



St Luke's Church Fontainebleau
The Second Sunday of Lent
Holy Communion Service
01 March 2026
Service led by Rev'd Dr Donald McFadyen



Welcome to our service this morning.

The outline for today's service is contained in this service guide and from our [website](#).

You are invited to respond at various points with the words in bold print.

If you have any prayer concerns that you would like included in our prayers today there is a book at the back of the Chapel where you can write these down.

Our chaplain contact details: chaplain.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com



Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life.

It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity.

It is through encountering God within worship
that we are formed and transformed as his people.

As we sit quietly before this service commences let us prepare ourselves to meet Jesus and receive him into our hearts by spending a few moments in prayer and reflection.

THE GATHERING

Please stand as we sing our first Hymn:

Hymn: Praise to the holiest (Tune: Richmond) (SoF 469)

1. PRAISE TO THE HOLIEST IN THE HEIGHT,
And in the depth be praise;
In all His words most wonderful,
Most sure in all His ways.

2. O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.

3. O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe,
Should strive and should prevail;

4. And that a higher gift than grace
Should flesh and blood refine,

God's presence and His very self,
And essence all-divine.

5. O generous love! that He, who smote
In Man for man the foe,
The double agony in Man
For man should undergo;

7. And in the garden secretly,
And on the cross on high,
Should teach His brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.

8. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And to the depth be praise;
In all His words most wonderful,
Most sure in all His ways.

THE GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Grace and peace be with you
and keep you in the love of Christ.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION *Please sit or kneel as we pray together :*

Because God was merciful,
he saved us through the water of rebirth
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.
But through sin we have fallen away from our baptism.
Let us return to the Lord and renew our faith in his promises
by confessing our sins in penitence.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in
thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole
heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as
ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct
what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life
eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sit for our first reading.

Genesis 12.1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who

curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

....This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: Psalm 121

Please say the words printed in bold:

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- 4 He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**
- 5 The Lord is your keeper;

- the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
- 6 The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**
- 7 The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
- 8 The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.**

We say together:

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now,
and shall be forever.
Amen.**

Gradual Hymn: My Lord, what love is this (SoF 398)

1. MY LORD, WHAT LOVE IS THIS
That pays so dearly,
That I, the guilty one,
May go free!

Ref:

Amazing love, O what sacrifice,
The Son of God given for me.
My debt He pays, and my death Hedges,
That I might live, that I might live.
(Last time only)
That I might live!

2. And so they watched Him die,
Despised, rejected;
But oh, the blood He shed
Flowed for me!

3. And now, this love of Christ
Shall flow like rivers;
Come wash your guilt away,
Live again!

THE GOSPEL READING

Priest : The Lord be with you.

All : **And also with you.**

Priest : Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All : **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' 4 Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

.... This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON *Please be seated.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Please stand .*

Let us declare our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from
heaven,**

was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Please sit or kneel.*

...
Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.
The peace of the triune God be always with you
and also with you.

You are invited to greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

We sing our Offertory Hymn during which the collection is taken up.

Offertory hymn: Draw me close to the cross (SoF 704)

*DRAW ME CLOSE TO THE CROSS,
To the place of Your love,
To the place where You poured out Your mercy;
Where the river of life
That flows from Your wounded side
Brings refreshing to those who draw near.
Draw me close to Your throne*

*Where Your majesty is shown,
Where the crown of my life I lay down.
Draw me close to Your side,
Where my heart is satisfied,
Draw me close to You, Lord,
Draw me close.*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Please remain standing.*

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

God is praised for his mighty acts and we respond:

**Holy , holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Last Supper is recalled and we follow with the acclamation:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

All baptised and communicant members of other Churches are invited to come forward and receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Those who do not receive Communion for whatever reason are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer the People say AMEN. A short time of silent prayer follows.

The priest may say a special post-communion prayer.

Hymn during Communion: Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice (SoF 865)

*JESUS CHRIST, I think upon Your sacrifice,
You became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life,
And I'm in that place once again.
And I'm in that place once again.*

Ref:

*And once again I look upon
The cross where You died,
I'm humbled by Your mercy
And I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank You,*

Once again I pour out my life.

*Now You are exalted to the highest place,
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.
But for now, I marvel at this saving grace,
And I'm full of praise once again.
I'm full of praise once again.*

*Thank You for the cross,
Thank You for the cross,
Thank You for the cross, my Friend.
(Repeat)*

We pray together:

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

OUR NOTICES

Please stand while we sing our Final Hymn.

