

# ST LUKE'S & CHRIST CHURCH CHELSEA

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## Holy Week and Easter

The painting behind the altar at St Luke's is of the body of Christ being lowered from the cross. Its characters, apart from the broken and wracked body of the dead Christ, are unknown. It was painted for St Luke's as it was consecrated exactly 200 years ago this year. The painter was the well-known artist, James Northcote. Christ is so central to the painting that it leaves us little space in our minds or imaginations to think of any of the other characters around the events of the crucifixion.



And yet we must.

For the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, at the heart of Christian faith, draw us in. We are not idle spectators. This painting is not in a gallery - its purpose isn't to educate - but to communicate. The lifeless Christ is aided from the cross in the deposition by unknown hands. Maybe we see Joseph of Arimathea, who asked to receive the body of Christ and used a vacant tomb to bury him. Maybe we see Mary, the mother of Jesus in this picture.

But the biggest question remains - where do we see ourselves? I'd like to suggest that perhaps we need look no further than Peter to begin to answer that question. Peter the one with the ready answer, Peter the blunderer, Peter the affirmer, Peter the one in the shadows, Peter the denier, Peter the one who ran away, Peter who resorts to old habits and goes off fishing after the resurrection, and yet also Peter who recognises the presence of Christ again.

In the gospel narrative Peter stands for all of us. Or more precisely, Peter stands for each of us in different parts of our living the faith - when we are enthusiastic or when we prefer the shadows, when we recognise Christ or run away from him.

Peter is shattered to think that this death can overcome his friend and brother, his Lord in whom he has invested everything. But Peter is also re-awoken by this new life he finds in the mysterious resurrected Christ.

In this, perhaps, par excellence, Peter stands for us in how we should be impacted by Holy Week and Easter - unmade and remade in the shocking and reviving love of God.

Join us as we live again through Holy Week and Easter.....and beyond.

BRIAN LEATHARD

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**HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2024**



Lovers Corinth - Enea Harno

<p><b>Palm Sunday – 24 March</b> 10.30am Sung Eucharist and Procession with Donkey from St Luke's to Christ Church 6.30pm Music and Readings for Holy Week at St Luke's</p> <p><b>Monday – 25 March</b> 8.00am Eucharist at St Luke's 9.00pm Compline at St Luke's</p> <p><b>Tuesday – 26 March</b> 8.00am Eucharist at St Luke's 9.00pm Compline at St Luke's</p> <p><b>Wednesday – 27 March</b> 8.00am Eucharist at St Luke's 9.00pm Compline at St Luke's with Choir</p> <p><b>Maundy Thursday – 28 March</b> 8.00pm Sung Eucharist with Foot Washing and Vigil at Christ Church</p>	<p><b>Good Friday – 29 March</b> 10.00am Children's Service at St Luke's 12.00pm-1.00pm Veneration of the Cross at Christ Church 2.00pm-3.00pm Passion of Our Lord at St Luke's</p> <p><b>Holy Saturday – 30 March</b> 8.00pm Vigil Service with Lighting of the New Fire at Christ Church</p> <p><b>Easter Day – 31 March</b> 8.00am Holy Communion at St Luke's 10.30am Sung Eucharist at St Luke's 11.00am Sung Eucharist at Christ Church 3.00pm Choral Evensong at St Luke's</p>
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# Living Life with the Early Church Fathers

*In the first of the Lent Evenings, William Cooper Bailey gave a fascinating introduction to the world of the Early Church, and in particular, the guidance handed down to us from many authors of the first millennium. These writings were designed to give encouragement and practical wisdom to Christians who were facing an uncomprehending or hostile environment. Here he summarises some of the figures he highlighted.*

Christianity was legalised at the Edict of Milan in 313AD when persecution abated. The Christians became accepted and even mandatory for some government jobs, but new problems arose.

The Greek-speaking Eastern Roman Empire was subjected to suffocating hostility from Islam, and this led to the development of communities (the forerunners of monasteries) away from major towns, which Christians could however visit when they wanted for spiritual refreshment. These were not actually new – St Paul had gone to one in what is now Iraq shortly after he was converted, but from the fourth century onwards they became very popular. Some notably in North Africa had over 1,000 people.

The Western Roman Empire focused on outreach and evangelisation both in new countries (including England) and elsewhere, at a time when the Roman Empire itself was collapsing – not least when the Rhine froze in the very cold winter of 406/7, and Rome could not hold the frontier.

