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As we endure yet more dismal winter weather, the summer months beckon; holidays are booked, promising times to both rest and explore for many people. Some are able to venture to new places on holiday, get a totally different perspective and break; others use time off to catch up and visit people and places close to home that the busy-ness of the rest of life inhibits. Often during these times, a trip to a church will be in order - whether it is a dimly lit orthodox chapel on a remote part of a Greek island, walls lined with icons and incense lingers in the air; or a magnificent cathedral in a major European city, with soaring spaces suggesting the awesome presence of God, or the country church round the corner whose quiet interior offers some cool respite from the hot sun as well as balm for the soul, and whose churchyard proffers a shady corner with dappled light to enjoy your packed Lunch.

Religious or not, so many people are drawn to these sacred sites. We are blessed by their presence in their midst, and the opportunity they offer for us to connect with others in our common humanity, and with the sacred through our own, or others' prayers that permeate the space. If you appreciate the church in the midst of our parish, the building, and the ministry that comes through it, please do consider helping us in both maintaining it and even expanding the possibilities for service. You can do this through regular giving or gift aiding your donation if your visit is occasional. We are so grateful for all the support, financial and otherwise, that so many people have already poured into our church and parish ministry over the years. We hope that we can build on those solid foundations for generations anew.

Whatever you can give, whether it is the price of a cup of coffee or a few thousand! All is received equally with gratitude.

Revd Louise Grace

MARCH SERVICES AT ST. LUKE'S

1st March	10am	Eucharist
8th March	10am 3pm	Eucharist Forest Church
15th March	10am	Eucharist Mothering Sunday
22nd March	10am	Morning Worship
29th March	10am	Eucharist - Palm Sunday



MARCH READINGS AT ST. LUKE'S



1st March	Genesis 12. 1 - 4a
Lent 2	John 3. 1 - 17
8th March	Exodus 17. 1 - 7
Lent 3	John 4. 5 - 42
15th March	Ephesians 5. 8 - 14
Lent 4	John 9.
22nd March	Romans 8. 6 - 11
Lent 5	John 11. 1 - 45
29th March	Philippians 2. 5 - 11
Palm Sunday	Matthew 21. 1 - 11



**ST LUKE'S ALTAR
FLOWERS
MARCH**



1st March	Lent
8th March	Lent
15th March	Lent (Mothering Sunday)
22nd March	Lent
29th March	Palm Sunday (Palms)



MARCH SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S

1st March	10am	Eucharist
8th March	10am	Eucharist
	6.30pm	Evensong
15th March	8am	BCP Holy Communion
	10am	Eucharist
22nd March	10am	Family Friendly Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Evensong
29th March	10am	Eucharist
	6.30	'Stainer's Crucifixion' (Choir)



Mission Community regular Mid-week Services and events - Please note any changes and additions



Mondays:

2.30pm Contemplative Prayer **Holy Cross** 9th March
7pm Compline (via Zoom)

Wednesdays:

10am Morning Worship (via Zoom)
2.30pm Coffee/tea and cake (St. Margaret's)

Fridays:

9am Morning Prayer (St. Margaret's)



FROM ST. LUKE'S REGISTER



Funeral 30th January Anthony William Fisher

Reminder - Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2026

The Annual Meeting for St Luke's is due to take place on the Wednesday the 11th March 2026 at 7.00 pm in the Church Rooms. There will be elections to appoint Churchwardens, 6 members to the PCC and 1 Deanery Synod representative. If you feel you can fill any of these positions, please contact Ken Greedy, on 01392 271458 or email at clerkwear@gmail.com. The APCM is your opportunity to support St Luke's and to hear and read what has been happening in your church during 2025.

Ken Greedy
PCC Secretary

SUMMARY OF BISHOP MOIRA’S SERMON
AT ST. LUKE’S ON 11TH JANUARY 2026

A few years ago, Bishop Moira went to the site of Jesus baptism in the Jordan, and it was very muddy. There were far more attractive places to be baptised, so why in that place?

It was through this river that Joshua led the people who had followed the pillar of salt and fire through the wilderness into the land where they were to become a nation. Here Jesus joins those who are looking for new life. However dirty this bit of the river is, it is where it all began and in Jesus it will all begin again.

As he has been baptised the Father and Spirit acknowledge him. ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

Each one of us is loved by God – each of us matters. This is dynamite. For if I am God’s child, if I matter to God, then my self-esteem should rightly go sky high. This gives us the courage to face life, since nothing and no-one can say we are worthless.

Bishop Moira told us about George Washington Carver who was an African American scientist. In 1921 he was to give an explanation of his work to the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives. He was surprised when one member said, “Down where I come from, we don’t accept a black man’s testimony.”

George was ready to turn around and go home, but he said to himself “whatever they said of me, I knew that I was a child of God, and so he prayed ‘Almighty God, let me carry out your will’”. He went to the podium and was told he had 20 minutes, but his presentation was so engaging he spoke for several hours, and everyone stood and applauded him.

By our baptism we have been made one with Christ in his baptism, so hear today those words from God ‘you are my beloved child’.

A short summary by Maree Day



Countess Wear Community Choir News



We held a very successful Christmas Concert in St Lukes where we had a full church, and everyone enjoyed singing and the audience were very supportive. We raised over £440 which was shared between the Church and Hospiscare.

In January we began our new term under the leadership of Judith, as Frederica was in Australia, which gave us a good start to new music. We welcomed Frederica back, who was delighted to hear our concert had gone so well.

We now have 45 members in the choir and enjoying the new term.

We have a new challenge suggested by one of our members, so we are taking part in the Devon Performing Music Festival which runs from March 16th to the 24th in South Street Baptist Church. We will be singing in the Community Choir section so that will be interesting to see how we get on. It says audience are welcome and it is free

A date for your diaries is July 10th, 2026, when we are putting on a “Prosecco and Pimm’s concert” in St Lukes Church at 7.00pm. All very warmly welcomed and would be lovely to have a full church.

Josephine Shaw

Flowers for Easter



For many years at St. Luke’s, the lilies and other flowers for Easter Day are given in memory of loved ones. If you would like to give a donation towards the flowers, please could you give it to Sandra, in an envelope, with the name or names of the person or persons in whose memory your donation is giving. The names will be placed on the Altar and at the back of the church.

Enjoy art in the Church Rooms

Would you like to join a friendly art class in the church rooms? We meet every Wednesday afternoon to do painting and drawing, guided by our gentle teacher, Debbie Allerton. We enjoy an afternoon getting involved in the challenge of painting a new scene or using a new medium, resurrecting old skills and learning new ones. And all refreshed with a cup of tea and a biscuit!



We usually paint from a photograph, of which we're given a choice, on the topic of the day – for example – flowers, boats, autumn scenes or portraits. We've used acrylics, watercolours and pastels.

If you think it might suit you, please email Debbie on debbie@allerton.org.

No experience necessary!

Jill Allen

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Poems, stories of your holidays, of your gardens, recipes or any articles that the readers of the magazine might find interesting or amusing, would be very much appreciated.

Please send your articles for the April magazine to the editor's email by **18th March.**

Parish Magazine Editor – magazineeditorwear@gmail.com

Thank you for your contributions they are always very much appreciated!



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