Family Fun Day

Saturday 1st August, 11am-2pm

Join us for crafts, cakes, games, music, face painting and more!

£3 per child over 1yo (includes crafts)

Visit: www.stlukesreigate.org.uk/post/fun-day

If you're able to help run the event, please speak with Aneal.

Holiday Club

**Monday 10th to Wednesday 12th August
1-4pm**

We're putting on a Holiday Club for the children in our church family and our community.

With crafts, games, music, refreshments and bible teaching, this club promises to be action packed!

For children aged 7 to 12 years old

Just £1 per day

Visit: www.stlukesreigate.org.uk/post/holiday-club



To guide you in your prayers this month

As schools, colleges and universities break up for the Summer holidays we pray for the school children, students, teachers, lecturers and all staff that they can rest, recuperate and relax with friends and family.

We pray particularly for:

- families struggling with financial pressures at this time.
- families struggling with substance abuse, violence and breakdown.
- families struggling with mental health issues and caring for children with emotional and behavioural issues.
- protection and safety as families travel and enjoy holiday time together.

We pray for rest and refreshment for St Luke's Church leaders and members;

- Aneal and his family, Maggi, Pearl, Wardens, Preaching team, Worship team, Children and Youth teams and all who serve at church.
- For our holiday events ; Fun Day, Holiday Club, Beetle Drive and lunch, Outing to Littlehampton and Little Fishes Summer Play.
- For those going to Christian events; New Wine, Big Church Festival, Wild Fires, Satellites and other youth and family camps.

We pray for the government; Andy Burnham, our new PM for energy, wisdom and faith. For our MPs and staff as they leave Westminster for their summer recess. For safety and recuperation.

- May they have time to rest, reflect and recharge their batteries.

We pray for our NHS:

- For the problems of staff shortages and exhaustion and stress at work.
- For reduction in waiting times and improved care of the sick and suffering.

We pray for refugees arriving in the UK:

- That the government can create an effective and humane policy for identifying and caring for refugees.
- We pray that the trade in trafficking asylum seekers will be stopped and the boats will not be making the treacherous journey across the channel.

We pray for an end to conflicts.

- Ukraine: For Presidents Putin and Zelensky.
- Israel and Gaza – Netanyahu, Hamas & Hezbollah leadership, Lebanon's leadership.
- Sudan and South Sudan; conflict, displacement, starvation, fear and trauma.
- Iran and the USA; for safe travel through the Straits of Hormuz, an end to attacks.

For those who are sick & suffering: Maggi J, JoJo L, Perry W, Shirley H, Joey, Liz B, Angela P, Mandie F, Jude W

We pray for the following members of our church family; Anne S, Mark & Lisa S & family, Patricia S, Pearl & Simon S, Sue S, Ben & Ruth S & family, Frazer & Laura T & family, Immy & Tim T-R & family, Barbara T.

Grieving families: Appadoo's; Hill's; Wetherall's; Scott's; McHansen's; Raper's; Harnett's; Brown's; Herbert's; Benn's

Dates for your diary.....

Sat 1 st Aug	11.00am-2pm	Family Fun Day
Mon 3 rd Aug		NO Little Fishes
Mon 10 th Aug	10.00am	Little Fishes
	1.00-4.00pm	Holiday Club
Tue 11 th Aug	1.00-4.00pm	Holiday Club
Wed 12 th Aug	1.00-4.00pm	Holiday Club
Mon 17 th Aug	10.00am	Little Fishes
Weds 19 th Aug	12.30pm	Hol at Home lunch/Beetle Drive
Mon 24 th Aug	10.00am	Little Fishes
Thurs 27 th Aug	9.45am	Hol at Home Trip to Littlehampton
Mon 31 st Aug		NO Little Fishes
Mon 7 th Sept	10.00am	Little Fishes
Weds 9 th Sept	11.30am	Lunch Matters
Sat 12 th Sept	8.00am	Street Pastor breakfast

Zoom Prayer Meetings on Zoom Monday 9am // Wednesday 7:15am // Friday 8am

Resuming in September

Zoom codes available through ChurchSuite or WhatsApp group.

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

3rd Sunday – 16th August 7-8pm

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 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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