Final hymn: I, the Lord of sea and sky (SoF 830)

*1. I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY,
I have heard My people cry;
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?*

Ref:

*Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
If You lead me;
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

*2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain;
I have wept for love of them –
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone;
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?*

*3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them –
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts are satisfied;
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send?*

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE BLESSING

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



Church Notices

Annual Chaplaincy Meeting 2026

Please note that our ACM 2026 meeting will take place on Sunday, April 26th 2026.

Leading Intercessions

Our prayers on a Sunday morning are an important and integral part of our worship. We have a rota for our Intercessions which is separate from the other sign-up rota. If you would be interested in joining our merry band of intercessors, please drop Netta a line at mcfadyens@hotmail.com or send an SMS to Netta at +33 (0) 6 81 87 62 57.

Do ask if you are unsure or if you have any queries. Thank you.

Lent is coming...

I once heard a bishop say to a congregation, "I wish you a gruelling Lent!" What he meant, of course, was that he hoped people would take the opportunity given by Lenten disciplines to deepen their Christian faith. This year the Council has decided that we should likewise focus on Lent as a time to deepen our faith as a church, by denying ourselves and deepening our lives of prayer. This is not easy, but doing it together is much easier than trying to do it alone. There will be four 'inputs' to help us: Ash Wednesday, Sunday preaching, Lent lunches, and a Lent Course.

i) **Ash Wednesday Service** which will be on February 18th at 7pm at our Chapel, 57 Rue de Fleury, 77300 Fontainebleau.

ii) **Sundays** during Lent will include teaching about the ancient practice of fasting, from food most obviously, but also from aspects of modern life too, like 'screen time'.

iii) **Lent Lunches**

This year's Lent Lunches will take a slightly different format.

We will meet each time at Netta and Donald's apartment:

2 Rue Des Bois, 77300, Fontainebleau. 3rd floor (there is a lift!) between 12:30h & 14:00h on the following five Thursdays in Lent: February 26th, March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th.

We will have our usual soup and bread, followed by fruit and coffee or tea. The idea is to have a frugal meal and to donate what we might have spent on lunch to the Lent Lunch 'collection pot' with a suggested donation of 10 euros each. We can discuss at our first lunch where we would like our donation to go and we can then put that to the Council at their next meeting for approval. (Last year we put the money aside to pay for a new altar cloth and lectern fall, which is an on-going project.)

Netta will provide the venue and coffee and tea; others are invited to provide soup or bread or fruit. Please do so either in pairs or as a solo effort. Please confirm your attendance to Netta with 48hrs notice for catering purposes.

In order to mark Lent and to keep our focus on the opportunity this gives us to pray together and to think a little 'outside the box', Netta has offered to lead a little 'Thought for the Day' during the meal. Nothing heavy, just a thought and a prayer to keep us

focussed on our response to Lent and to keep us mindful of the purpose of this time in the church year.

If you would like to bring a friend who may be new to St Luke's or who may have no history with us at all, this is an ideal opportunity.

Contact details to indicate attendance: Netta +33 (0) 6 81 87 62 57 (SMS, please) or mcfadyens@hotmail.com

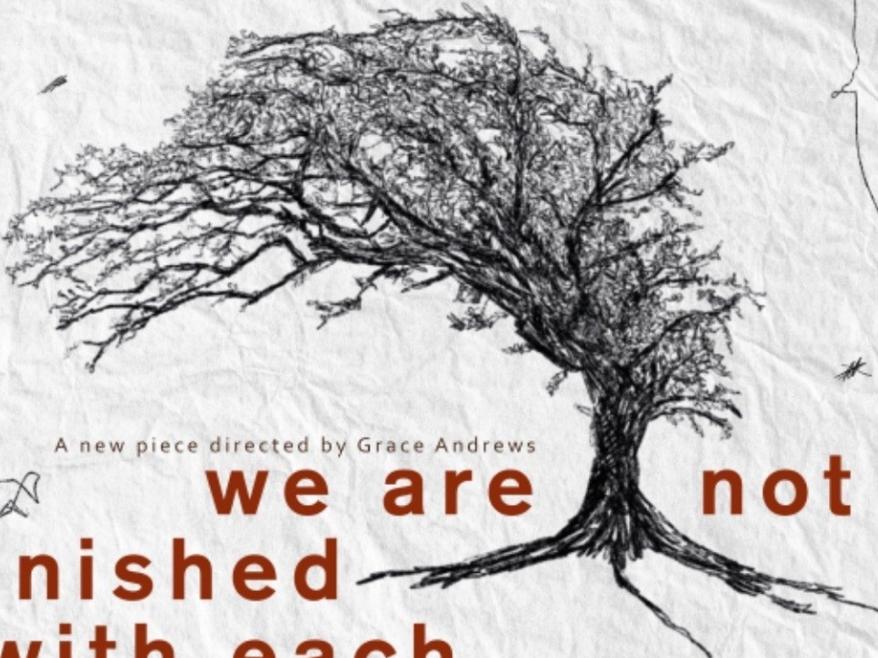
iv) **Lent Course** which will take a close look at the way we draw close to God in worship - where did our type of Anglican prayer come from? What's going on in a Communion service? How might we develop our ways of worshipping God? The sessions will be on five **Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm**: February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th at the home of Leigh and Stefan, 34 ave. Charles de Gaulle, 77630 Barbizon.

