

**WEAR ST. LUKE  
PARISH MAGAZINE**



*Summer Sunshine*

*July 2021*  
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## St. Luke's and St. Margaret's

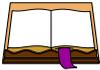


Links to our 10.00am Sunday and Wednesday

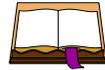
morning Eucharist Services and also Compline on Monday evenings at 7pm can be found on "A Church Near You" website – see below. Following the Services there is a short time to say "hello" to those taking part and do not forget the Thursday Zoom Coffee Morning at 10.30am a time to chat and catch up with friends. At this time be aware not only of our family and friends but our community as a whole – a simple phone call just to say "hello" would probably be very welcome.

**If you have access to the internet you can keep in touch by going to "A Church Near You" where there are recordings of our Services. The Zoom links and meeting IDs for all the Zoom events are on our pages on A Church Near You ACNY: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/8688/> (St Luke's). or <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/8641/> (St Margaret's). These links can be found on the Mission Community Weekly Newsletters.**

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### July readings at St. Luke's



The following are the readings for July which some of you may like to refer to during this time when our church is closed.

4th July  
Trinity 5

2 Corinthians 12: 2-10  
Mark 6: 1-13

11th July  
Trinity 6

Ephesians 1: 3-14  
Mark 6: 14-29

18th July (St. Margaret's Patronal & Confirmation)  
Trinity 7

Ephesians 2: 11-22  
Mark 6: 30-34 & 53-56

25th July  
Trinity 8/James the Apostle

Ephesians 3: 14-21  
John 6: 1-21

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## Love Never Fails



Given that we are all pretty much homebound (even whilst coming out of lockdown travel is either not permitted or not encouraged) my thoughts rove beyond the parish borders. I enjoy recollections of past adventures, to Greece, Rome, Florence, Paris, Malaga, and dream of future opportunities. Even travelling up north to Liverpool to see family or to London to see friends would be great. Spending another summer in the southwest is, for us, not a hardship though. We are lucky to live in a beautiful part of the world, and even a glimpse of the moors, the fields or the light on the water can lift the spirits in the daily round.

But back to the mediterranean - we can dream ... and this also casts my mind to the early church. Christianity was from the very beginning an outward looking religion, seeking to share the riches, the 'good news', in a generous way, rather than a judgemental way. St Paul famously travelled all the way across the mediterranean founding small base communities that became known as churches, characterised by their care and love of one another, rooted in their love of, rather than fear of, God.

This vision of spreading overflowing love, knowing no borders, may surprise some because the worst type of stereotype of such mission is that of St Paul haranguing others until they convert and do as he says.

Far from it. St Paul doesn't hold back from ticking off the fledgling communities when he feels that they are falling short of loving one another deeply, which may feel harsh sometimes; nevertheless it is that deep love and affirmation of the value of every single member of the community that is at the heart of all he said and did.

His famous hymn to love, 1Corinthians chapter 13, is rightly beloved as a number one choice at rites of passage services. This is because I am convinced that people of all hues recognise the depth of its message as containing very good news for us all, a vision of community life in which love is the first and last, emboldening and strengthening the heart to be courageous and consistent in practical love.

I can't think of a better message for us all at this moment in time when we sincerely hope that we have passed the worst that this pandemic has to offer, and yet we also know that it's not over until... it's over.

Now more than ever we need to take to heart, as individuals and as a collective, the words of 1Corinthians 13, and make them real in our daily lives and our national dealings:

4. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5** It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **6** Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **7** It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

**8** Love never fails.

*Reverend Louise Grace*

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### **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES FOR THE JULY SERVICES**

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| <b>*4<sup>th</sup> July – Trinity 5 –</b>                        | <b>10.00am Mission Community Communion live at St. Luke's and on Zoom</b>   |
| <b>*11<sup>th</sup> July – Trinity 6 -</b>                       | <b>10.00am Mission Community Communion live at St. Luke's and on Zoom</b>   |
| <b>*18<sup>th</sup> July – Trinity 7 -<br/>Patronal Festival</b> | <b>10.00am Mission Community Communion live at St. Margaret's and on Zoom including Confirmation with Bishop Robert officiating</b> |
| <b>*25<sup>th</sup> July – Trinity 8 -</b>                       | <b>10.00am Mission Community Communion live at St. Margaret's and on Zoom</b>   |

\*Please note that should you wish to attend any of the services in church you **MUST** book by contacting - [joloughlin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:joloughlin@hotmail.co.uk) to book for yourself or someone else.

