



St Luke's CHURCH

LENT

Accept our repentance, Lord ...

for the wrongs we have done, for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbours and for our prejudice and contempt towards those who differ from us.

For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

This **Sunday** there are two services, at **9am** the **Family Worship** for our younger congregation and at **10.30am** our **Parish Eucharist**. **BOTH** services will be on Zoom and the 10.30am service will also be livestreamed on our Facebook page. To join the 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 Evening Prayer is at 5.30pm and shared on Zoom and everyone is welcome to join in by signing up on the website calendar. The church will be open for Meditation and Private Prayer between 8.30am and 9.15am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Our **Virtual Coffee Morning** is back on **Wednesday 24 February** at **10.30am**, sign up on the calendar and join in.

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.

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

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



21 FEBRUARY 2021

LENT 1

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

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God now and forever. Amen

Prayers led by Richard Balcer

The Sick Floriana Finlay, Rosie Allott, Robin Baxter, Patrick McLaughlin, Philip Jones, David Barttelot, Sarah Leigh, Lala Pawlak

RIP Judy Acheson, Nicholas Roberts

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Charitable Giving: Lambeth

Mediation This charity has been in existence for 30 years and exists within the community including running conflict surgeries and workplace mediation. They believe in challenging perceptions, questioning beliefs and changing attitudes as a route for helping resolve the most entrenched disputes. Since the Covid-19 pandemic they have seen an increase in demand for their services within families and with neighbours living in high-rise flats in the deprived areas of Lambeth. They are offering their services via Zoom and Skype.

WEEKDAY SERVICES ON ZOOM

Evening Prayer every day at 5.30pm

Tales, Pray & (Play)

Every Wednesday at 9.30am.

Please sign up on the website to get the zoom link.

IN CHURCH

Meditation and Private Prayer

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. 8.30am to 9.15am



The Foodbank is still in urgent need of food to deliver to families. While we are not in church, Antony Lewis-Crosby will be outside church in the car park or across Ramsden Road every Wednesday morning between 11.30am and 12.30pm so that you can bring your food donations and he will take them to the Foodbank warehouse. This will continue during February.

The Foodbank is particularly looking for Tinned vegetables, potatoes fruit and custard, 4-packs of toilet roll, handsoap, washing up liquid and tin openers. **Many thanks.**

Parish Lent Course 2021- Inspired to follow

Lent Groups this year will be held online running for 5 weeks. The groups will be using materials from St Martin's in the Fields, studying Bible stories and five pictures from the National Gallery.



The groups will be on zoom, starting from next week 22 February to 27 March. The list of the groups with space to join is on the Lent page on our church website under 'Worship and Prayer', where you will also be able to sign up.

There are still a few places to meet and converse with others about well-known pictures that illustrate the Passion of Jesus.

Take a look at the St Luke's Online Shop. We have decided to continue to offer a few items for sale, including a selection of notecards. In packs of 5, choose from three designs. Blank for your own message, why not buy some and send some notes to friends and family you are missing or to let people know you are thinking of them, especially during Lent?



There are still some jams, chutneys and marmalades available as well as olive oils.

Go to the website homepage and click through from the 'Online Shop' button

Wandsworth Welcomes Refugees is running an urgent technology appeal to support local refugee families suffering from digital poverty. Working with Power to Connect. Access to technology is vital for refugees and helps them stay connected and avoid isolation, especially during the pandemic.

Donations have enabled refugee children in the area to participate in online schooling and complete educational work, which is vital for keeping up with their studies during lockdown.

The mother of a seven-year-old who received a laptop said, *"There's less tension between her and her younger brother... and she is a happy girl now, she does reading practice, uses BBC Bitesize and plays maths games."*

Wandsworth Welcomes Refugees urges anyone in Wandsworth who could donate a spare laptop, smartphone, tablet, or printer to get in touch.

Please ensure that donations come with the relevant passwords and chargers. Please email wandsworthwelcomesrefugees@gmail.com for more details or to arrange a collection.