Let us set ourselves the goal of being prepared by the 40 days of Lent to celebrate Easter on April 5th with renewed faith and joy!

Fontainebleau School of Acting – “we are not finished with each other”

Michal Zoller, a new member of our congregation who is currently a student at the Fontainebleau School of Acting, and Charlotte Taylor are inviting us to attend their production. Michal wrote:

“We would like to invite you all to come and see our new production “we are not finished with each other” at the Théâtre Municipal de Fontainebleau, February 28th and March 1st at 7:30pm. A little overview: Fonacts 2nd year ensemble creates a new piece together with director Grace Andrews with scenes from Irish plays by Brian Friel and Conor McPherson. Expect an Irish evening and all the chaotic family relationships across multiple generations. I would love to see you all there.”



Assistant Director
Anya Anderson Birch

Movement
Michal Zoller
Danny McGrath

Voice
Marta Horyza

Lighting
Woody

Costume
Ekaterina Kazakova

Sound
Charlotte Taylor

Cast
Danika Scott
Ece Tunca
Emma Clerkin
Louna Evrard
Lucie Firnhaber
Malachy Tennant
Marci Urban
Michal Zoller
Mina Latham
Robert den Dekker
Selena Bouri
Svea von der Lieth
Viktorie Bechnä

A new piece directed by Grace Andrews

**we are not
finished with each
other**

from the Fonact Y2 Ensemble
with scenes from Brian Friel
& Conor McPherson

Saturday February 28th
Sunday March 1st
19:30

Fontainebleau School of Acting logo: **FONTAINEBLEAU SCHOOL OF ACTING**

Théâtre Municipal de Fontainebleau logo: **tmf** THÉÂTRE MUNICIPAL FONTAINEBLEAU

Théâtre Municipal de Fontainebleau



2026 Bishop's Lent Appeal: Vale Silves Community Centre, Portugal

About Portugal

Portugal is a beautiful country and a popular tourist and retirement destination. Despite the many tourists, about 2.2 million people (about 20% of the population), are at risk of poverty or social exclusion. From 2011 through to 2015 Portugal endured a financial crisis and the pandemic has contributed to the difficulties in overcoming this. Great economic and social inequalities exist.



About the Vale Silves Community Centre

The Centre was founded in 1990 by Dra Maria Armanda Silva, originally as a Parents' Association seeking to improve the local primary school. That small initiative grew into a wider community project addressing the needs of families in the district. Over the years, through EU grants, donated building materials, and significant personal sacrifice—including Dra Armanda taking out a mortgage on her own home—the Centre has become a fully operational, independent, non-political, not-for-profit organisation serving the parish of Boliqueime, in the Algarve.

Our long-standing partnership

St Vincent's Chaplaincy Algarve has cooperated closely with the Centre for many years. Our partnership includes supporting the elderly outreach programme, providing annual Christmas gift bags for all elderly users and their carers, assisting with fundraising, and maintaining a regular pastoral presence. This long and trusted relationship means we have had the privilege of witnessing first-hand, the commitment, integrity, and compassion with which Dra Armanda and her team serve the most vulnerable in the community.