A key focus was on guidance to Christians on how to live their life – including behaviour, prayer and fasting, and enduring persecution. The emphasis was on Community and Family– not “go it alone”.

Most of the legacy today from this early period, is

based on the writings from many authors, whose words of practical guidance and encouragement echo strongly in the secular world today in this country.

In addition to an overview of the key events and authors of this early period, the evening highlighted the following:

- The Venerable Bede, who lived on Tyneside from around 672-735. Although his histories are well known today, his main focus was on Bible Commentaries and Sermons (often on the Gospel of the day), and many textbooks on subjects from music to botany and mathematics, many of which were widely distributed at the time, and are still in print today (in English translation).

- The Rule of Benedict – practical guidelines on living in a Christian Community, but applicable to many organisations, including families. They have been used as the basis for an effective Company in at least one Business School. It was strongly promoted by

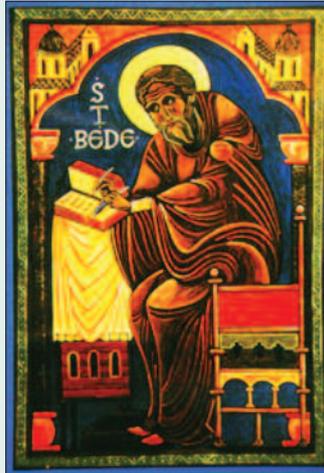
Charlemagne and is in everyday use in Anglican and many other Communities.

The evening was summarised in three handouts, which are available at the back of church or on request.

WILLIAM COOPER BAILEY

*The final two Lent talks are still to come – please contact [parishoffice@chelseaparish.org](mailto:parishoffice@chelseaparish.org) to attend:  
Tuesday 5 March: Mark Chapman on: Anglicanism in the Modern Era: On chamber pots, pith helmets and Butlins*

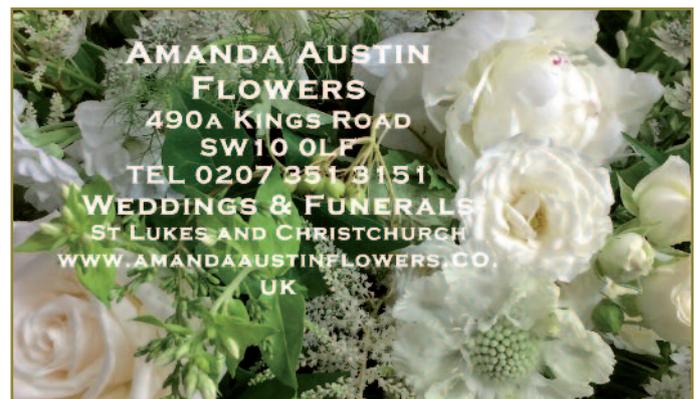
*Tuesday 12 March: Louisa Price on: St Luke's 1824-2024: How a bench, hammer and minute book reveal the rich and colourful story of our parish.*



St. Bede the Venerable

  
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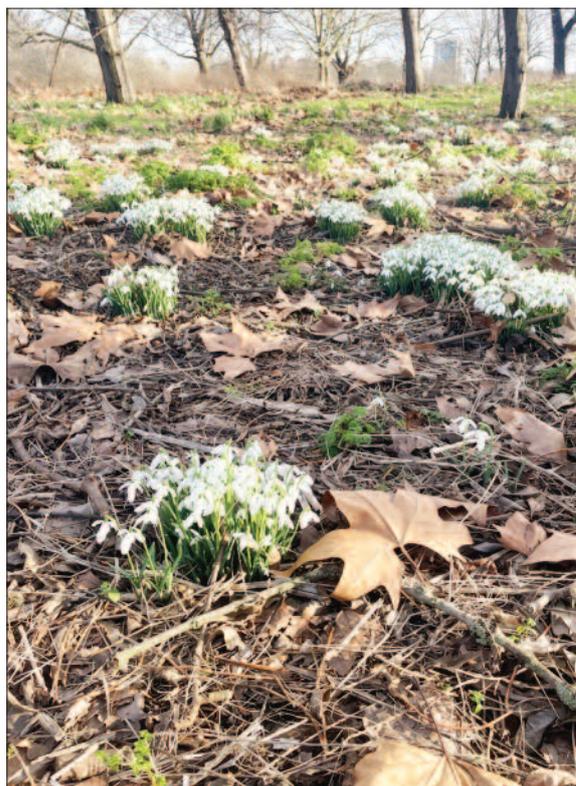


## Happy New Year, Again!

The beginning of the year often brings its own natural challenges; dark, short and cold days and the lack of festivities that we associate with December, neatly finishing with a big hurrah on the 31st. As if to make matters worse, we then are tasked with the duty of making a whole host of resolutions for our own self-betterment, often austere in nature if only to atone for our Christmas spending!

