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# 200th Anniversary

Why build a church? It may seem an odd question, but it is a real question. Why build a church? After all, we repeatedly hear that Church is more than a building, it is a community. I would want to go further and suggest that it is a community, a local gathering of the body of Christ, which gathers for worship, is nourished in worship and then is sent out from worship.

So perhaps here is a clue. Worship is at the heart of our church life - and if worship then we need a place to do so. Yes, it could be under a shady tree or in a school hall or someone's front room. But churches have been built since the very earliest centuries of Christian life. The New Testament paints a picture of people meeting for worship in the homes of the wealthy, to avoid persecution and to address local need, but there was also much diversity. We know that Christians met in inns, bath houses, cemeteries and warehouses.

Once Christian belief, worship and practice could happen in peace with stability, churches began to symbolise Christianity's incarnate faith. God is made man in Jesus Christ, and God is made present and tangible, incarnate, in buildings. Sacred Space begins to spread. We can all sense when we go into a church, in town or country, that this is a prayed-in, lived-in expression of faith. The very stones seem to breathe in and out with the prayers of the faithful.

As time passed this sense of Sacred Space began to become nuanced. If this is a godly place, people argued, then surely, we need to adorn it with the sort of beauty we ascribe to God. Our stunning medieval cathedrals with their fine craftsmanship in stone and glass, vaulted arches and spires speak of the grandeur we ascribe to God, of the desire to stretch out our bodies to become as close to God as we can. Tangible, incarnate pointers to the intangible, transcendent God. Art,

music, poetry follow in this same desire to speak of God's truth and beauty within a human horizon.



Photo by: Anna Stamenova

This was a well-founded statement of theology by the time St Luke's was built 200 years ago. But context plays a big part too. After the Battle of Waterloo, there was a stirring of nationalism coupled with a considerable population growth in Chelsea as London spread rapidly, making outlying villages like Chelsea suburban parts of a

greater city. So, when parliament began a campaign to increase the provision of church buildings for the new urban population, St Luke's was one of the very first to gain traction and come to completion.

Except of course that a church building is never quite completed. If, within its Sacred Space, a lively, praying, serving community is to be found, then there will always need to be development. Electricity replacing candles, organs replacing bands, heating replacing the need for layers of clothing, toilets, kitchens, sound systems, websites, contactless card readers and so one could continue.

Our buildings are never static too because of the need not only to worship, but to invite, to sustain and to send out in care and mission. The café, the children and youth work, the Autumn and Lent talks, the night shelter, the choirs, all speak of our continued development in faith which will go on long after we have celebrated 200 years.

Here, in the next few years, things will change, as we seek to serve God in a changing context, but the need for a building, to incarnate our faith, to glorify God, to serve our parishioners and God's world will surely endure. Happy 200th Birthday, St Luke's.

REVD PREBENDARY DR BRIAN LEATHARD

# Project Overview: St. Luke's Church, Abbottabad

Situated in the scenic yet challenging landscape of Abbottabad, within the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, St Luke's Church stands as a steadfast symbol of hope, resilience, and faith. In a region often marked by socio-political complexities, this church serves not merely as a place of worship but as a beacon of empowerment for its



community. With the kind support of St Luke's Chelsea, and the Archbishop of Canterbury's Anglican Communion Fund, under the auspices of the Diocese of Peshawar, Church of Pakistan, the project transcends the traditional roles of the church, focusing on fostering a community that thrives with dignity, peace, and a profound sense of identity. Through its initiatives, St. Luke's Church, Abbottabad aspires to be more than a spiritual sanctuary - it seeks to be a catalyst for positive change in the lives of those it serves.

At the heart of this project is the belief that the church is not just a building, but a vibrant community with the potential to shape lives and promote a harmonious society. This initiative was meticulously crafted to fortify the church's role in advocating for freedom of belief and nurturing peaceful coexistence in a diverse region. By homing in on vital segments within the church - such as Youth Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, Junior Church instructors, and Parish Committee members - the project aimed to cultivate leadership, deepen spiritual engagement, and inspire active participation in the church's broader



mission. This multi-dimensional approach ensures that the church is not just a passive presence but a dynamic force for social and spiritual transformation.

