

St. Luke's Newsletter

25th July 2021



SIN has disappeared!

David Cameron, Prince Andrew, Roland van Hauwermeiren, Megan Markle have all recently asked us to believe in their virtue simply by uttering approved slogans. We hear what they say claiming it's everybody else's fault but not theirs and as we are somewhat removed from their situation we can keep their views to one side.

But now the Church of England has joined with them by instructing schools to only use hymns in their acts of worship which are "invitational" and not "confessional". Keep it bright and beautiful and avoid needing to be forgiven our foolish ways. The words of the General Confession must puzzle some Anglican authorities by saying, "We have done those things which we ought not to have done." The word sin is not liked amid the sentimentality of modern times.

Even if you don't believe in God there's no escaping the human propensity to stumble, to break promises, relationships, our own well – being. No – one is constantly good so the Christian attitude makes more sense than the present tendency to ignore the inconvenient truth about our fallibility. If you get upset about some of your own actions just make an excuse, pretend you are one of the good people. There is more sense in the Christian view that sin exists at every level from small dishonesties to massive abuses but self – examination, remorse and an attempt to make things better will find forgiveness. David

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Words of the General Confession from the Prayer Book of 1662

Reminder – it's the Celebration Cream Tea TODAY! (Saturday 24th July 2pm onwards)

St. Luke's Church Tables available inside and out – bring your brolly!

Tickets £5 on the day. Contact Pam Lowe 01785 819244

As you enter the church buildings you will be required to

- Wear a mask (*until eating/drinking*)
- Sanitise your hands
- Track and Trace
- Maintain social distancing

Please do NOT enter if you feel unwell

We will be starting our **Summer Café** on Tuesday July 27th

Tuesdays and Thursdays till end of August,

9.30-11.30am St. Luke's Church



Come along to have a chat and enjoy toast, cake, possibly even bacon baps.

Children and dogs welcome

Quiz Night has been postponed until Friday 3rd September



There has been a lot of activity in our churchyard this week. We have had a new bench installed behind the church hall, in memory of Reg and Teresa Machin. It is in a lovely peaceful, secluded spot for people to sit and contemplate for a while. Thanks to their daughters Dianne, Yvonne and Jackie for providing the bench and to John for clearing the area and laying the slabs for it to sit on. The area around the bench will be sown with grass seed.

We have also had a pile of bark to replenish our woodland area on The Drive. Thanks to Phil Boulton.

And thanks to Den and Trevor, who cut back the plants in preparation and spread out the bark after the delivery.

The churchyard award scheme team of judges are currently enjoying visiting churchyards or gardens across the diocese, and they say they are all so impressed by the hard work and care that is shown in maintaining these special places.

The churchyard is actually looking very good at the moment. Do come and explore the different areas.



The Inn Ringers are a handbell team from Stone, Staffordshire. They are one of the largest teams in the country (with 116 handbells). They have performed in many venues across the country including The Barbican Centre London. Pre-COVID they practised their skills on Monday evening in St. Luke's Church hall. Here are some of them having an outside musical gathering in the garden last weekend in preparation for their return later in the year.

They are always pleased to welcome new members. If you are interested in going along please contact Paul Graetz 01782 372356.

Morning Prayer Service at St. Luke's Church on Sunday 25th July 10.00

Some congregational singing will be now allowed after guidance each Sunday but with masks in place.

This week the service will be streamed once again on our new website at www.stlukestittensor.church and also, for the moment, on YouTube and on Facebook from 9.45 onwards. The recorded service will be available for 24 hours afterwards on YouTube and Facebook and for about a week afterwards on our website. We hope that you will find it easier to use the new website at <http://www.stlukestittensor.church/>. You can go there, click 'Watch' at the top, then the 'play' arrow and away you go.

In **August** we will be returning to 'Holiday Church'. **Services will begin at 11.00**

ZWITT Thursday morning worship 10.00 and Friday evening Bible Study on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3558390555?pwd=ZlNvRVcxbHZlVWRaUzhGS1VqcY9QZz09>

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