If, like me, you have struggled to keep these promises, fear not! As we look forward to March and all that it brings, we can discern a more natural and intuitive pattern that satisfies an organic rhythm of growth and change (rather than being self-imposed during midwinter), not least owing to the simple fact that it becomes easier to do with Springtime ever growing; longer and slightly warmer days, the hint of blossoming buds on trees and greater flora emerging from the earth.

It is no wonder that the historic English New Year fell at the end of this month (the 25th, to be precise), a time where Spring itself is more thoroughly embedded and we also see new life emerge in greater abundance (think lambs!).



*Hyde Park Snowdrops – Baxter McRolston*

The Christian calendar too holds this time as sacred. Although its start and end point changes each year, Lent (which we are already well into) transposes through Spring and culminates at Easter, this year falling on the 31st -or final day- of March. Lent itself is of course a time where the Church bids its members to prepare for this greatest of festivals with habits and practices that make us ready to meet Christ at his change from death into new life, again echoing that natural rhythm which we are all a part of. Whatever your disciplines are at this time, they should rest in the comforting knowledge that we too will share in the Easter joy that makes us into an Easter people; those who have known



struggle and yet have cause to hope for a new and refreshing beginning.

In our own parish, we will see this new beginning manifest in a host of ways that impacts us directly as part of this seasonal, calendrical, and liturgical change. Two examples of this will be our own Fr Sam's departure and the resumption of baptisms once more; although these items may seem tenuously linked, we meet them at a time when (following our Lenten disciplines) we have done the work -like cultivating a garden- to make ready for a new chapter in the spirit of loss and new life, death and rebirth, winter into Spring, Lent and Easter themselves. In other words, this March provides for us an opportunity for a renewed sense of our being as God's people: embracing change with a discipline and grace not unlike the promises of our baptisms, and the ability to look forward with a realistic hope and confident sense of purpose.

## Guest Preachers for the 200th Anniversary

As part of our celebration of 200 years at St Luke's Chelsea, we are delighted to welcome guest preachers, and, in particular, to welcome back former clergy of this parish to preach at the 10.30am Sung Eucharist. Here is the current list of dates and preachers - mark them in your diary right now please!

17 March - Passion Sunday	The Revd Dr Jeremy Morris, The Church of England's Adviser on Ecumenical Relations
21 April - Easter 4	The Ven Sheila Watson, formerly curate, now Preacher to Lincoln's Inn
19 May - Trinity Sunday	The Ven Richard Frank, Archdeacon of Middlesex
9 June - Trinity 2	The Revd Dr Samuel Rylands, formerly curate, now Vicar of St Andrew's, Fulham Fields
7 July - Trinity 6	The Revd Niall Weir, formerly curate, now Vicar of West Hackney
21 July - Mary Magdalene	The Revd Joe Moffatt, formerly Associate Vicar, now Rector of Kingston upon Thames
8 September - Trinity 15	The Revd Ginny Thomas, formerly curate, now retired
15 September - Holy Cross	The Revd Alison Craven, formerly curate, now retired
20 October - St Luke's Day	<b>The Very Revd Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark</b>
17 November - 2 before Advent	The Very Revd Derek Watson, formerly Rector, now retired
24 November - Christ the King	The Revd Dr James Heard, formerly Associate Vicar, now Vicar of the Holland Park Benefice

## The Felix Project Update

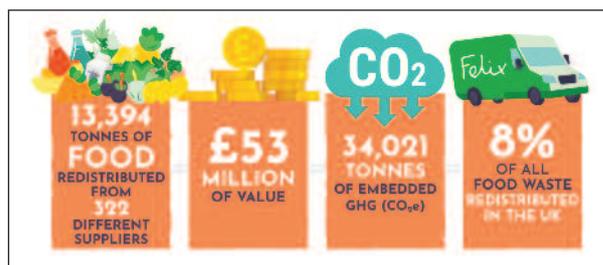


The Felix Project help to supply fresh produce to our Community Food Bank

running here out of the Vestry. They have released an annual update to show the scale at which their mission is growing and the impact that they are having. The full article can be read on our website.