To achieve these ambitious goals, the project was both comprehensive and strategic in its execution. From



insightful sessions with the Diocese's leadership to hands-on workshops tailored for each focus group, the initiative was designed to be impactful and sustainable. The involvement of key

leaders - including the Bishop, Diocesan Vice President Clergy, and members of the St. Luke's Parish committee - was pivotal in driving the project's success. These workshops were designed not merely to be instructional but transformative, equipping church leaders with the tools,

knowledge, and confidence to lead with vision and purpose. The ripple effect of this training ensures that the impact of the project will resonate far beyond its initial implementation, as empowered leaders continue to inspire and train others within their communities.

During the strategic planning sessions, the leadership team thoroughly

discussed involving different key groups within the congregation to enhance the Church's mission. The focus was on empowering the Women's Fellowship, Church Youth Fellowship, and Junior Church Teachers, and developing a plan to equip these groups to become strong pillars within the community. The central concepts emphasised were

1. Preserving the dignity of the Church in Pakistan
2. Dealing with challenges posed by a hostile environment
3. Emphasising the identity of being faithful Christians and patriotic Pakistanis.



These sessions aimed to prepare the church to not only survive but to thrive and contribute positively to the nation. In this collaborative spirit, it was agreed that the Parish Committee would play an instrumental role in supporting the Priest-in-Charge in successfully implementing this project. Their efforts would be carried out in close coordination with the Diocesan Centre Team at Peshawar, ensuring that the vision discussed in these sessions would translate into meaningful, on-the-ground impact.



To read more on the work that has flourished from this please use the QR Code or link to see the full article.

<https://chelseaparish.org/news/st-lukes-church-abbottabad/>

St Luke's Church, Abbottabad  
Diocese of Peshawar, Church of Pakistan



## Gratitude and Harvest

The Harvest Festival is embedded in many an English psyche as a time-honoured ritual in the golden light of autumn: bringing canned food to church (often from the back of the cupboard), singing ‘We plough the fields’ and in our mind’s eye taken back to primary school, and the appearance of an enormous loaf of bread in the shape of a sheath of wheat (who bakes these?!).

The parish harvest festival and harvest supper in its current form is a fairly modern liturgical invention in the Church of England. It originated in a well-publicised festival engineered by the Rev Robert Hawker in his Cornish parish in 1843. The ritual captured the public imagination, not least during the ‘hungry’ 1840s, when parishes were encouraged to collect food for famine relief in Ireland.

However, despite the rituals and hymnody that mark Harvest from the 19th century, such feasting stretches back far further. Scripture records Israel’s own thanksgivings as the harvest was brought in – tied to their own knowledge of God’s provision in the wilderness (chiefly

in the festival of tabernacles, or Sukkot) and rooted in a recognition of God’s generous provision for humanity in creation.

Whereas the Babylonians spoke in their myths of the people’s requirement to feed the bellies of the gods, not least by way of sacrificial offering, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob by contrast provided food for his creatures (Gen 1.29; 9.3) and had no need of food himself (Psalm 50.12). The recognition of God as the source of the earth’s bounty invited not servile offerings but thanksgiving and communal festivity.

Such festivals are thus opportunities to reflect on ceaseless care that God has for us, and, recognising God’s generosity, we are invited to be generous ourselves. There is that wonderful verse from Proverbs - ‘Better a small serving of vegetables with love than a fattened calf with hatred’ (15.17) – a good reminder to see food not purely as a means to satisfy the stomach but as a way in which we come to grow in love and trust for each other as much as for God.

Living in a city with enormous amounts of food waste, fast food that is often eaten alone, and which, courtesy of UberEats and Deliveroo, is now often delivered to us rather than prepared in our own kitchens, we are now in danger of losing an important means of recognising God’s goodness and enjoying the



richness of company around a table. Even if we are some distance from the fields from which our produce is taken, there’s much to be said for valuing shared meals in our time-poor society and, as part of this, using a simple prayer of grace that – like the Israelites before us – roots our consumption in gratitude to God and for each other. Here are some short prayers that you may like to use yourselves as individuals, or as a family (even if only once a week):

*Give us grateful hearts, our Father, for all your mercies, and make us mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Bless, O Lord, your gifts to our use and us to your service; for Christ’s sake. Amen.*

*Blessed are you, O Lord God, King of the Universe, for you give us food to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*For these and all his mercies, God’s holy name be blessed and praised; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



# St Luke's through the years

## Lama Harb

I helped for a long time, until Covid, with counting and recording the donations of the Sunday services and other events of the week. Also, I have assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion and still do. Joining the Bible group nearly 20 years ago was one of the best decisions I have made. Studying different books of the Bible gave me a deep understanding and strengthened my faith. I am privileged to have known through the Bible group many wonderful ladies that left an impact in my life.