If you are booked to come to a service or event at one of the churches please remember covid safety: face coverings, unless mask exempt; hand hygiene; social distancing. Please also consider staggering your arrival time, so that not everyone turns up five minutes before the start of the services.

**Mission Community additional Sunday Services**  
**in July- Please note the changes**



**11th – 3.00pm Open the Story for young families live at St. Luke's**  
**6.30pm Choral Evensong live at St. Margaret's**

**18th - 8.00am “BCP” Holy Communion live at St. Margaret's**

**Mid-week services and events during July**

**Monday :**

**2.30pm – 3.30pm Contemplative Prayer in St. Margaret's (Julian Meeting on the 2nd Monday)**

**7.00pm Short service of Compline** (reflective night prayer) streamed live via Zoom, including a time when we reflect on a short Gospel passage together.

**Wednesday:**

**10.00am Mid-week Holy Communion via Zoom**

**Thursday:**

**10.30am Coffee & Chat via Zoom**

**11.00am Mini—messy Church in St. Margaret's for under 5's & carers**

**Friday:**

**9.00am Morning Prayer in St. Margaret's followed by personal prayer until 10.00am.**

**St. Luke's Church is open on the following Saturdays:-**

<b>3rd July</b>	<b>10.30 – 11.30am</b>	<b>Private Prayer</b>
<b>10th July</b>	<b>10.30 – 11.30am</b>	<b>Private Prayer</b>
<b>17th July</b>	<b>10.30 – 11.30am</b>	<b>Private Prayer</b>
<b>24th July</b>	<b>10.30 - 11.00am</b>	<b>Private Prayer – 11.00 – 11.30am Short Service of Holy Communion</b>
<b>31st July</b>	<b>10.30 – 11.30am</b>	<b>Private Prayer</b>

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<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/8688/> (St Luke's)



**FROM ST. LUKE'S REGISTERS**



**Funeral: 16th June 2021 Christine Mary Trigger**



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**Christine Mary Trigger**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> November 1931 – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021**

Although we are all very sad, we look back with much appreciation and amazement on the life of Christine Trigger, and in particular her contribution to St Luke's Church. Christine lived in St Thomas, but she worshipped at St Luke's for many years. She became a licensed Reader and led many services, at St Luke's on Sundays and Wednesdays. She also helped out at other churches. During the Vacancy, following the retirement of Revd. Peter Crockett, and during Revd. Richard Jeffery's absence due to illness and after he retired, she was much appreciated for all the time and assistance she gave to us at St. Luke's.

Christine took her turn as Enrolling Member of the Mothers' Union at St Luke's and for many years she was part of the Ruby Club team who would entertain elderly people from Countess Wear at lunch time every Wednesday. She was involved with Probus and would give talks at their meetings at the Golf & Country Club.

Christine was an accomplished speaker, and had a great sense of humour. She was invited to speak at many events all over the county, and her homilies, religious or otherwise, always contained a story. She seemed to keep a treasure trove of stories or anecdotes and always found the right one to suit the occasion. These stories will be, for many of our congregation, an everlasting memory of Christine.

Christine also presided over funerals and one of her very first was that of the President of the Bikers' Society, at the Crematorium. She had been very apprehensive beforehand, and what seemed like the entire Bikers' Club attended. Topsham Road had been closed by the Police so that the bikers could make their way in convoy from Countess Wear. Christine could hear the noise of the bikes long before they arrived at the Crematorium, which only increased her apprehension. Of course, she was exhausted at the end of it, but her kindness and compassion were such that she was subsequently asked to preside over other family funerals of the bikers as they occurred.

Christine was a Redcoat volunteer, showing visitors to Exeter around our places of interest. She was a member of the Post Card Society, the WI, and the Committee of the Higher Cemetery to name a few. She took some members of the Friday Group on a visit to the Higher Cemetery, pointing out interesting gravestones and giving us the history behind the people buried there. She was a great collector - old post cards, different rulers, anything to do with the Royal Family, etc.