In 2023 The Felix Project was able to rescue more food, give out more meals and engage with more volunteers than ever before. Against a hugely challenging backdrop, and thanks to incredible support from the public, grant funders, corporate partners, food suppliers volunteers and others, we rescued **13,394 tonnes of food from 322 different suppliers** enabling us to redistribute the equivalent of **32 million meals** to you all.

We delivered food to **1,119 community organisations and over 170 schools** across covering every London



borough. More than half of the food was used to support those living in the top fifth most deprived areas in London. This food had a **combined retail value of £52 million** and was only able to be rescued and redistributed because of the more than **15,000 volunteers** we welcomed who gave up **150,000 hours** of their time to help us sort, prepare and deliver the food.

**85% of you** told us receiving food from Felix enables you to make more of a difference in your community.

# Adieu to Sam, Emily and Felicity

So much of life now seems to be defined as pre- or post-Covid. Sam's arrival here in Chelsea occurred just before that watershed, in October 2019 when, in Christ Church, he was licensed as Associate Vicar by the Archdeacon of Middlesex amidst friends from St George's, Borough, from Cambridge and with his family.

Our Associate Vicars undertake a full range of ordained ministry across the parish and beyond but have always been encouraged to follow their own interests and specialisms. When Sam came to us, he had experience both as a teacher in secondary school - at Latymer and The Grey Coat Hospital, where he was Head of History - and had also, of course, completed a significant piece of work, culminating in a PhD from Cambridge in Theology. It was, therefore, a natural fit for Sam to take on the adult discipleship leadership in the parish, developing further our Autumn and Lent Talk series, setting up a Working Faith Group for younger adults and taking on an important link role as Governor at Cheslea Academy, where he represents the Diocese in one of our foremost church secondary academies.

Within the parish, Sam has also taken on oversight of children's work, and, very fittingly, he now is engaged both as Father Sam and as a father - with children's work especially as we have refined our Sunday School provision (now the envy of every parish in the diocese!) and managing our children's worker. Weekly, he has been seen in ABC with sticky crafts and happy songs for two-year-olds.

Sam has also (I'm delighted to say), used his IT skills to oversee our communications and particularly in the planning of the contents of this monthly magazine. Our recently re-created Children's Choir owes much to Sam's seeing through the process.

It has been to the delight of many in the parish community to get to know Emily, too. As a lecturer at St Mellitus College and now in Durham University, Emily has offered her theological skills to the parish and has played a big role in hosting and hospitality as well as her presence in worship in both our churches. And now Felicity too delights and amuses many in her growing enquiry and ease within our church communities.



But Sam has also contributed to so many other things - cricket, teaching at St Augustine's College, indulging his cookery skills, cycling hither and yon (did you know he had also completed Lands End to John O'Groats by bike?). For all this and so much more - his faithfulness, energy, insights, humour, and friendship - we are indebted.

So, we wish Sam, Emily and Felicity Godspeed as Sam takes up his new post as Chaplain in University College, Durham, and Solway Research Fellow in the Theology Department of the university with thankfulness for all he has given us in this parish over the past almost five years.

Go well, stay well and thank you.

BRIAN LEATHARD

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# YOUTH & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES



*" Show respect to your mother. Take care of her for the rest of her life. Remember, she risked her life to bring you into this world, so try to make her happy and never do anything that would worry her. " Tobit 4*

On 10 March it is Mothering Sunday. People honour their mothers or people who have played the role of a mother in their lives. Over the years, it has become a tradition and a sign of respect to give flowers, a card, a gift to our mothers or those who have mothered us.



Women are very active in every aspect of our life. They are always there to give us strength and help us to move forward. And what better way of showing our appreciation to our mothers, our loved ones, our neighbour, or someone in our community who we deeply care about than by making them a lovely card, giving

them beautiful flowers, and thanking them for their care as they speak wisdom and teach love. These are two wonderful aspects of God that every family member (we are all God's children), and especially the children need to learn.

This is why Mothering Sunday is one of the most popular days of the year for eating out. It is also the biggest flower buying day of the year in Britain.

Happy Mothering Sunday to all the women in our community. These flowers are for you.