Lama's daughter, Reem's, baptism in 1991 with Very Rev Derek Watson

I fondly remember Jill Furniss, Vickie Macnair, Mary Appleby and Fleur de Villiers. I also value all the active members of our Bible study now. Below are photos of the baptism of my daughter Reem in 1991 and the baptism of her daughter Lily in 2023, in the same dress! I have lived in the area since 1980 and joined St Luke's parish in 1990.



Reem's daughter, Lily's baptism in 2023 with Fr Brian Leathard

## Noelle Udall

Our granddaughter, Lilly Clark, from Melbourne, Australia, was baptised by Fr Brian on 12 July 2024. My husband, Rodney Udall, was a choir boy at St Luke's. Rodney's father, Frank Udall, was a bell ringer at St Luke's. Rodney and I were married at St Luke's by Derek Watson on 12 April 1986. Our daughter Isabelle and son William were both christened at St Luke's. So, we now have FOUR generations connected to St Luke's.



Our daughter Isabelle's christening in May 1988 was much more conventional. Derek officiated again; he's standing tall at the back in the group photo.



We had a very unconventional wedding day on 12 April 1986, first getting married and then, half an hour later, getting our baby son, William, christened! It was not straightforward. Rev Derek Watson officiated, but first he had to seek special permission from the bishop before he could grant our request.

We walked down the aisle to the theme from the film 'Chariots of Fire'.



The Udall family gathered for Lilly's baptism in July 2024.

# St Luke's through the years

## Sue Buchan

My mother and I moved to Chelsea over 60 years ago. We divided our Sunday worship between St Luke's and Christ Church (which of course were not joined together at the time). The rector of St Luke's was Rev Harold Loasby, and Rev Francois Piachaud was vicar of Christ Church. I used to go to a weekly young people's discussion group at St Luke's run by the curate, Rev Tansil, held in his flat on St Luke's Street. When Jeff and I decided to get married in 1968, the wedding was held in Christ Church. We were married by Rev Piachaud because my father (who was also a priest) wanted to walk me down the aisle. The reading was done by my Godfather, also a priest, who had been at theological college with my father. The church flowers were provided by the formidable Mrs Ildica Post, who was a prominent member of the



Sue and her husband Jeff on their wedding day in 1968.

church. This was probably to thank me because she had coerced me into embroidering one of the cross-stitched kneelers, which are still used at Christ Church today.

*Many more wonderful memories have been recorded which are worth a read. They are available to read in a book at the back of St Luke's Church. We are still collecting memories, so if you have any please contact Millie at [Milliekirkland@chelseaparish.org](mailto:Milliekirkland@chelseaparish.org).*

## Welcome Team & Rotas – Your Help Is Needed

Reading, interceding, administering communion, leading Sunday School, making coffee - every single action we offer is to be for the glory of God.

Last year, we decided to change the use of the word 'Sidespersons' to 'Welcome Team'. This was to emphasise that the role of the team week by week is to be exactly that - welcomers to new and returning attenders, a smile and few words of interest, guiding to a seat, encouraging to stay for refreshment, introducing people to one another. It is all encompassed in Welcome - and that's what we need to work on every time we open the doors of our churches.

We are looking to welcome some new people to the rotas starting in November. The roles at both churches include the welcome team, reading, intersessions, communion assistant and refreshments. We are particularly in need of intercessors and communion assistants at both St Luke's and Christ Church. If you may be interested in any role or would like to know a little more, please contact the parish office at [parishoffice@chelseaparish.org](mailto:parishoffice@chelseaparish.org) or by phone on 020 73517365.

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## Revd Derek Watson: Memories of St Luke's Before and After

### Never underestimate church buildings!

Of course, they are expensive to maintain, but what an asset for the Christian Gospel they can be. When I came to St Luke's in 1982, we had to find £1.5 million – which seemed an awful lot of money in those days – to spend on the building. In the next 15 years, I found that it was worth every penny.

