



Lutherans Up North

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
9 Alma Road, Headingley LS6 2AH

We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday at 10.30 am.
Please join us.

Calendar **September - December 2017**

September

- Sun. 3 Harvest Festival: Pastor Libby
Farewell to Seija & Andrew
- Sun. 10 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Pastor Libby
- Sun. 17 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Pastor Mark
- Fri. 22 Bible Study Group, 3.00 pm, with Pastor Libby
- Sun. 24 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Pastor Libby

October

- Sun. 1 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Pastor Libby
- Sun. 8 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Pastor Libby
- Sun. 15 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Pastor Mark
- Sat. 21 Reformation 500 Celebration Service at St. Columba's URC, 2.00 pm
- Sun. 22 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: Pastor Libby
- Sat. 28** *Remember to put your clocks back an hour ready for tomorrow*
- Sun. 29 Reformation Service: Pastors Libby & Mark

November

- Sun. 5 All Saints & All Souls Sunday: Pastor Libby
- Sun. 12 Remembrance Sunday: Pastor Mark or Pastor Libby
- Sun. 19 Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Pastor Mark
- Sat. 25 *Finnish Carol Service*
- Sun. 26 Christ the King Sunday: Pastor Libby

December

- Fri 1 – Sun 3 LCIGB Women's Advent Retreat Weekend –
Pastor Libby to be Chaplain*
- Sun. 3** Advent Sunday: Pastor Mark
- Sun. 10 Holy Communion – Pastor Libby
- Sun. 17 Holy Communion – Pastor Libby: Christmas Tree Service
- Sun. 24 Christmas Eve Carol Service: Pastor Libby
Seasonal refreshments in the Social Room
- Mon 25 Christmas Day Holy Communion: Pastor Libby

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Help needed for Reformation

Can you make a **tray bake** for the refreshments after the service?



Commemoration refreshments

If so, please let me know, and how many people you think it might serve, as we don't know how many people may be coming, and will have to buy some backup items if we can't produce enough homemade goodies.

Farewell to Seija and Andrew

Please come and join us in bidding farewell and bon voyage to Deacon Seija and Andrew Frears as they prepare to make their way to Marseilles to continue mission work with students, which St. Luke's will continue to support. Seija will be telling us all about their plans for the future.

From Deacon Seija

St. Luke's Mission Link

When I was younger and wondering what to do with my life, I felt God telling me that He has never cancelled the Great Commission to go and make disciples for Him from all the nations in the world. This seemed to mean that I should either help to send workers in God's kingdom work or maybe offer myself if God would prefer that.

God's plan in my life unfolded by being sent abroad by His grace - first to Bangkok, then to Marseille and then to Leeds Universities Chaplaincy - meeting the international students from all over the world and sharing the Good News about Jesus in the Bible study groups. Bishop Emeritus Walter started the Lutheran presence in Leeds University decades before I arrived in this country and then asked me to continue the student work there. Finally I have been serving in York St John University send by St Luke's Lutheran church; meeting the international students there in English conversation group and Bible study groups.

This autumn God has been opening up a new horizon to continue St. Luke's mission work over in Marseille, France. I'm leaving on 5th September to conduct a survey among the international students finding out if we could start similar types of groups over there as we have in Leeds and in York. In addition to meeting with students I'll be visiting different churches to find out if we can find volunteers to meet the international students in Marseille in a 'club-cafe' set up.

When Jesus met with His first disciples he said to them: "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Mt 4.19) As God's Great Commission to go and make disciples for Him from all nations in the world has not been cancelled, it is our responsibility and privilege to take part in God's mission with St Luke's congregation. It is very exciting to see what God will do in Marseille through our small part in this co-operation. I hope and pray that we could already this year have our first international student Christmas celebration in Marseille!

Thank you for your partnership and support!

St. Luke's Bible Study Group

Some years ago we started a Catechism course which has developed during this past year to become a Bible study group led by the catechism participants! This is very exciting indeed as when leading a bible study group a leader learns the most! This Bible study group meets in St Luke's Social Room normally once a month often on Friday afternoons at 3.00 pm. We start with a cup of tea and snacks and catching up with everyone's news. Then Agnes from Poland or Hajnalka from Hungary will lead us with the chosen topic. The next Bible study discussion group, which Pastor Libby will be facilitating, will take place on Friday 22 September at 3.00 pm; the text is from Matt 6.25-34. When Dr. John joined the group a few months ago we had an increase of stimulating comments which very much enriched our discussions. Tiina who joined the group in August tells us that she finds it very informal and welcoming for new people. She was pleased to be part of the group and thinks that through this kind of Bible discussion circle the Bible actually

opens up in a new and informative way through the input of other people. It challenged her and made her think about the topics and discussion later on at home. **So welcome everyone!**

Congratulations to Pastor Mark

As you are aware Pastor Mark has been involved with God's Squad Christian Motorcycle Club, a missions work very much concerned with the fringes of society. Pastor Mark has been a member for several years and became an executive officer of the club 2 years ago and was recently voted in as President of the Ridings Chapter of God's Squad UK. Ridings Chapter is principally Yorkshire but also covers North Lincolnshire and County Durham. This type of mission work is not without its dangers so please continue to pray for Pastor Mark, for his safety and also for God's grace and wisdom as he leads the club forward.

Reformation Celebrations



2.00 pm on Saturday, October 21st at St. Columba's URC, Headingley

Our congregations from Leeds, Bradford and Manchester will be celebrating a special Eucharist Service at St. Columba's URC. Bishop Emeritus Walter will preside and Bishop Martin will preach. Nev will be playing the organ, and the German Choir will be singing. More details on the notice board outside the church office.

Sunday, October 29th

Pastors Mark and Libby will be celebrating Reformation Sunday with a Eucharist Service at 10.30 am. Everyone is welcome, so please bring your friends to join in.

There will be refreshments in the social room after the service.

All Saints & All Souls Sunday, November 5

All Saints Day honours all the saints and martyrs in Christian history, and is closely associated with All Souls' Day, when we remember and pray for deceased family members and friends.

Please let Pastor Libby know if you have anyone special you wish to have included in the prayers in the Service.

Finnish Carol Service, November 25th

Keeping up with our tradition there will be a Finnish Christmas Carol event (= Kauneimmat Joululaulut) on the last Saturday of November. This year it is at 3.00 pm at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. The event will last about one hour when we will be singing Christmas Carols in Finnish followed by a short message in English by Pastor Libby. It is very easy to learn to sing in Finnish as in this language you say each letter as it is written! After the singing we will gather in St Luke's social Room for refreshments with potluck-style snack. **All are welcome** to experience the Nordic Christmas singing!

LCiGB Women's Retreat: December 1st – 3rd

There are still vacancies for the Retreat at Laundes Abbey in Leicestershire. if you would like to go, please inform Pastor Libby. More details will be available from Maggie Pickford in the near future.

Baptism

St. Luke's had standing room only by the time the Service of Holy Baptism for Amelia Lofthouse began on Sunday July 2nd. It was a wonderful expression of love and support for Sarah, Steven, Oliver and Amelia on that special occasion. We welcome Amelia into St. Luke's church family. The weather was beautiful and we all enjoyed the barbecues outside in the garden after the service.

Thanks from our Chair

Annette would like to thank everyone who sent good wishes and prayers for her recovery while she has been so ill. Getting over two heart attacks is proving to be a slow and frustrating process, and there is no possibility of a kidney operation until she is much stronger – January has been pencilled in as a possible time, so please continue your prayerful support.