## Children's half term during February

Thank you very much to all of you who joined the half term activities. The children had an amazing time and very joyful days.



We went to visit the National Gallery and learned how to decode pictures. We discovered fun tips and tricks and unlocked secrets hidden in plain sight, even if we've seen a painting for the first time. It was amazing to see how you can understand a meaning of picture if you know some simple rules.



On our second day trip we went to the V&A Museum. We learned how to create our own interactive video dance game inspired by the music from the DIVA exhibition. We used a simple visual programming tool to drag and drop colourful coding blocks and created our own dance sequence and then tested our moves on the interactive dance mats! We all had pink cheeks and big smiles on our faces by the end of the dance session.

## Pancake party

Thank you so much to all of you who attended the All Age Pancake Party and to the children who took part in the pancake race. Everybody had an amazing afternoon with



lots of fun and lots of delicious pancakes.

God bless you and Happy Easter!

Love, Anna

# The 4 Ps of Generous Giving. Number 2: Pledge

*Our mission and ministry in Chelsea depend on your generosity. Last month, we considered the first 'P' – Pay. This month, we introduce the second of our 4 Ps – the importance of pledging.*

Please do consider a making a financial pledge to support the further growth and development of our faith community in Chelsea.

Practically speaking, a pledge is a demonstration of your planned giving for the coming year. Every pledge made in turn helps to fund the day-to-day life of our parish faith community - from paying the salaries of clergy and staff, to supporting outreach ministries, pastoral care, worship, education programmes, music, and facilities. In addition to supporting the day-to-day life of our parish, a pledge provides the parish with the ability to make plans and commitments about our priorities and possibilities in the year to come.

Pledging can be seen as an individual commitment and a statement of thanksgiving. In other words, a pledge is an



*Sunday School - supported with your donations*

and significant based on our individual financial situation. It might be helpful to consider this question: Does our giving reflect our standard of living?

Similarly, if you are new or have recently joined our Parish, it might be helpful to think of pledging as another step in your relationship with God and God's mission. Give whatever amount helps you feel closer to God and more connected to our faith community.

In summary, a pledge can help us to grow in faith and demonstrate our trust in God. Spiritually speaking, your pledge is your response to God's abundance in our lives. By giving in a regular, committed way, a pledge can turn your giving into a spiritual practice just like prayer or worship, which in turn helps to keep God as a priority in our life.

When we give in a committed way, it helps to keep us focused on God. Where our money goes, our heart will be found also.

To pledge a commitment to regular giving, visit the parish website and follow the link to 'Donate & Support'. Or, alternatively, you can contact the Parish Office. Everything that we receive helps to support the mission and ministry of our parish.



*The St Luke's Foodbank - serving our local community*

outward and visible sign of our desire to follow in the way of Jesus, by giving as God gives to us.

At St Luke's and Christ Church, every pledge matters, regardless of the amount. There is no such thing as an "average" pledge because we are each in a unique position in our lives. It's not about the amount so much, but whether the amount is faithfulness in which it is given.

Instead, we would suggest that every parishioner considers pledging an amount that is both responsible

*THE GENEROUS GIVING TEAM*

## Parish Retreat to Douai Abbey

The retreat to Douai Abbey felt like stepping out of time and place for the weekend. Phones switched off; focussing on the spiritual and talking about faith was a marvellous pause from the everyday. I certainly returned inspired and refreshed. It was helped hugely by the wonderful welcome we had from the Douai monks. Delicious food and comfortable accommodation, too.

The theme this year was the voyage of life. Father Sam took us through each significant stage in our development from childhood, youth, middle and old age.

Discussion was generated by looking at *The Voyage of Life* by Thomas Cole - a series of four paintings about man's spiritual and physical journey, focussing on a figure in a boat heading along a river.

From the still waters of childhood in a lush landscape at dawn; heading off on adventures in youth at midday; the choppy, autumnal waters of middle age, and, finally, arriving at night in a battered boat to a glorious looking heaven. In each painting the angel was there. I was particularly struck by how they were never far away. Cole also wrote about what he portrayed. The more you looked, the more you saw.

It was wonderful to have prime examples from 2-year-old Felicity Hole-Kempson, student Alfie Stewart and 90-year-old Pippa Diggle. Apart from adding so much to the weekend, they helped to remind

me what life was like and sense of yet to experience. It was a bonus to have Emily, too.

