

ST LUKE'S CHURCH

BATH

Dear All,

As I write this letter, our Holiday Club 2017 is now underway. Thank you so much to all the St. Luke's helpers and Pulse Ministries for coming together to produce such a great week. So far we've had games, custard pies, crafts, videos about Jesus, talks, prayer times,



testimonies, small group sessions and a different person put in the "gunge tank" each day. (It can only be a matter of time before it's me.... I'm sure!)



There will be a short video summary of the week being shown in our service on Sunday 3rd Sept.



Just before I finish, can I also give a quick 'plug' for our new sermon series that's starting in September? The theme will be that Bible book which many people try to avoid as it seems all a bit too difficult to understand..... the Book of Revelation. From September to the end of November (with some pauses for other Sundays such as Bible Sunday & Gift Day) we'll be trying to work out how God might be speaking to us today through this book.

Matthew

9.45 am each weekday in church
10am - 12.30pm Monday - Friday
9am - 1pm Monday - Thursday

1st

10am - 3pm Holiday Club
4.30 - 6pm Working party in church
6pm Wedding rehearsal

2nd

8.15 am Men's Breakfast
11.30 am Wedding of Abigail Irwin
 and David Ransom in church

3rd - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP said) -
 Matthew Frankum
10 am Morning Service - Liza
 Wortelhock

Theme - Introduction to Revelation

HOME GROUPS MEET THIS WEEK

4th

2.30pm Ivybank Praise
7.30pm Monthly Prayer and Worship

7th

9.30 am Chatterbox
10.30 - 12pm Trio Paradis in church
8th
1pm Beechen Cliff Yr 7 Welcome service
6.30pm Classic Film Club rehearsal

9th

3pm Movie Church

10th - Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10am Morning Service with
 Communion and Baptism of Anastasia
 Vasilchenko - Matthew Frankum
 Theme - Revelation - The Vision of
 Christ

11th

2.20pm Open the Book MIS
7.30 pm PCC

Ten Minutes for God (Daily Prayers)

St Luke's Coffee Shop open

Church Office open

12th

10.30 am Holy Communion at IvyBank
2.15 - 3.15 pm Contemplative Prayer

14th

11.45 am Prime Time

16th

1.30 - 4 pm Moorland Rec Fete

17th - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP said) -
 Craig Dowling

10 am Lighthouse Service

HOME GROUPS MEET THIS WEEK

18th

2.20pm Open the Book MJS

19th

2.15 pm Contemplative Prayer

21st

9.30 am Chatterbox
11 am Midweek Holy Communion

22nd

6.30 pm Opening night of the Classic
 Film Club in church - 'The Third Man'.

24th - Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10 am - Morning Service with
 Communion - Peter LeRoy

Theme - Revelation - The Loveless
 Church

25th

2.20 pm Open the Book MIS

26th

2.15- 3.15 pm Contemplative
 Prayer

...the mission of St Luke's

As well as supporting nine different mission organisations outside the parish, St. Luke's PCC has also identified the need to support some of the parish based missional activities that are happening within the parish. As well as supporting Messy Church and Movie Church, the main activity we are funding at the moment is the project to develop a new expression of what church could be like outside of our church building. The aim is to build relationships with groups of people who wouldn't be prepared to come into the church building and groups for whom God isn't even on their horizons. God still loves them and longs for them to come to know Him through all that Jesus has already done for them. Craig (our pioneer minister) has been making great inroads into different communities and meeting and praying with people in the local coffee shops and The Bear pub. These meetings are part of 'Community Coffee Church', which also meets on Sunday afternoons in the Church Centre for food, worship and teaching. **But this is extremely hard work and Craig needs more people to take part in this project. Could you be someone that God is calling???? Please speak to Craig or Matthew if you would like to know more.**

Bath Foodbank

- update on summer project!



As most of you will know, the Bath Foodbank has been running a 'pilot' scheme during the school summer holidays. Families, whose children are eligible for free school meals during the term time, have been offered a food parcel during each week of the school holidays. The rationale for this is that families who can ill afford to feed their children during the term time are not going to find things any easier during the holidays - in fact, they may have greater difficulties, as their children need entertaining and there may be greater child care costs if parents are working.

We have been offering food to cover 5 main meals per week, for eligible families, to about 1/3 of the primary schools in the city, and the feedback has been very positive, confirming that it is worth doing.

We have yet to fully analyse the data on the level of uptake, but it is likely that we would want to be able to continue to provide this service to families in all of the schools in Bath during each of the three main school holidays per year.

Whether this will prove possible is uncertain as we are experiencing a huge increase in normal demand and this has led to our warehouse stocks being lower than usual, although the harvest period always provides a boost from both church and school harvest collections. To put current demand into perspective, in July the use of the Foodbank was 47% higher than the previous July and we have seen similar increases in most of the last 6 months.

