

ST LUKE'S NEWS *May 2022*

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CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY	
Sunday May 1st	No morning service at St Luke's
	9.30am <i>Family Service at St Petroc's, South Brent</i>
	9.30am <i>Holy Communion at St Paul de Leon, Staverton</i>
	4.00pm Family Church – Sunday Stories
	6.00pm Compline
Sunday May 8th	11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday May 15th	No service at St Luke's
	9.30am <i>Morning Worship at St Petroc's, South Brent</i>
	11.00am <i>Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Littlehempston</i>
Sunday May 22nd	11.00am Holy Communion
ASCENSION DAY Thursday May 26th	7.00pm Holy Communion
Sunday May 29th	11.00am Open-air service (weather permitting) at Eden Farm, Harbourneford, for all the Mission Community

ASCENSION DAY

Often on the Continent Ascension Day is seen as a major festival, and indeed often it is a holiday. Here, unfortunately, it tends to get forgotten. But it marks the completion of Jesus' work in his earthly life – beginning at Christmas, on through his adult ministry, through the events we have recently celebrated of Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter, and then the appearances to his disciples that enabled them to grasp this stupendous fact that he had overcome even death. Finally, he leaves them and returns to glory.

We celebrate this event in an evening communion service at St Luke's on Thursday 26th at 7.00pm.

COLLECTION FOR CHRISTIAN AID

On Sunday May 8th there will be a retiring offering for Christian Aid. The annual Christian Aid week is May 15th to 21st, but as we don't have a service at St Luke's in that week we are using Sunday 8th, and this will also be one of our regular quarterly retiring offerings.

It hardly needs saying that the needs are enormous, but whatever we give helps, along with the donations of countless others, in bringing hope and relief to those who are struggling with disasters, and also brings opportunities for development to provide longer term help.

In the past as a church we were able to allocate a certain amount of our income to causes such as Christian Aid, but that is no longer possible, so we now encourage gifts from individual church members. So please give as generously as you can on Sunday 8th.

JOINT SERVICE ON MAY 29th

May 29th is a fifth Sunday of the month, and so gives the opportunity for something a bit different. Last year we had a very successful and enjoyable open-air service at Lyn and Pete Thorn's farm, for all the churches of the mission community. So, weather permitting, we are planning the same for May 29th, at 11.00am. (if the weather is bad there will probably be services at St Petroc's and/or at St Luke's).

The farm address is Eden Farm, Harbourneford, TQ10 9DU. It is on the back road between Buckfastleigh and South Brent.

Our thanks to Pete and Lyn for being willing to host this event.

MOTHERS' UNION

Marigold Seager-Berry gave members an interesting talk on 'Jesus in the Market Place' at our meeting on Thursday 7 April. On Saturday, 19 March we ran a Quiz with a Soup Lunch, which was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. The amount raised will go towards Mothers' Union fund raising. We hope to run similar events in the future. The Committee will soon be holding a meeting to decide our Summer outing.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 5 May at 2.30 pm in the Coffee Lounge at St Luke's when Reverend Caroline Luff will be giving us a talk on 'Social changes over the last 25 years and their impact.' Visitors are welcome to join our friendly group.

For more information about Mothers' Union please contact Janet Jones on 643627.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Richard Lester will be giving an organ concert at St Luke's, in aid of the DEC campaign for Ukraine on Friday July 8th at 7.30pm. Poster and details next month.