We looked at some of the great Bible stories from Hagar and the Angel and the Prodigal Son to readings from Ecclesiastes and Kings. How God communicates to us at whatever stage we are at, however testing we might be.

It was interesting to hear from everyone's perspective in groups and general discussion. How everything is new in childhood, pushing the boundaries in youth, work in middle age - using talents. In old age - the wisdom of having seen it all before and keeping life as independent and varied as possible. Much food for thought. We can learn so much from each stage.

One of the many things I enjoy and find incredibly helpful about the weekend is the peace and silence. The different services of the Abbey, from matins to compline, where you can see and feel the different and constant rhythm of worship. I loved walking around the loop of the meadow at sunrise, hearing birdsong and seeing creation as celebrated in the psalms in the services.

Thank you, Father Sam and John McVeigh, for organising this and to Father Oliver and everyone at Douai Abbey for their great hospitality.

It was a privilege to be there.

LOUISE DIGGLE



## Step Up 2024: How You Can Help

STEP-UP (Studying, Tutoring, Exam Prep) is a tutoring and revision programme for the young people of our parish who are aged 15 or older. We hire a number of professional tutors in the subjects our teenagers need help in, so we are sure they are getting the assistance they need most. The hope for this is that we will provide a quiet and helpful space for our young people to revise and give them a confidence boost when their summer exams begin. We want the young people of this parish to thrive in all aspects of their lives, and this is just one way we can do that.

There are some ways you, as our parishioner, can help. Firstly, please hold our young people in prayer. This is a stressful time for them, so prayers for peace and confidence would go a long way. Prayer is one of the most powerful tools we have as Christians, and our young people need them as much as anyone. I may be biased, but they are an incredible group of teenagers! Secondly, if you have experience in tutoring for GCSE or A Level subjects, please reach out to us. We hire tutors, but the more the merrier! The more tutors we have, the more one-on-one help our students receive. Lastly, there is monetary donation. This is completely free for our young people to attend, and it is open for all of our students, but especially ones who may not have access to private tutoring. Last year, this program was made possible by incredibly generous parishioners. We are so grateful for the donations last year, and I ask that you consider donating this year so we can make the programme as helpful and fun as we can. Any amount that you can give is so appreciated! Please reach out to me or Fr Baxter with any questions.

MADY MCDANIEL



### STEP-UP

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LET'S GET STUDYING!

## Children's Choir Begin Leading Worship

The Children's Choir started rehearsing in January and sang their first service at St Luke's on Sunday 11th February. While St Luke's Choir had their trip away at Winchester Cathedral, the Children's Choir supported the worship at the 10.30 am service, where they sang Mass of St Thomas by Thorne and Be thou my vision by Chilcott. Recruitment is still ongoing, with 12 current members, three new singers joining after half term and more children auditioning during the February half term.

After half term, the choir's next engagement will be at Christ Church on Mothering Sunday (10th March) in a joint service with the Christ Church Choir. The term finishes with the Children's Choir singing at the Stations of the Cross service at St Luke's on Good Friday (29th March at 12.00pm).

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*For enquiries regarding baptism, confirmation (adults and children), marriages, funerals and home communion visits, please contact the clergy via the Parish Office. Also for the Planned Giving Schemes for both churches.*

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 Holy Communion	St Luke's
1030 Sung Eucharist	St Luke's
1100 Sung Eucharist	Christ Church
1500 Choral Evensong	St Luke's

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

0900 Monday	Morning Prayer at Christ Church
0900 Tuesday-Thursday	Morning Prayer at St Luke's
1230 Thursday	Holy Communion at St Luke's

## YOUTH & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

**Children's Ministry Administrator Anna Stamenova:**  
Please contact Anna for any enquiries about children's groups, registrations and schools via the parish office, or [annastamenova@chelseaparish.org](mailto:annastamenova@chelseaparish.org)

### Children's Groups During Sunday Services

Sunday School at St Luke's (10.30am) and Christ Church (11.00am). A crèche is available at both churches.

**Youth Events is for 11+** on every other Thursday. For more information contact [Madymcdaniel@chelseaparish.org](mailto:Madymcdaniel@chelseaparish.org)

### ABC Club During Term Time

Thursdays 1000-1130, at Christ Church  
Parent, carer and toddler group.

