

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



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We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday at 10.30 am.

Please join us.

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From Pastor Mark



***Pastor Mark with Bishop Martin
and Rev. Graeme Dodds***

Thank you to St Luke's congregation for supporting my instillation as assistant pastor. It was so lovely to have Bishop Martin with us to lead the occasion as well as Bishop Walter, God's Squad President Graeme Dodds and Dr. Kevin Ward from The Department of Theology at Leeds University, Dr. Ward taught both Pastor Libby and myself. There is much to look forward to here at St Luke's ... God always does a new thing and if we're willing... always directs our steps. I feel privileged to be called and to be able to serve alongside Pastor Libby, I believe we complement each other well and although as a congregation we may be small in number we have a part to play in Headingley and the wider community. Following the service I took Bishop Martin to a motorcycle custom show in Sheffield hosted by Druids MC.

On arrival I was questioned as to who I had with me so I announced that he is the Bishop of all our UK churches, their response was, "Well, we better let him in then".

Bishop Martin enjoyed his time with the biking fraternity and it gave him an opportunity to see first hand the mission work St Luke's is involved in.

May God's Grace and Peace be with us.

Pastor Mark.

Parish Dinner

Our Parish Dinner was celebrated this month with Bishop Martin from Sweden and many from St. Luke's congregation joined us. The evening gave us the opportunity to meet the Bishop in a friendly social setting and get to know him better.

Our three course meal was enjoyed by everyone and we all had a fun evening.

Katrina Kay

St. Luke's Day

Due to circumstances, we will not be able to hold the St. Luke's weekend, but meanwhile, please come and help us celebrate our Saint's Day on **Sunday October 18th**.

RIP Mari Toomsalu, 31.01.25. – 15.08.15

The funeral of Mari Toomsalu took place at Nab Wood Crematorium on August 25th, led by Pastor Libby. Proceeds from the collection were sent as a donation to the Marie Curie Hospice in Bradford, where Mari was so well cared for during her last days. Our sympathy to Alex Toomsalu, and to all the family, including Svetlana, Alexander and Anna.

Summer Visitors

It was a pleasure to welcome Jackie Vito's mum from America to some of our services over the summer months while she was visiting Jackie and Matt. I'm glad that they were able to enjoy some sightseeing while she was here.

We were also joined by David Matthewson's mum and dad from Australia, who came to stay with David and Elizabeth, and, of course, Daniel. What a joy it must have been to meet their grandson and to have him come along with them to St. Luke's.

30th Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Luke's Church September 13th 2015



When St. Luke's moved from Roundhay Road to the house in Headingley, we used the library as our place of worship, until Bishop Walter had the vision for us to convert the derelict garage into the church building we now use.

Today we celebrated the dedication of the church on September 6th 1985. It was an opportunity to remember the history of the building, the objects and artefacts that enhance our worship, and the people who, over the years, have been part of the St. Luke's community.

After the service we continued our reminiscences over coffee, and cake baked by Katrina Kay, the Chair of our congregation.

When the photo appeared on the LCiGB Facebook page, we received the following message: *Congratulations! It is a joy to see some of the smiling faces which are known to me since the very formation, foundation of that lovely and faithful congregation. May the gracious Lord of Life and Love, the Saviour Jesus Christ, be with you and bless you. One happy day we may meet again. With cordial greetings: Rev. Jenő Weisz, Pastor Emeritus, in Germany*

Following our '**Refugee Service**' on September 20th, we were able to send a donation of £50.00 to Christian Aid for the Refugee Crisis Appeal. Thanks to all who supported this special service.

House Trust Leeds Lutheran Church House Trust

About 18 months ago my wife, Gail, relocated her office, which she had occupied for about 10 years. Under the terms of the lease Gail had to make good the wear and tear. This involved redecorating and laying a new carpet. Her old office has never been re-let and now the landlord intends to redevelop the property. So I asked if they would allow me to remove the new carpet for use in our church house. The landlord agreed and now we are about to lay the new carpet in one of the bedrooms.

At a recent meeting, the Trustees turned their attention to the Social Room. We hope to redecorate the room and lay new carpet and hang new curtains. We will also be reviewing the lighting in the room. This will take a little time to organize and will be dependent on funds being available.

Members of our congregation may have noticed we suffered a water leak recently over the main staircase. An internal gutter in the loft had become blocked and with recent heavy rainfalls the water spilled over into the loft and then came down through the ceiling. I am pleased to report repair work has now been completed.

The new heaters in the church are proving to be very effective, and hopefully will be safer, and more economical to run than the old ones which

they have replaced. We plan to have the carpet in the church professionally cleaned, removing persistent stains and candle wax.

Andrew, our gardener, has left. We thank him for all his work over the years and wish him well for the future. It is hoped to organize a tidy up of the garden one morning in the autumn, when the plants have died back. Please let me know if you can help.

Peter Sandeman
Chair

All Saints Day (November 1st)

If there is someone you would like to be included in our prayers on All Saints Day, please put their name on the list which is on the noticeboard outside the office.

November 20th – 22nd

LCiGB Women's Retreat Weekend Preparing for Advent

The Annunciation: An Art and Poetry Retreat

Livija Upmalis, Annette Higgins and Pastor Libby will be joining Lutheran ladies from other LGiGB congregation at Launde Abbey for this weekend.



There is still room in the car for one more, so if you would like to join us, please let Pastor Libby know. The cost for the weekend is £159.00.

These annual retreats are a wonderful opportunity to meet up for a relaxing time in beautiful surroundings, with interesting things to do with friends old and new.

Thanks to Sarah Owens of St. Anne's Lutheran Church for making the arrangements this year.

Have you thought about Christmas yet?

On our drive to Headingley, I've noticed that a lot of restaurants are already advertising booking for Christmas parties, so perhaps we can start thinking about Christmas at St. Luke's.

Christmas Eve Carol Service

There will be lots of Christmas carols to sing and enjoy, as well as scripture readings about the birth of our Lord Jesus, and I hope you and your family and friends will come and join our celebrations.

However, I realise that public transport can be difficult in the evening, and that some of you will be celebrating Christmas at home on Thursday night, so thought an earlier service time might be more convenient. Please let me know what your thoughts are on that, and if you have a preferred time.

The **Christmas Day Communion Service** will be at the usual time of 10.30 on Friday morning, and there will be a service of **Carols and Communion** on Sunday December 27th.

Calendar

(Apologies for any changes that may have to be made to the calendar when Pastor Libby goes into hospital, and thanks to Pastor Mark in anticipation of his help at this time.)

October

- 4th Harvest Festival, 10.30 am, Pastor Libby
- 8/9th LCiGB Ministerium and Retreat
Pastor Mark as Chaplain
- 11th Pentecost 20, 10.30 am, Pastor Libby
- 18th St. Luke the Evangelist, 10.30 am,
Pastor Mark and Pastor Libby
Church Council Meeting
following the service.
- 25th Reformation Sunday, 10.30 am,
Pastor Libby

November

- 1st All Saints Day 10.30 am,
Pastor Libby
- 8th Pentecost 24 10.30 am,
Pastor Libby
- 15th Pentecost 25, 10.30 am,
Pastor Libby
- 22nd Christ the King, 10.30 am, Pastor Mark
- 29th Advent Sunday, 10.30 am, Pastor Libby