We never missed a special occasion without Christine organising a quiz or some sort of celebration in the Church Rooms – e.g. St. George’s Day, the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton, The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Anniversary. These social events were always very well attended and great fun! The money collected from our tickets always went towards something for the church - e.g. a wall Cross for the Church Rooms and a tapestry kneeler celebrating the Queen’s Diamond Anniversary.



Christine enjoyed travel and joined several pilgrimages over the years, including the Holy Land, Greece, Oberammergau twice, Rome, Northumberland, etc. She had also travelled to New Zealand, Canada and elsewhere with other groups.

In October 2019 Christine, due to health issues, went to live at Lucerne House in Alphington. In January 2020, Ken and I visited Christine. She was very proud to bring to our attention a certificate on the wall dated 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019. It was a ‘Reader Emeritus’ awarded to her by Jacqueline, Bishop of Crediton and Robert, Bishop of Exeter. They formally honoured her with the title ‘Reader Emeritus’, within the Diocese of Exeter, in recognition of her service to the church in office of Reader, having ceased from all active ministry. We suggested she shared this with our congregation and others in the parish, by putting it in this magazine, but she did not get around to it, so we are sharing this with you on her behalf.

Christine’s funeral service, which she had planned herself, took place at St. Luke’s Church on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June. In ‘normal’ times the church would have been full with many representatives from the St. Luke’s, groups and organisations which together with her family formed a great part of her life. With Covid social distancing, there were 41 people in the church to say a fond farewell and thank you to Christine. May she Rest In Peace.

*Rowena Burrow and Sandra Greedy.*



## Use it or Loose It



I have been reminded of this saying quite often recently as we see shops disappear, pubs or businesses we once took for granted no longer there. The Church maybe could also no longer be there if we don't use it? Not as a building as such, as I have seen Church buildings turned into beautiful flats or large houses, but as a body of people who want to meet to worship God and in their local area.

During the lock downs of the pandemic churches nationally have shut their doors and appeared on zoom or via telephone link. There have been various ways to keep in touch with parishioners which were very welcomed. I know I found comfort on my walks reading the prayers posted on the gates. I was lucky, I could use zoom and even enjoyed joining in with our previous church services and fellowship as well as the ones for St. Margaret's and St. Luke's. However I do worry that it is so easy to stay that way and not reconnect with our Church buildings or even physically with each other. We are the Body of Christ, so to me we need to meet, to get to know each other and to worship together too. I have frequently felt very sad for the people who were being left outside by not having a smart phone, or computer. How isolated we were and how much more so those who were unable to join in.

As the churches have begun to reopen and services begin to happen I am really hoping we can go back to a service in St. Luke's every Sunday. I hope and pray we can all soon get back to congregational singing too. We have a lovely congregation and it would be so good if we could even extend our fellowship and go back to the days when there was so much fun and things going on outside the services too?

Look for the days when we can say "Come on in on Sunday,.....come and just see , come and taste" So I would urge anyone who wants St. Luke's to be their main church to come back and encourage anyone you can to come and worship God in that special building. Any church can get caught up with the idea of getting in the young, and there is nothing wrong with that, but a church family needs all ages and all types of people. We are God's sheep and everyone is special and unique in God's eyes.



*Jo*

## On why the clergy should avoid computers

The Rectory  
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Thank you for the kind offer of your old computer, but I do not want it. I know you find it a fundamental basic of daily life, but I do not, and I intend to keep things that way.



This is despite the fact that our diocesan office now takes it for granted that all of us clergy have a computer. Indeed, the diocesan secretary and I have had several awkward phone calls upon this very subject. He can't believe that I really don't have one, and suspects that I am simply hiding my email address from him so that he cannot send me the daily diocesan briefings, weekly questionnaires, and constant notification of all sorts of meetings and training days. But I remain firm: I have survived in ministry for nearly 50 years without a computer, and I don't intend to change now. When he gets tetchy with me, I take the high moral ground and remind him that St Paul did not have a computer.

Besides, it would not end with just a computer. Next, I would be obliged to get a printer and then ink cartridges and then maybe some sort of virus would attack me. As I have no idea about any of this, I might have to allow someone into the vicarage to sort it out, and even worse, I might even have to *pay* them. My money can be far more usefully spent on good claret.

