

# ST LUKE'S CHURCH. MONTHLY MATTERS.



## St Luke's Church Dates and News February 2024

### Services in February

Sunday 4th	10.30am	Morning Worship
Wednesday 7th	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 11th	10.30am	<b>All Together Worship</b>
Wednesday 14th	10.30am	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion <i>with ashing</i>
Sunday 18th	10.30am	Holy Communion
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>
Wednesday 21st	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 25th	10.30am	Morning Worship
Wednesday 28th	10.30am	Midweek Communion

### Wendy's Message

Our February message comes from Wendy Fry, a member of our church family who has a particular passion for South Sudan: *February greetings to the South Park part of the Worldwide Church!*

*I will be taking our greetings to South Sudan on 15th, when I visit the Episcopal Church (ECSS) to assist with financial records. I am a trustee of a couple of UK charities supporting the ECSS. The main focus this time will be on the new Episcopal University. Education is essential for the world's newest country, which struggles with much conflict. The new Episcopal University is a really exciting project, if a little ambitious, to find out more visit: [www.ecsssup.org/](http://www.ecsssup.org/)*

*Please pray for the staff I will be working with, for a good helpful relationship, with practical outcomes for previous years audits and a new computer system. Also for health, safety and travelling mercies in this conflict zone.*

*Wendy*

### Join a Team

We have loads of opportunities for you to come alongside other members of our church family to serve our Lord together in a variety of ways in this new year.

We are especially looking for people to help in our **Children's, Sung Worship, Audio Visual** and our **Open the Book** teams.

Get in touch with Aneal to explore ways you can serve:

[aneal@stlukesreigate.org.uk](mailto:aneal@stlukesreigate.org.uk)

### Ladies Social Evening

On **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**, Annie Turner and Pearl Smith are organising a meal at The Beehive Pub for **all the ladies** of our church family. **6.30pm for 7pm**. We hope a good number of you will feel able to join us as we meet up and get to know each other a little better. Please let **Pearl** or **Annie** know if you would like to join us or sign up at: [www.stlukesreigate.org.uk/news-events](http://www.stlukesreigate.org.uk/news-events)

### PCC summary

It's been a huge encouragement to me to have been leading and chairing our Church Council (PCC). Over 2023 we spent time exploring what it means for us to be a Church Council and how we might better love and serve our church family, including the stewardship of our financial and physical resources.

During our January meeting I shared my desire that our focus as a church in 2024 should be intentionally providing and encouraging ways for us to delight in our relationships with one another. This includes meals, events, walks and, hopefully, a church family weekend away at home. If you have ideas for this we'd love to hear from you.

We also welcomed David Ilott as our new Treasurer and gave thanks for the service Simon Smith has provided over many years.

[www.stlukesreigate.org.uk/about/leadership](http://www.stlukesreigate.org.uk/about/leadership)

### Little Fishes Mondays, 10-11:30am

Our Toddler Group runs weekly at St Luke's with space and activities for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers.

There are toys, ride-ons, games, crafts and messy play for the children with refreshments provided (for adults too).

£2 per child

### Lunch Matters

Want to meet new people and enjoy a nice, tasty lunch? Join us for a homemade 2-course meal with an activity beforehand. *£5 suggested donation*

**14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> February**

11.30am – 2pm in the **St Peter's Room**

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### Craft Matters & Hearing Clinic

Bring along your craft, and some lunch, and join other like-minded people.

**7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> February**

12 - 2pm in the **St Peter's Room**.

Tea and coffee provided.

**For more information, contact Pearl on  
07969 393206**



## February 2024: Praying for St Luke's Church.

**The Fellowship of the Believers - Acts 2 42** *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common.*

**Col 1.3** *We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— 5 the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel 6 that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace.*

**To guide your prayers during this month...** This month we are **firstly** thanking God for our Church with all its diversity, gifts and talents. We are all unique and we thank our loving heavenly father that he has brought us together to be his body in South Park. **Secondly**, we are praying blessing on our relationships with each other as we serve, minister to and care for one another. We look to Jesus to uphold us, restore us, heal us and equip us in our service, both in the church and in our communities. **Finally**, we pray, that we will hear God's voice and obediently and joyfully follow his leading and purposes for us.

### We pray for our teams.

**Leadership teams** – Aneal, Maggi. Wardens, Service leaders and speakers. PCC. The Music Group. The Tech Team. Deanery Synod Reps. The Fabric Team. SPAs.

### We pray for groups and activities.

**Services** – 10.30, 3rd Sunday, Wed service, Midweek Life groups, Prayer groups, Lay Ministry and Pastoral group. Welcomers. Coffee team. Lunch Matters, Craft Matters, Gardening Team. Hearing Clinic. Our year of church community activities and social events. **We pray for our children and teenagers.** Little Fishes Toddlers. Bubbles. Explore. Thirst. X-Stream. Group Leaders and helpers / volunteers

**We pray for our church outreach and mission:** CO-OP project. Street Pastors. Open the Book. Welcare, Renewed Hope - Winter Night Shelter. Fairtrade. A Rocha, International Needs. Sparkfish, The Guinness family. Wendy Fry. David Gibbons.

**We pray for all aspects of our church life;** Worship, teaching, discipleship and training / lay ministry, pastoral ministry, prayer, the building and its uses, evangelism and outreach, our giving and social action, hospitality, eco church. Safeguarding. Ongoing development of our Mission Action Plan.

**We continue to pray for** peace and justice in Gaza, the West Bank, Israel, Lebanon, Iran, the Red Sea area, Sudan and Afghanistan. For the UN, USA, UK. and all negotiators.

### For those who are sick & suffering...

**For those mourning** – Briony and family. Jude and Family, Karen's family - Martin + daughters. Prentice family. Gillett family. Chris Ilott's family.

**We pray for the following members of our church family;** Andy and Sophie Rubie and children. Nicolette Rudge. Andy & Penny Scott. Anne Sears. Mark and Lisa Sears and children. Sue Smith.

### Future dates for your diary.....

Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	10.30pm-2am	Street Pastors
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Little Fishes
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12.00pm	Craft Matters with <b>Hearing Clinic</b>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Little Fishes Christmas Party
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11.30am	Lunch Matters
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Little Fishes
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	12.00pm	Craft Matters with <b>Hearing Clinic</b>
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	10.30pm-2am	Street Pastors
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Little Fishes
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11.30am	Lunch Matters
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Little Fishes
	6.30pm	Ladies Meal at Beehive Pub
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	12.00pm	Craft Matters with <b>Hearing Clinic</b>
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.30am	Street Pastor's Breakfast
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Little Fishes

*For any questions about Prayer or requests for Prayer, please contact Annie (07906 944562) & Nige (07504 084975) our Prayer coordinators*

### Regular Weekly Prayer Meetings

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9.00am**

on Zoom Meeting ID: 852 1137 8155  
Passcode: 329788

### 3rd Sunday (18<sup>th</sup> February)

Third Sunday is a service where we seek intimacy and an encounter with our living God in more creative and open ways than we can on a Sunday morning. We meet from 7-8pm for a time of extended sung worship and prayer as we expectantly wait to hear what God is saying to us.