We would value your prayers as we decide how to meet the additional demand.

Finally, on behalf of the Bath Foodbank, I would like to say how grateful we are to St. Luke's for the support that you give us.

Tim Harris



This month's BOOK REVIEW:

a simple life-changing prayer
Jim Manney

Huge thanks to our very own book worm Sue Olley, who has once again supplied our book review this month.

I have a confession to make. I find confession very hard! It's easy to spin through the Ten Commandments and say, "No, I haven't killed anyone today, committed adultery, or told any lies, so that's all good." But what about those 'acts of omission'? What about those little things: the small unkindnesses; the little word of gossip; the failure to acknowledge someone else's silent need? Don't get me wrong. I don't think navel gazing is healthy. Too much introspection can definitely be bad for us. But equally, breezing along thinking 'I'm OK', without looking just a bit deeper is not conducive to a deepening relationship with Christ.

One of the things I find most helpful and most challenging is the examen. The word comes from a Latin word that means both an examination and the act of weighing or judging something. In particular, St. Ignatius of Loyola made it a way to experience God as well as to assess our behaviour. He wanted to help people develop a reflective habit of mind that is constantly attuned to God's presence and responsive to God's leading. It focuses on God as present in our human experience.

The examen is a tool, not a prescribed system and can be used in many ways. The book offers some ideas and suggests using the examen 'with your own unique style and flair'. It is a method of reviewing your day in the presence of God, for thankful reflection on where God is in your everyday life.

We know that Jesus wasn't interested in external signs of piety. God looks on the heart. This way of praying helps attune our hearts to God and find God in all things.

Sue

ST LUKE'S MONTHLY WORSHIP AND PRAYER HOUR

4th September 7.15 for 7.30pm

Our monthly hour of worship and prayer, this month led by Lindsay.

Do come along and enjoy spending time in church worshipping God.

We begin and intersperse our prayers with times of sung worship.

Future dates:- October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th

A date for your diary.....

Friends of Moorlands Recreation Park



Saturday 16th September 2017

1.30pm - 4.00pm

Moorlands Recreation Park

Over 28 stalls with community and fun activities!



Bric-a-brac Raffle Tombola
Football Face Painting Bouncy Castle
Ice Cream Van Bath Tae Kwon Do
Jewellery Fire Engine Craft Stalls
Sweet Stall Book Stall
Children's Fun Games



A Community Fete to raise money to improve community activities within
Moorlands Recreation Park
Organised by the Friends of Moorlands Recreation Park with St. Luke's Church



BATH STREET PASTORS
AUTUMN TRAINING FOR NEW RECRUITS... Now booking

Bath Street Pastors are recruiting now. Have you considered joining our dedicated teams of street pastors out and about on the streets of Bath?

Every Friday and Saturday night, teams of Street Pastors patrol our city centre, meeting people where they are and responding to their needs. Giving a blanket to someone sleeping rough ... a casual conversation - or a lengthy chat ... helping young people after a night out - just some of the ways in which Street Pastors make a difference. We're not there to evangelise - but there are numerous opportunities for conversations about faith, and sometimes, for prayer.

Could you help us, serving once a month as part of a team?

If you would like to know more there are probably current serving Street Pastors in your church. They will be happy to tell you more or take you out as an Observer.

Alternatively contact Dennis Pearson or Angela Jameson at bstreetpastors@gmail.com or Alan Ashworth at bspteamleader@gmail.com

The next training will take place at Manvers Street Baptist Church in Bath on the following dates:

Saturday 30th September (full day): Roles and Responsibilities

Friday 6th October (evening): Good News and Prayer

Friday 13th October (evening): Operational Guidelines

We would love to see you there.

Wowee, St Luke's!

Jamie writes...

'One thing that our clients at Five Talents learn is that there is **power** in getting together, working together, pooling resources...regardless of the size of each tiny offering!

In one day, in St Luke's, we were able to pool our resources ...£25, £20 at a time...and together, they made a difference...an appreciable, significant sum!



£850! Wowee! Permanent lighting in the Sick Bay of St Michael's school, courtesy of silicon, technology and the Sun! Thank God...and thanks to all who contributed! There's a lesson for all of us here...listen to Vicki...'

St Michael's Girls' Primary School - Uganda...all things medical !