Being without a computer also saves me much aggravation. From what I can gather, most computer owners spend significant parts of their lives either trying to get their machine to do something that it refuses to do, or else getting help from someone in a remote part of the world who speaks a jargon only distantly related to English, who assures you that whatever you did, it would have been better if you hadn't.

So I have decided that should I ever REALLY need to use a computer for something, I will visit our local primary school and get a six year-old to do the job for me, which they do with effortless efficiency, speed and accuracy.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

*Courtesy of Parish Pump Magazine*

## 25<sup>th</sup> July - St. Christopher – Patron Saint of Motorists

The legend goes that St Christopher was a Canaanite who lived in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century. He was a giant of a man, of fearsome appearance. At first he decided to serve the devil, but when he discovered that the devil was afraid of Christ and His Cross, Christopher decided to serve Christ instead. A nearby hermit instructed Christopher in the Christian faith and assigned to him a place near a river: Christopher's job was to help travellers cross it safely.

All went well, and Christopher helped lots of people on their way until one day a child came along and asked to be carried across. Christopher put him on his back and set off, but was soon staggering under the astonishing weight of this child. The child then told him that He was in fact Jesus Christ, and that He carried the weight of the whole world. The Christ-child then told Christopher to plant his staff in the ground: the next day it bore flowers and dates – confirmation that the child was indeed who He claimed to be.

After some time more of helping travellers cross the river, Christopher went to the city of Lycia, where he preached the gospel with such success that the Roman emperor (Decius?) had him arrested and imprisoned – especially when Christopher refused to sacrifice to the gods. Two women sent into his cell to seduce him came out converted Christians instead. So Christopher was beaten, shot with arrows and finally beheaded.

Christopher has been well-loved of the English down the centuries. Many wall-paintings of him have been placed on the north wall of churches, opposite the porch, so that he would be seen by all who entered. There was good reason for this: as patron saint of travellers, it was believed that anyone who saw an image of St Christopher would not die that day. As the ancient saying goes: 'Behold St Christopher and go thy way in safety'.

A kind of daily insurance policy against death – this was so good that in due course St Christopher became the patron saint of motorists. There is even a church in the Javel area of Paris where Citroen cars are made, that is dedicated to St Christopher. In modern times, with the increase in air and motorway travel, Christopher has remained popular. When in 1969 the Holy See reduced his feast day, there was a sharp protest in several countries, led in Italy by a number of popular film stars. If you ever travel in a taxi on the Continent, look out for a little St Christopher hanging from the rear-view mirror beside the driver. Now you know why it is there!

*Courtesy of Parish Pump Magazine*

## **Contributions Please!!**

*I am sure many of you who receive this Magazine have interesting articles, stories, poems etc .that could be included in our Parish Magazines – what interesting things have you been doing during “Lock-downs”? The contributions do not have to be long, but of course they can be. We all enjoyed Jo Shaw’s articles about her times in India, Brian’s updates on the Swans along the canal, Rowena’s poems and Sandra always finds something to send in. So **PLEASE** help to keep our Parish Magazines as interesting as they always have been. If you cannot email them, they can be hand-written posted or dropped through my letterbox and I will retype into the Magazine. The deadline for August is July 18th – see back page for details.*

*Maureen*

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## **Smile Lines:**

### **Fun things to do during boring Sermons:**

- 1 Pass a note to the organist asking whether he/she plays requests.
- 2 See if a yawn really is contagious.
- 3 If all else fails, look up at the ceiling, point, and scream.

### **With holidays approaching ...**

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the ‘terminal’?

Why didn’t Noah swat those two mosquitoes when he had the chance?

I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges.

### **True love?**

Officiating at a wedding and during the preparations the bride and groom wanted to have two turtledoves on the altar as a symbol of their forever love. I politely said no birds or animals.

They hid the birds in a back room, anyway. Immediately after the service they went outside, each of them with a bird in its cage. They opened the cages in unison. One bird flew out and made a hard right turn. The other flew out and made a hard left turn. We all stood there watching the symbols of their forever love fly off in opposite directions.

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**AND**

**ST. MARGARET'S TOPSHAM**

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Please note that the Reverend Louise Grace's day off is **FRIDAY** so if you could avoid contacting her on this day it would be appreciated.