Then, at Salisbury once again, I saw how a great building can be a wonderful focus for Christian ministry. Among my earliest memories of St Luke's are the fundraising ventures: the enthusiasm and generosity of those who took part and some of the highlights - the gift of a painting by Bernard Buffet which sold at Sotheby's for three times the estimate after an exciting battle by bidders; a wonderful evening of readings from *Twelfth Night* by Claire Bloom followed by dinner, given by Victor Lowmes at his club in the Kings Road; the summer fairs and the enthusiasm and generosity of all who took part.



The transformation of the church building made its mark in the neighbourhood. Then we joined up with Christ Church, another happy development that allowed us to share our resources for our mutual benefit. Together we started the Chelsea Festival, a great opportunity to celebrate Chelsea, past and present, and a splendid showcase for local talent with concerts, art exhibitions, fashion shows and much more besides.

The next step was the Chelsea Mission and exploring with neighbouring churches of different traditions our Christian faith. As we moved round

from the Methodists to the Roman Catholics and the Church of Scotland, we asked how could Christians make a practical contribution to society, and this generated Glass Door.

After Chelsea came Salisbury, a splendid 13th century cathedral, set in our largest cathedral close, a unique panorama of English architecture. One of its finest houses was the home of a former Prime Minister, Sir Edward Heath. I quickly discovered what a rich resource are our cathedrals are, offering architecture, music and worship of high quality. We were particularly proud of our original copy of Magna Carta and explored ways to apply its lessons. Together with nearby Stonehenge we were a popular tourist destination and did our best “to turn tourists into pilgrims”.

When I retired at 65, I settled into a new role as the Archdeacon's consort, living in the attractive Buckinghamshire village of Penn and later moving into the precincts of Canterbury Cathedral. At the same time, I had a variety of other roles, including 10 years as the Preacher of Lincoln's Inn, a part-time appointment, preaching to a congregation of barristers and judges. I was delighted when Sheila was invited to succeed me, allowing us both to continue enjoying that legal community.

I have been extremely fortunate in the ministry that has come my way, the places where I have lived and the people with whom I have spent time, and I value enormously the friendships we have been able to make.

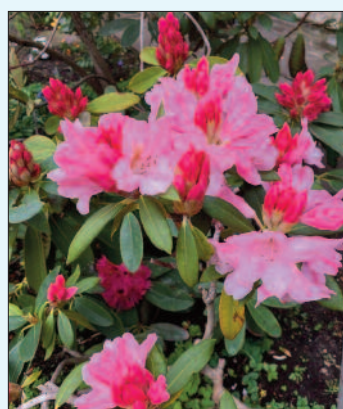
DEREK WATSON

## Christ Church Gardens Awards!



The garden at Christ Church has swept the board with the garden competitions again this year. In addition to the earlier "Chelsea Gardens Guild" wins, Best Church Garden and Best Roses, we have added the "Brighter Kensington and Chelsea Competition" Best Church Garden category and Best Roses in the South of the Borough. Continue to enjoy the garden!

VICKY JACOBSEN



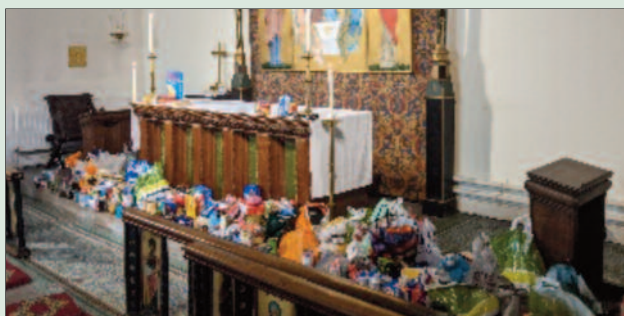
## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

ANNA STAMENOVA

*"Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is large, but there are few workers to gather it in. Pray to the owner of the harvest that he will send out workers to gather in his harvest."*

Matthew 9:37-38

**At the next 9.30am Family Eucharist on 6 October at Christ Church,** we will celebrate Harvest and give thanks to God for the variety of food we have and everything that helps the food to grow. After the service, everyone is invited to stay for refreshments – this time provides an ideal opportunity to welcome new people to our community so ensure you search out any new faces and say hello.



