

ST LUKE'S NEWS June 2022

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| CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE | |
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| Sunday June 5 th Queen's Jubilee Pentecost Sunday | 11.30am Queen's Platinum Jubilee Civic Service 4.00pm Family Church – Sunday Stories 6.00pm Compline & Communion |
| Sunday June 12th | 11.00am Holy Communion |
| Sunday June 19th | No service at St Luke's <i>8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Petroc's, South Brent</i> <i>9.30am Morning Worship at St Petroc's, South Brent</i> <i>11.00am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Littlehempston</i> <i>5.00pm Evensong at St Paul de Leon, Staverton</i> |
| Sunday June 26th | 11.00am Holy Communion |



THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

We are delighted to be hosting a Civic Service of celebration for the jubilee on Sunday June 5th at 11,30am. (Please note the later start time than our normal service time).

This is not only a service for us as a church but a service for the whole community.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 5th is also Pentecost Sunday and this will be the theme of our evening Compline service at 6.00pm, which will also include Holy Communion.

SEEKING A NEW TEAM RECTOR

As you will probably recall, we had a first attempt at appointing a new team rector a few months ago. We advertised last autumn, and then interviewed at the beginning of February, but it was decided not to appoint. Much discussion then followed as to how quickly to have a second try, and after consultation with the PCCs of all the churches it has been decided to advertise again very shortly, with a view to interviews in mid-July.

Our own PCC has sent in a number of recommendations regarding the "profile" – that is, the description of the Mission Community, and of the person we are seeking.

So now we wait and see – and pray for God's leading for all those involved. We want the right person, somebody who can lead our 7 churches, with their very different settings and needs, and who can work well with all the congregations, and with the existing ministry team of clergy and lay ministers.

MOTHERS' UNION

A talk by Reverend Caroline Luff on 'Social changes over the last 25 year and their impact' was enjoyed by members at our May meeting.

We will be running a stall at the Millennium Park for the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations on Saturday 4 June from 1.00 pm, and our June meeting will be a week later than usual as our normal meeting date coincides with the Celebrations.

Therefore, we will meet on Thursday, 9 June at 2.30 pm in the Coffee Lounge at St Luke's, when Ann Leigh will be giving us a talk on 'Behind the Scenes (an inside view of the Oberammergau Passion Play)'. Visitors are welcome to join our friendly group.

Our Summer Outing will be to the Flower Festival at St Michael's Church in Teignmouth on Wednesday 22 June. The coach will go from Victoria Woodholme car park at 10.30 am and return at 3.00 pm allowing time to spend in Teignmouth. The cost will be £10.50 per person for the coach. All welcome to join us. Please contact Janet Jones for a place or for more information about Mothers' Union on 01364 643627.

CONCERT

in aid of

UKRAINE

Popular Classical Music

Handel's Firework Music

Bach's Toccata and Fugue

Frescobaldi's Fiori Musicali

Richard Lester: organ

Cantanti di San Pietro di Roma

Director: Mark Bennett

Friday July 8th at 7.30pm

St Luke's Church, Buckfastleigh

Admission Free

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR

DISASTER EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE

ADVANCE NOTICE - A CONCERT IN AID OF UKRAINE

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.

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION

Following the recent collection for Christian Aid we were able to send £300, with some further money being sent direct by donors.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCHYARD

The work by volunteers to restore the Haven areas at Holy Trinity Churchyard to a more natural environment has already resulted in an impressive increase in the wild flower population. This will be of great benefit to our local wildlife, especially those on the wing. An increase in insects means more food for the bird population, and members of Buckfastleigh Action for Nature Group whose volunteers work in the churchyard took up a suggestion from RSPB's chair Kevin Cox to put some swift nesting boxes in the churchyard.

Although we have a fair number nesting here, nationally they are not doing so well. and a number of other churches have already installed swift nesting boxes on their churches. The height afforded by towers and spires is ideal as swifts prefer a lofty home and this year they'll be checking out new breeding sites for future use.

The group were delighted to secure financial help from the church's Feoffee fund that has enabled them to buy and make a number of boxes for the top of the church's tower.

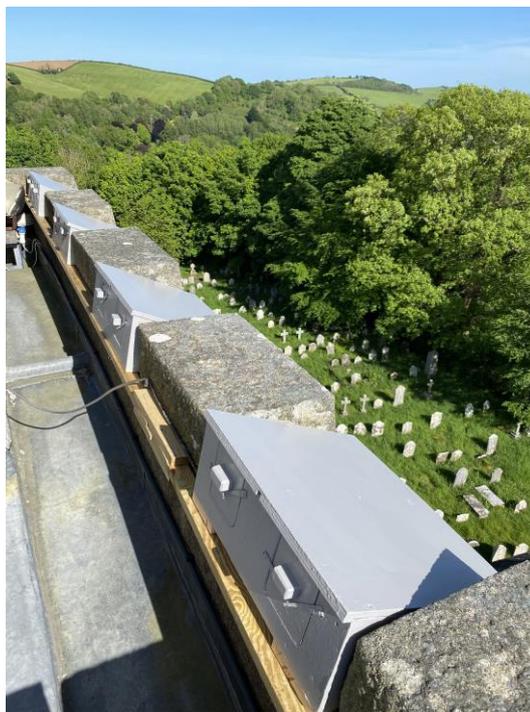
Boxes made by several volunteers with the necessary woodworking knowledge were painted and mounted in the crenelations of the tower.

Kevin expressed his thanks on behalf of the RSPB 'Huge thanks for their help and support with the project to members of BANG and especially to Trefor Jones.'

The increase in insects for food and the installation of speakers sending out recorded swift calls will hopefully see them making use of their made to measure summer homes in the churchyard for many years to come.



To the top of the tower



Swift nesting boxes in place