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

Join us on Zoom at our 9am Family Worship online from wherever you are!

TALES, PRAY & PLAY



Tales, Pray & Play happens every **Wednesday at 9.30am**. We will hear a couple of stories, sing a song or two with Jordan and say a prayer. Hopefully later in the Spring we will be able to be back in church.



Film Quiz TODAY Friday 19 February at 5pm. Sign up on the website.

Settle down with some popcorn and watch 101 Dalmations and come ready to get a place on the podium. Family teams welcome!!

The season of Lent gives an opportunity to give children a balanced view of life, to let children know that there are times in life when they will be sad, while reassuring them that, no matter what happens, God is always with them to help them get through tough times.

To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ...a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. (NRSV)

Almsgiving is an important part of Lent; you could decorate a box and each day put in a donation for the foodbank



God's Story Our Story

Family Activities

These family activities are part of the Church of England's 2021 #LiveLent campaign.

The family activities have been written by Mary Hawes. The #LiveLent - God's Story, Our Story booklet was written by Stephen Hance, based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2021 Living His Story by Hannah Steele (SPCK). This material (which is copyright © The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England 2021) may be reproduced freely for non-commercial purposes.



Start of Lent: The Greatest Story

Ash Wednesday 17 February	Beautiful Feet	Romans 10.13-16	Lent is like a journey. We walk towards Holy Week and Easter and remember what it means to follow Jesus. Draw round your foot. Inside the shape write "Thank you, God, for..." Add the names of the people who help you follow Jesus. Place your footprint where you will see it and it will remind you to pray for those people.
Thursday 18 February	God's Story	John 20.1-18	The Bible tells us the story of God and God's love for the world. Count the number of Bibles and Bible story books in your home. Choose a story from one of them to read together. What does it help us know about God?
Friday 19 February	Living God's Story	Matthew 4.18-20	The first people Jesus called to follow him were fishermen. Do an image search for "He Qì Calling Disciples". What can you see in the picture? I wonder why they left everything to follow Jesus? I wonder what their families thought? I wonder if there's anything we need to leave behind to follow Jesus? Maybe you could chat about the picture while eating a fishy-themed meal (perhaps fish fingers or fish-shaped sandwiches).
Weekend 20-21 February	Come and See	John 1.45-47	"Come and see!" Philip was so excited to have met Jesus that he wanted his friend Nathanael to "Come and see!" Create a poster or a short video to tell people how they could "Come and see" Jesus at your church.



Week 1: Catching Up with God

Monday 22 February	Jesus the Storyteller	Matthew 13.34-35	Jesus was a great storyteller! We call his stories "parables" – stories to help people learn more about God and God's Kingdom. Set a timer for one minute. How many of Jesus' parables can you and your family call out in that time? Which is your favourite?
Tuesday 23 February	The Banquet	Luke 14.16-24	Tell the parable of the great banquet using emojis. As you decide which ones to use, wonder together about why Jesus says God's kingdom is like a huge banquet with invitations for everyone. When you're happy with your emoji parable, send it to one of your church leaders. Can they guess which parable it is?
Wednesday 24 February	The Lost Sheep	Luke 15.3-7	Get everyone in your family to draw and cut out one or more sheep (use an internet search if you need a template). Have each person hide their sheep somewhere in your home. Gather back together and on the word "Go", hunt down the "lost" sheep that aren't yours. Read the story of the Lost Sheep together.
Thursday 25 February	The Lost Coin	Luke 15.8-10	Go on a hunt round your home. Look under chairs and beds, down the back of the sofa, behind cupboards and in drawers. Did you manage to find any lost "treasures" (apart from dust!)? Think of a way to celebrate. (If you didn't find anything, celebrate anyway because God loves you.)
Friday 26 February	The Lost Son	Luke 15.11-32	Think of someone you haven't seen for a long time. Imagine you saw them walking down the road – and they are coming to your house! Design a poster (on paper or online) with the things you'd like to do and the food you'd like to share.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY

Genesis 9: 8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Mark 1: 9 – 15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'