### Uniformed Organisations all at St Luke's Hall

**The Rainbows for 4 – 7** years old contact is [10thchelsea.rainbows@gmail.com](mailto:10thchelsea.rainbows@gmail.com). They meet at 5pm to 6 pm on Tuesdays.

**Brownies for 7 – 10** years old contact is

[10thchelseabrownies@gmail.com](mailto:10thchelseabrownies@gmail.com).

They meet at 6pm to 7.30pm pm on Tuesdays.

**Guides** for girls 10 years to 14 years and

**Rangers** 14 years to 18 years

Their contact is [10thchelseabrownies@gmail.com](mailto:10thchelseabrownies@gmail.com).

They meet at 6pm to 7.30pm on Tuesdays.

**Squirrels** are the newest and youngest part of the Scout movement for 4 to 6 year olds, it gives them a taste of what it means to be a scout, preparing them for the move to becoming a Beaver when they turn 6, they meet from 4.15pm-5.15pm on Thursdays.

**Beavers** are for boys and girls aged 6 to 8. They meet from 5.15pm until 6.45pm on Thursdays.

**Cubs** are for boys and girls aged 8 to 10½. They meet between 7.00pm-8.30pm on Thursday evenings.

**Scouts** are for boys and girls aged 10½ to 14. They meet between 7.00pm-9.00pm on Friday.

**Explorers** are for boys and girls aged 14 to 18. They meet between 7.00pm-9.00pm on Monday.

Contact for Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers is [wolf2872@gmail.com](mailto:wolf2872@gmail.com).

All events take place in St Luke's Hall

## PARTY VENUES FOR HIRE

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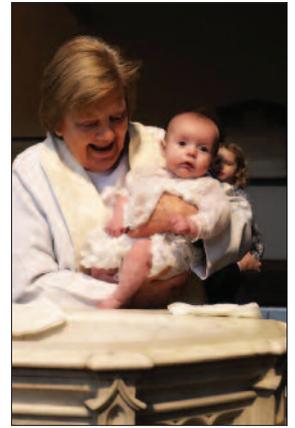
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**Golden Charter**

## ECO CORRIDOR:

# On the 200th Anniversary of the Consecration of St Luke's

As many of you know, St Luke's will be 200 years old in October. A good time to look back and remember, but also to look forward and to create a sustainable environment for the parishioners of tomorrow.

This is the inspiration behind what we, a small group of keen gardeners of the parish, have named the "Eco-Corridor". A strip of land to the east side of St Luke's Garden separated from a row of houses by a wrought iron fence is currently an inaccessible wasteland. It is something of an eyesore for the residents whose houses overlook the strip, currently acting as a foxhole, a forgotten corner of the grounds and covered in ivy. Our intention is to repair and regenerate the garden, and, in doing so, create something special the community can enjoy and play an active part in both maintaining and restoring. It will also be a tangible contribution to the General Synod's 2023 Net Zero carbon target from St Luke's and Christ Church. Progress has been encouraging. We have expert landscape and garden designers Thomas Sykes and Duncan Cargill on hand whose sketch is above. The RBKC council has come to the aid of the project and has committed at least half the money needed and donors will make up the rest. "Faculty", the church's own planning process, is underway ably supported by Monica



Castelino, Parks Manager for the RBKC. We are working hard to a timetable that will see hardware constructed over the early summer and planting beginning shortly afterwards.



We thought it extremely important to involve the community as much as possible. So, it was at a highly-successful meeting on February 5, we invited the neighbours in to examine the plans over a glass of wine. The designs were well received, and many made useful suggestions. But it will be a place for people of all ages. Children from local schools will be encouraged, with the help of Fr Baxter McRolston, to join in the craft aspect of pulling the garden together, planting and weaving cane fences that form part of the design.

Over the summer, a series of activities will be visible staffed by the council, donors and experts of all sorts. Great care will be taken in cleaning the gravestones and box graves, some of which are needing repair. As St Luke is the patron saint of physicians and artists, the plans reflect this and seek to enliven the ecology of the church with a profusion of medicinal herbs and pollinators prevalent in the flowers planted. The council has also kindly donated plants that will form a carpet of low-lying meadow flowers across the green and around the church.

It is very much hoped that as many people as possible of all ages will make a valuable contribution to the realisation of the Eco-Corridor. This could take many forms: giving time, talent or treasure. In so doing they will become the custodians of the project and stakeholders in our joint future.

BARBARA SCHWEPCKE

