

St Luke's Newsletter

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March 2018 Edition



Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

- Sun 25th March Palm Sunday** 9.15am Eucharist & Inklings
Mon 26th March 8.00pm Compline with music & reflection
Wed 28th March 7.30pm Knocking on Heavens Door
A quiet candlelit service with readings, prayers & anointing
Thur 29th March Maundy Thursday 6.00pm Eucharist of the Last Supper
Fri 30th March Good Friday 2.00pm Good Friday Liturgy
Sun 1st April Easter Sunday 8.00am BCP Eucharist
9.30am All Age Service

PARISH REGISTER

Baptism

11th Feb Cooper Michael Byrne
Livia Nell Byrne

Interment of Ashes

3rd Feb Betty Funnell

Wedding

17th Feb Andrew Giggs &
Joanne Radford

The Parable of the Bridge Builder

There is far too much talk about the building of walls, whether it is President Trump and the proposed Mexican Wall, or the separation wall that separates the West Bank from Israel, to the walls that we create in our hearts - walls of prejudice, fear and envy. This short parable is applicable to our times and particularly to the penitential season of Lent when we re-examine our own lives and strive to dismantle the walls that we have built up, separating us from our neighbour.

Once upon a time, there were two brothers. Their father had a large farm and when he became too old to work, he called his sons to him. "I am too old to work anymore," he said. "I will divide my farm in half and give each of you one half. I know that you will always work together and will be good friends."

When the brothers first started farming on their adjoining farms, they were the best of friends and would share everything together. Then, one day there was an argument between the two brothers and they stopped speaking to one another. For many years, not a word was spoken between them.

One day, one of the brothers was at his house when a carpenter came to his door and said, "I would like to do some work. Do you have any work that I can do?" The brother thought for a moment and then replied, "I would like for you to build a fence on my property. Build it down near the stream there that separates my farm from my brother's. I don't want to see my brother anymore and I would like you to build a high fence there please. I'm going into town and I'll be back this evening."

When he came back that evening, he was shocked to see that the carpenter had not followed his instructions. Instead of building a high fence there, he had built a bridge over the stream. The man walked down to take a look at the bridge, and as he did so, his brother walked toward him from the other side. His brother said, "After all the terrible things I've done to you over the years, I can't believe that you would build a bridge and welcome me back." He reached out to his brother and gave him a big hug.

The brother then walked back up to his farmhouse to talk to the carpenter. "Can you stay?" he asked. "I have more work for you to do." The carpenter answered, "I'm sorry but I can't stay. I have to go, for I have many other bridges to build."

Sometimes you and I have a disagreement with our brothers and sisters in Christ. When that happens, we often build a fence between ourselves and them. We stop talking to them. We don't want to see them. We don't want to be around them. That isn't what Jesus wants us to do. Instead of fences, he wants us to build a bridge of love between us.

There is still time for us to build bridges where they are needed as we prepare to enter into the joy of new life in the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Let us make the most of the opportunities we are given this Lent to knock down the walls of injustice and hatred and build bridges of love, generosity and hospitality.

If you need to contact the vicar Rev. Tim Goode
please telephone 020 8660 4015 or
email: stlukeswhyteleafe@gmail.com
Please note Day of Rest Monday.

God bless *Tim*



**St Luke's
30th March
Messy Friday**

10.30am – 12.00pm

Following the story of Holy Week
as we travel round the church



All Welcome

Services During March

Sunday 4th March – 2nd Sunday Before Lent

8.00am BCP Eucharist
9.30am Eucharist & Inklings

Tuesday 6th March

7.30pm Lent Course Session 3

Sunday 11th March Mothering Sunday

9.30am All Age Eucharist

Tuesday 13th March

7.30pm Lent Course Session 4

Sunday 18th March 5th Sunday of Lent

9.30am Eucharist & Inklings

Tuesday 20th March

7.30pm Lent Course Session 5

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**Mothering Sunday
Eucharist**

11th March 2018

9.30am

All Age Service

**Conversation and Communion at St Luke's
Tuesday Evenings at 7.30pm**

6th Mar Lent Course Session 3
13th Mar Lent Course Session 4
20th Mar Lent Course Session 5
27th Mar No C&C at Whyteleafe as part of
HOLY WEEK at St Peter & St Paul
Chaldon 7.30pm "Stations of the Cross"

**LADIES' FELLOWSHIP
WHYTELEAFE**

meets at 8 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the Hall of St Luke's Church, Whyteleafe Hill. We have speakers and entertainments, outings and visits to the theatre and restaurants. With a membership of around 20 the atmosphere is informal and friendly and you will be made very welcome if you wish to join us. We have an annual membership fee of £15 but visitors and those who can only come occasionally pay just £2 for the evening. For further information contact Diane 020 8660 5341.

DATE	SPEAKER
March 8	Welcome Back – CAKES
March 28	Knocking on Heaven's Door
April 11	Officer Cadet Tom McAllister + Wendy Welbeck, The Navy & my Journey
April 25	Peter Whittle: Travels with a Camera Crew

During Lent we will be supporting the Southwark Diocese's charity "The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call" The monies raised through the Bishop Lent Call each year go to support work in other parts of the Anglican Communion and projects in our own Diocese. Through the Lent Call since 1986 it has raised nearly £1,000,000 which has been shared with more than 150 projects.

**Hunger Lunch at St Luke's for Lent
Sunday March 4th at 1pm**

A simple lunch of bread, soup & cheese will be provided.

Help raise money for those in need by donating what you would normally have spent on your Sunday lunch.

Our Next Bring and Share Lunch will be on May 6th