Liz's Place (the Sick Bay) is a really important part of St Michael's and one of the many reasons it is such a close happy community. There is an extraordinary energy at the school - when you are walking around it feels like one huge 700+ family...St Michael's is much more than just a school! Nurses Zam and Rose are the two Resident Nurses. Tragically and shockingly over 30% of the medicines for sale in Uganda are fake - WHO estimate that 120,000 people a year die in Africa because of fake anti-malarial drugs alone. Because of the Sick Bay and qualifications of our nurses we are able to buy our medicines directly from JMS (a very well respected Catholic/Protestant NGO). Every term 200 of our girls test positive for malaria - this is not uncommon - and fast drug treatment is absolutely essential, and no child has died for 6 years. Of course there are the usual coughs and cold, skin infections, urinary infections, and toothache. Although there is electric lighting in the Sick Bay - we are frustrated by power cuts - not only due to bad weather but also as we are so rural when there is a national shortage we are cut to save power to urban areas. The solar lighting will make such a difference. There are 4 beds for inpatients - and with over 250 girls and staff sleeping at the school medical care through the night is vital - the nurse delivered a baby at 2 in the morning to Juliet our P4 teacher.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the funding of the solar lighting. Pictures to follow once installed! Do speak to me if you have any questions about St Michael'sor questions about anything to do with Uganda - after 15 years I should have an answer!

Vicki Beach

Contemplative Prayer - Resurrection

The new season of Contemplative Prayer begins this month in September. Meetings will take place on Tuesday afternoons between 2.15 and 3.15 in the Quiet Room in the Centre as follows:

12 September ~ Luke 7: 11-17 The widow of Nain's son

19 September ~ 1 Kings 17: 17-24 Elijah and the widow's son

26 September ~ Matthew 9: 18-26 Jairus' daughter

3 October ~ John 11: 38-44 Lazarus

10 October ~ John 20: 19-23 Jesus

17 October ~ Acts 20: 7-12 Eutychus

All are welcome. Do speak to Sue Olley if you would like to know more.



MISSION

Each month we focus on one of our mission partners with an article in the monthly newsletter and the opportunity to pray for a different aspect of the mission partner on each Sunday service of the month, when the offering is presented at the start of the 10am service.

St Luke's mission focuses at the moment are:

Send a Cow, Five Talents, the Hawken family (China/Tibet), Bath Youth for Christ, Open the Book, John Bailey (Operation Mobilisation), Andrew Leake (CMS), the Deneufchatel Family (SIM/Benin), and the Genesis Trust

CLASSIC FILM FUN

St Luke's is starting a monthly Classic Film Club beginning on Friday September 22nd with Orson W "The Third.... (Think Harry Lime theme tune)" preceded by a short Look At Life film.

The shows are in church; Doors open at 6-30 with the movies starting at 7-30. Nibbles and refreshments will be available. We aim to show movies which have remained popular since being made in the 1930's onwards. Movies which have charm, good acting, great storylines and big-name stars. Everyone is welcome. It would be lovely to see you. To find out more you can ring Jim on 01225 313203, the Church Office on 331898 or e-mail

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Admission is FREE!

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Paul Booth (2020)
 Liz Richardson (2020)

PCC MEMBERS (elected until)

Pamela Bourne-Jones (2019)
 Gill Moir (2020)
 Clare Jones (2020)
 Laura Birks (2018)
 Helen Walker (2018)
 Brenda Mandeville (2018)
 Mandy Gayner (2018)
 Tim Harris (2020)

Areas of Ministry

Alpha	Matthew Frankum
Bell ringing	Liz Woods
Bible Reading Rep	Peter LeRoy
Brownie Leader	Carys Ottner
CAP	Tim Harris
Catering	Mandy Gayner
Chatterbox (0-4s)	Sam Packer
Children and Families	Matthew Frankum
Coffee Shop	Brenda Mandeville
Contemplative Prayer	Sue Olley
Discipleship Co-ordinator	Matthew Frankum
Flowers and Banners	Carol Buxton
Guide Leader	Ruth Sara
The Herald	Tim Harris
Homegroups Co-ordinator	Sue Harris
Illuminate	Matthew Frankum
Library	Mary Blagden
Marriage Course	Paul and Judith Booth

Men's Breakfast	Jim Woods
Movie Church	Craig Dowling
Missions Co-ordinator	Jamie Jameson
Monthly Newsletter	Lindsay Glazebrook
Open the Book	Angela LeRoy
Organist	David Kniveton
Pastoral Co-ordinator	Mary Roberts
Pioneer Minister	Craig Dowling
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator	Matthew Frankum
Prayer Ministry	Angela Jameson
Prime Time Co-ordinator	Lyn Bly
Rainbows Leader	Fiona Coverdale
Ranger Leader	Ruth Sara
Rockets (5-11's)	Lucy Royle
Service Host coordinator	Angela LeRoy
Soup Run	Alison Stubbs
Sparklers (0-5's)	Lucy Royle
Traidcraft Fairtrader	Polly McKay
Worship Co-ordinator	Matthew Frankum