St Luke's CHURCH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15: 13

This **Sunday** there are three services in church, at **8am Holy Communion**, at **9am Family Worship** for our younger congregation and at **10.30am our Parish Eucharist.** The 10.30am service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page. To join the 9am and 10.30am services on Zoom you need to sign up via the website to get the log in details. https://www.stlukeschurch.org.uk/calendar.htm The service sheet, readings, collect and notices are available on the website.

During the week in church there will be Meditation on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings between 8.30am and 9.15am.

Evening Prayer every weekday at 5.30pm is shared on Zoom and everyone is welcome to join in by signing up on the website calendar.

Our virtual coffee morning continues next week on **Wednesday 9 December at 10.30am, sign up on the website and join us!**

If you need help or would like some support, please contact Lorenzo, Yunghee or the Parish Office.

DONATING TO ST LUKE'S CHURCH

St Luke's would like to thank you for your continued financial support at this time. We continue to serve a wider community which have a greater need for the comfort and support we offer, as well as supporting poorer parishes who are dependent on our continued giving.

Please click the following link to provide a one off donation or become a regular giver.

https://stlukesbattersea.churchsuite.co.uk/donate

Alternatively use the QR code.
THANK YOU!

6 DECEMBER
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRAYERS

Heavenly Father, we pray for peace in our hearts, in our homes and in our world. Amen

God of hope, strengthen our lives; God of love, kindle our love so that, in a fragile world, we may be signs of the faith, hope, love which we share in Jesus Christ. Amen.

COLLECT O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grieviously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen

Prayers led by Gilly Black

The Sick

Floriana Finlay, Penny Mullins, Rosie Allot, Patrick McLaughlin, Ali Sabersheikh, John Powell
RIP Maylyn Herod, Susan Hutson, Stan Dixson

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Lord's Taverners Christmas Concert
St Luke's was the venue for the virtual Christmas concert for the Lord's Taverners charity. It will be available to download from 6.30pm on 14 December. As well as beautiful carols sung by Roderick Williams and the Holst Singers the programme features Derek Carden on the organ and Lorenzo giving a welcome and a blessing. Antony Lewis-Crosby has seen the first cut of the programme and St Luke's looks magnificent on it. To register for free go to www.lordstaverners.org and click on Virtual Christmas concert with the Stars. The link will be sent to you.

If you would like to deliver food to church the trolley is at the back of church. Alternatively do make a financial donation to the Wandsworth Foodbank https://wandsworth.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/ Foodbanks need our support more than ever.

Charitable Giving at St Luke's
Home-Start Wandsworth is a local community network of trained volunteers who support families with children who are struggling for a variety of reasons from multiple births to postnatal depression and social isolation. During the pandemic staff and volunteers are working from home to support families by telephone and on-line. This year St Luke's donated toys collected at our traditional toy service to Home Start who have written to say thank you,
Dear Lorenzo, Jan and the congregation of St Luke's, I am writing to you to express our gratitude at the wonderful gifts that you so kindly bought for Home-Start Wandsworth families who may not otherwise receive a gift this Christmas. A gift from one person to another, even if you've never met, is a lovely expression of care. That kindness is especially felt at Christmas

STOP PRESS!!!

Following the latest lifting of lockdown restrictions there will be Carol Singing in the Garden behind the church on **Sunday 20 December at 4pm**

It will be a great opportunity for the whole congregation to join in with some Christmas Carols.

Numbers will be strictly limited and tickets will be available online very soon!

St Luke's CHRISTMAS MARKET

COLLECTION DAY
SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER
11AM TO 4PM

It's not too late to place an order online for Linda's delicious Christmas cake (un-iced), a selection of cheeses, chutneys, preserves and Organic Olive Oil, as well as gifts, decorations, wreaths and more!
Go to the St Luke's Website www.stlukeschurch.org.uk and follow the link on the home page.

There will be selection of Christmas Plants and things from the site to buy on the day!!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2020

Sunday 13 December 5pm
Carolling-along Online
Christmas carols, music and readings for young & old, join in from the comfort of home!

Sunday 20 December 4pm
Carols in the Garden (behind the Church)*

CHRISTMAS EVE
4pm Nativity - Online Only
11.30pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY
8am Holy Communion*
9.30am Family Festival Eucharist

TICKET INFORMATION
To attend in person or for the Zoom link to join online sign up on our website
www.stlukeschurch.org.uk/calendar
***not available online**
A limited number of seats will be available at each service on a first come first served basis.

NEWS FOR FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AT ST LUKE'S

Join us back in church this Sunday at our 9am Family Worship, don't worry if you can't get there sign up on the calendar and join in with us from wherever you are on Zoom!

We would love you to join us.

The Film Quiz was fun last week and the next one is being planned!
Date and Time to be announced!

The next film will be Home Alone so watch the film and come ready to get a place on the podium.

Keep an eye out for details.

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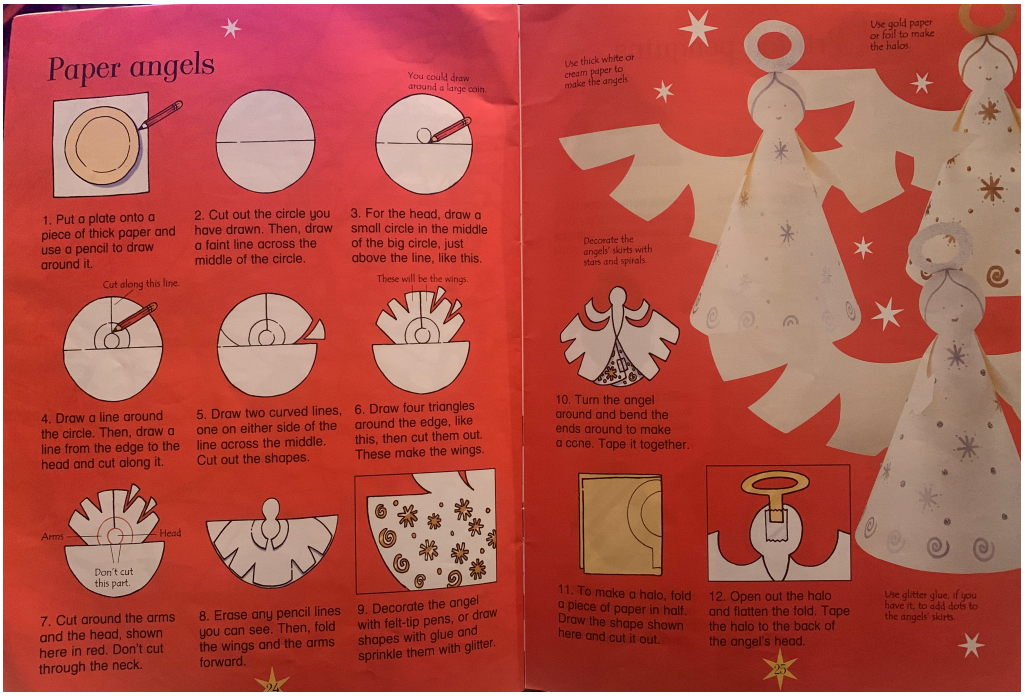
SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME



Nine Elms Advent Calendar Trail 2020
Tue 1 Dec – Thu 31 Dec 2020

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION

https://nineelms.org/focus/nine-elms-arts-ministry

READINGS & COLLECT FOR SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER

COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grieviously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen

2 Peter 3: 8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him.

Mark 1: 1 – 8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight" ',
John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with