Harvest food donations will also be welcomed and passed on to support those in need in our local community. Please bring your donations to the



9.30am service or to any of our usual Sunday services - 10.30am at St. Luke's and 11.00am at Christ Church.

Sunday 20 October is St Luke's Day and this year we will be celebrating 200 years since the church was built. There will be no service at Christ Church, but there will be Sunday school at the 10.30am united parish eucharist at St Luke's. I hope many of you will come and celebrate St Luke, the patron saint of artists, physicians, bachelors, surgeons, students and butchers.

### Half Term Children's Activities

Please note: Activities are for children in reception and above:

**Monday 28 October** – Art & Craft Day, Lego building. 10.00am to 11.30am at St, Luke's Vestry

**Tuesday 29 October** – V&A trip, more information to follow.

Have an amazing and wonderful month and keep God in your heart.

Thank you! Anna

# A Big Ring for St Luke's 200th Anniversary

**Why** on earth, you may ask, would 10 bell ringers want to spend 3.5 hours pulling continuously on the ropes of St Luke's notoriously difficult bells in a sweaty ringing room that, with its three floor-to-ceiling windows, rather resembles a greenhouse?

Well, the answer is to 'tell out our soul' in celebration of the 200 years that St Luke's has served the Chelsea community and the Glory of God.

The ringers will also relish the challenge of mental concentration and physical stamina that such a performance demands.

**What** exactly is a peal?

A full peal of 5040 or more changes is a sort of ringing marathon and the 'gold standard' of performance for more advanced bell ringers. Peals are often rung to mark major occasions in the life of the Church and Nation, but sometimes just for the challenge alone.

**When** is this happening?

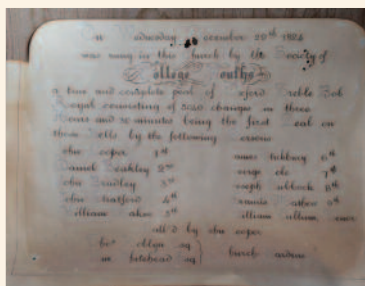
**Saturday 19 October starting at 3.00pm**

Full peal attempts on St Luke's bells are quite rare events. The last one was arranged to mark the first anniversary of the King's Coronation on 4 May.

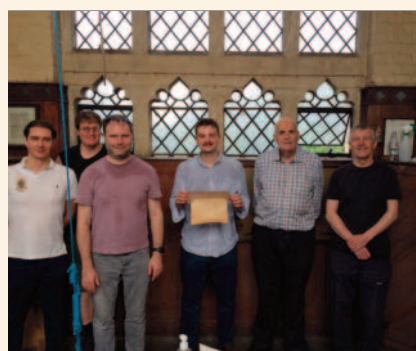
5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal, Completed in 3 hours 23 minutes (22 ¼ in Eb)

22 ¼ and Eb represent the weight and note of the largest bell in the tower, known as the tenor, the method name, number of changes rung, the time it took and, of course the names of the ringers and 'dedication'.

There have only been 68 full peals rung on St Luke's bells since they were first installed and pictured below is the record of the very first one rung almost 200 years ago in 1824.



The contemporary paper record of the first peal on the bells in December 1824, which is kept in the Ringing Chamber. Photo by Robert Lewis



Members of the Sunday service band on 22 September 2024 with the 1824 peal record: left to right Caleb Saunders, James Ansell (Treasurer), Andrew Hodgson (Secretary), Laurence Bourton (Ringing Master), Paul Daybell and James Belshaw. Photo by Robert Lewis

**Who** will be attempting the 200th anniversary peal?

You will notice that the first peal on the bells was performed by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths (founded in 1637), one of the two prestigious London-based national societies for accomplished bell ringers. The other is the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths (founded 1747), which has been invited by the local band to attempt the peal for the 200th anniversary. These two societies are famous for their (mostly) friendly rivalry. 'The Cumberlands', as they are known informally, have enjoyed a particularly good year, having won the 2024 National 12 Bell Striking Contest held at Chilcompton, Somerset, in June. We may, therefore, anticipate an especially good performance!