What the Vale Silves Community Centre does

The Centre provides essential support to vulnerable families, children, and the elderly in the region as a practical outworking of their vision to love God and neighbour:

- **Elderly Home-Care Programme** – 50 elderly people receive personalised daily care, including hygiene assistance, meals, house cleaning, and regular home visits from a team of 20 carers. Many are bedbound and entirely dependent on this service.
- **Food Support** – A large food bank operates three times a week, providing vital supplies to families living with significant hardship.
- **Children's Services** – Childcare for working parents, cooked meals for school children, and access to recreational and developmental activities.
- **Community Outreach** – Distribution of recycled clothing and furniture, laundry services, exercise classes, and case-by-case practical support when urgent needs arise.



Christmas present distribution



Bishop Robert with Dra Armada

Why This Appeal Matters

Despite doing extraordinary work with whole families, from the youngest to the oldest, the Centre's finances are fragile. The Centre can offer home-care support for the elderly by charging only a small fee for the service. That fee is covered partly through government allowances and partly by the service users themselves. However, because many of them live on extremely low state pensions, they are often left with no more than €60 to cover all their remaining needs, including food and medication.

The care they receive from the Centre is invaluable — without it, they would never be able to afford any form of private home care. At the same time, the small contributions they make do not come close to covering the real cost of providing the service. This means the Centre must rely heavily on donations in order to continue offering this essential support to some of the most vulnerable people in the parish. Dra Amanda is a practising Catholic - a little lady with a big and infectious faith. I find their work inspiring, and there is no doubt that additional support received from this Lent Appeal would make a significant impact.

Use of Lent Appeal Funds

Contributions from the Lent Appeal would directly help to:

- Sustain the elderly home-care programme

- Ensure meals for children and continued food bank provision
- Strengthen outreach to isolated and housebound elderly people
- Provide flexibility to respond to urgent and unforeseen needs.

I encourage us all to give generously and prayerfully to this work. Details of how to do that can be found below.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ Robert Gibraltar in Europe

+Robert Gibraltar in Europe

How you can donate to the Bishop in Europe's Lent Appeal 2026:

Via your Chaplaincy Treasurer to Nick Wraight in the Diocesan Office

By cheque made out to: Diocese in Europe

Diocese in Europe Board of Finance

14, Tufton St

London SW1P 3QZ

(Please add the words "Lent Appeal 2026" to any note you send with the cheque)

By bank transfer:

Account number: 40317039

Sort code: 20-06-13

IBAN: GB16 BUKB 2006 1340 3170 39 Swift

/ BIC: BUKBGB22

On the Diocese in Europe Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/diocese-ineurope>

Giving to Saint-Luke's

The Anglican Church of St. Luke's Fontainebleau is 100% self-funded and our ministry depends on God's faithfulness and the faithful giving of time, talents, and money from our congregation as we seek to serve Jesus Christ through welcome, worship, and witness.

GIVING TO ST LUKE'S CAN BE MADE IN A VARIETY OF WAYS:

1. Regular monthly giving by bank transfer. This is by far the easiest and most efficient way to provide regular financial support to St Luke's (bank details at the bottom of page).
2. Occasional or one-off donations via Bank Transfer.
3. Regular or occasional giving by cheque: either by sending a cheque made payable to "Eglise Anglicane de Fontainebleau" to the Treasurer or simply placing a cheque in the collection basket during the service.
4. Cash offerings in the collection basket in the service (Euros preferably !). Please consider replacing any giving that you would have made in cash with a cheque or an online donation during the period of suspension of physical services.

** All information concerning giving and donations is private and treated as confidential **

** Standing orders for regular giving by bank transfer can be amended or cancelled at any time **

TAX CERTIFICATES

If you are a French taxpayer, you will receive an annual 'tax certificate' for your giving online, by bank transfer or cheque which will allow you to claim a reduction on your tax (*)

**up to a limit for all your charitable giving of 20% of your taxable income*

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should you require any additional information or have any questions or require assistance, please contact Christopher Burton-Page: treasurer.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com

THANK YOU - your generous giving, whatever the amount, large or small, is so important to us and is greatly appreciated.

				
RELEVÉ D'IDENTITÉ BANCAIRE				
Identifiant national de compte bancaire - RIB				
Banque	Guichet	N° compte	Clé	Devise
30087	33862	00013539701	36	EUR
AGENCE DE FONTAINEBLEAU				
Identifiant international de compte bancaire				
IBAN (International Bank Account Number)				
FR76	3008	7338	6200	0135 3970 136
BIC (Bank Identifier Code)				
CMCIFRPP				
Domiciliation				
AGENCE DE FONTAINEBLEAU				
8 PLACE DE LA REPUBLIQUE				
77300 FONTAINEBLEAU				
Tél : 08-20-07-91-34				