Two Cumberland members of St Luke's own band (the St Mary Abbots Guild) are taking part; the Conductor Sam Cave and his wife Ruth. The method Sam has chosen is quite a complex one called Bristol Surprise Royal, which was first rung at Beddington, Surrey, in 1934. He tells me, "If successful this will be the first Cumberland peal at Chelsea since 1910 when there was a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major on the back 8. There hasn't been a College Youths peal there since around that time either."

We wish the band on 19 October every success. A 'Peal Attempt' only becomes a 'Peal' when all the changes have been correctly rung and the Conductor calls "That's All". At which point the ringers generally make for the nearest pub for A Very Big Drink (Orange Juice, of course!).

PLEASE DO COME AND HAVE A LISTEN TO THE BELLS IF YOU CAN ON THE DAY. (The best place to do that is probably the gardens on the south side of the church).

ROBERT LEWIS



Bells No. 4 and No. 5 in the upper tier of the bellframe: these are especially tricky to ring due to movement in the frame. Photo by Robert Lewis

(About the author: Robert learned to ring with the St Mary Abbots Guild in 1984 and has rung two peals on the tenor bell at St Luke's. He was Editor of The Ringing World from 2000 to 2019 and is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.)



# Christ Church has a visit from Ofsted



The last time Christ Church CofE Primary School was inspected was over 11 years ago in June 2013.

A lot has happened in education during this time. We have had a new National Curriculum, many changes to education policy and various iterations of the Ofsted framework by which schools are inspected. We have also lived through home schooling in a number of guises and transformed the structure of the school through joining Holy Trinity in a hard federation.

Throughout this time, we have tried hard to not be too distracted by the possibility an Ofsted Inspection looming over us. As a staff we have worked to develop a clear vision for the school we want our children to experience and the education we feel will best prepare the children for their future both academically and socially.

So, on Monday 24th June, we got the first call informing us that we would have a full inspection. When asked if we had any reason why the inspection visit could not take place we mentioned that we were hosting the Queen that week. They said that was a first for them! They phoned back later that day saying the inspection was cancelled,

so we were left waiting again. Finally, we got a call again announcing an inspection in the last full week of the summer term!

As a staff we were very tired and ready for a holiday but we were also keen to share our teaching and learning with the inspection team and see if they saw the strengths that we feel we have as a school. Though far from perfect, we feel we are true to our mission, Dedicated to our Children.

The two-day process from 8am until 6pm with two inspectors was rigorous and robust. No stone was left unturned! We were delighted with their findings and the summary report that you can read in the link below.

I think my favourite quote is "Character development is an exceptional trait of the school".

We owe our success to the incredibly strong school community. The staff, the families and the governors have a united commitment, striving to make our school the very best it can be.

*AVIS HAWKINS*  
*Federation Head*

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## St Luke's and Christ Church Autumn Lecture Series

### Ancient Wisdom for Modern Life: Recovering the Paths to Hope & Joy

All sessions will include a light supper and will be held in St Luke's Vestry at 7.15pm for 7.30pm, finishing at 9.00pm. If you wish to attend, please email [parishoffice@chelseaparish.org](mailto:parishoffice@chelseaparish.org)

In this series, our new associate vicar Fr Dan helps us amidst the noise, restlessness and distraction of modern life to discern some essentials for shaping a healthy spiritual life. Drawing upon various Christian religious traditions – chiefly those of the Benedictine and Dominican orders, as well as Dietrich Bonhoeffer (who became very interested in monastic life) – we'll explore some of the key writings, ideas, and practices that can help each of us shape disciplines for ourselves that might bring new life, joy and hope. Participants will be encouraged to undertake a short amount of reading before each session – materials provided!



#### ● Session 2: From Knowledge to Wisdom, Wednesday 16 October

In a culture still irrevocably shaped by the Enlightenment, we often still believe that the accumulation of knowledge will guarantee us freedom, human harmony and progress. Whilst not entirely dismissing such claims, in this session we question such confidence and draw upon the tradition of the Dominicans, in particular, to help us think about how we can nurture a type of learning – not least the contemplation of beauty - that nurtures wisdom. We also explore what practices might help us to see the world and our lives as a gift to be explored and cherished rather than conquered and analysed.

*Reading: An extract from Paul Murray OP, [The New Wine of Dominican Spirituality](#) (London, 2006)*

#### ● Session 3: Rediscovering Community, Wednesday 6 November

Contemporary urban life can be very isolating and the increasing use of technology is also changing the way we relate to each other - from the supermarket to exercise, romance, religion and learning. The individual freedom this offers can be empowering and attractive but to what degree is it corrosive of our social nature as creatures? In this session, Fr Dan draws upon the insights of St Benedict and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in particular, to make a case for recommitting ourselves to community life – through the ups and downs – to help us grow in wisdom and love.

*Reading: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, an extract from [Life Together](#) (1939) (Minneapolis, 2005)*

#### ● Session 4: Stepping Out in Love, Wednesday 27 November

'Spirituality' can run the risk of becoming a self-indulgent undertaking and Protestantism has often been sceptical of monastic life for its seemingly exclusive and other-worldly attachments. In this session, we explore resources from the missionary orders that might help us to listen for God's presence in the world and step beyond the walls of our religious institutions with fresh animation and joy. Further, we'll think about how we might make a difference in the world, shaped by these traditions, and what might it mean to 'lose our lives to find them' (Matthew 10.39) and so discover that peace which passes understanding.

*Reading: Rowan Williams, 'Monks and Mission', an extract from [The Way of St Benedict](#) (London, 2020)*

# FROM OUR REGISTERS



Mabel Newton's baptism in Christ Church



Sophia Wilkinson's baptism at St Luke's





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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.*

### ST LUKE'S

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Churchwardens:  
Director of Music:  
Organist:

Liz Brutus and Sophie Wilson  
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Director of Music:  
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**(for any safeguarding issues in the Parish)**

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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

**Sunday School** takes place in term time during the Sunday services at St Luke's (10.30am) and Christ Church (11.00am). On the first Sunday of the month, Sunday School pauses at both churches as we gather for a **Family Service** (9.30am) at Christ Church. A crèche is available during all services.

**ABC Club** for parents, carers and toddlers, takes place on Thursdays from 10.00am-11.30am at Christ Church. To find out more, contact Anna Stamenova, the parish Children's Administrator: [annastamenova@chelseaparish.org](mailto:annastamenova@chelseaparish.org)

### Youth

**Youth Events for ages 11+** take place every Thursday. For more information, contact Baxter McRolston at [Baxtermcrolston@chelseaparish.org](mailto:Baxtermcrolston@chelseaparish.org)

### Uniformed Organisations

#### 10th Chelsea Girl Guiding

**Rainbows** for 4 – 7-year-old girls. 4.30pm to 5.30pm on Tuesdays. [10thchelsea.rainbows@gmail.com](mailto:10thchelsea.rainbows@gmail.com)

**Brownies** for 7 – 10-year-old girls. 6.00pm to 7.30pm on Tuesdays. [10thchelsea.brownies@gmail.com](mailto:10thchelsea.brownies@gmail.com)

**Guides** for 10 – 14-year-old girls. 6.00pm to 7.30pm on Tuesdays. [10thchelseaguides@gmail.com](mailto:10thchelseaguides@gmail.com)

### 9th Chelsea Scouts

**Squirrels** are a new group for the youngest part of the Scout movement for 4 – 6-year-old boys and girls. It gives them a taste of what it means to be a Scout. 5.00pm to 6.00pm on Thursdays.

**Beavers** for 6 – 8-year-old boys and girls. 5.00pm to 6.00pm on Thursdays.

**Cubs** for 8 – 10½ year old boys and girls. 7.00pm to 8.30pm on Thursdays.

**Scouts** for 10½ – 14-year-old boys and girls. 7.00pm to 9.00pm on Fridays.

**Explorers** for 14 – 18-year-old boys and girls. 7.00pm to 9.00pm on Mondays.

To contact the 9th Chelsea Scouts (Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers) please email

[9thchelseascouts@gmail.com](mailto:9thchelseascouts@gmail.com)

All Uniformed Organisation events take place in St Luke's Hall

## PARTY VENUES FOR HIRE

The Hall of Remembrance, Flood Street, St Luke's Hall, St Luke's Street, and The Hut, Alpha Place. All are available to hire for children's parties, workshops, rehearsals and public or private meetings. All halls are light and airy, on the ground floor with high ceilings. For more information contact tel: 020 7351 6133.

## OPEN FOR PRAYER

St Luke's is open for prayer from  
0900-1530 Monday to Saturday