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Church giving information

If you would like to set-up a regular giving to St Luke's, please note the following BACS details.

Sort code: 30-98-77

Acc num: 01395516 (PCC St Luke's)

Please reference your donation with "[your name]/planned giving". You can also donate using our card reader in church with either a credit or debit card. THANK YOU!

Pew Sheet notices

If you have a notice to include in this weekly Pew Sheet please email details to Christine Stevens (details above) before 5pm on a Wednesday.

St Luke's on WhatsApp

There is a WhatsApp "Community" for St Luke's. If you use WhatsApp, use the QR code (right) to add yourself.



You'll find several channels available from announcements, general chat to prayer requests, information for parents, and more.

If you run a group and need a channel for your activity or organisers, please speak to Rev David to get set-up.

St Luke's online

You can follow St Luke's online:
Website: www.stlukestw.co.uk
Facebook: @stlukeschurchtw
Instagram: @stlukestw

Sunday 21st Dec 2025

Today is Advent 4



St Luke's Church, Tunbridge Wells Holy Communion

The Collect

for today and every day this week.

**Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of
your Son, so we wait for his
coming in glory; bring us
through the birth pangs of this
present age to see, with her,
our great salvation in Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen**

Hymns for today's service

631	Tell out my soul
634	The angel Gabriel
80	Born in the night
##	Christ be our light

Ministers today

Leading:	Rev David
Preaching:	Gerry Wenham
Organist:	Chris Harris

Please remember this week in your daily prayers

- ❖ **The following people in our church community and their family:**
Rachel and Stuart Pritchard, Judith Pryke
- ❖ **The residents of** Mereworth Rd, Newlands Rd, Newlands Way
- ❖ **Those who are unwell, undergoing treatment, or housebound**
including Paul Cookson, the Riseborough family, and Kirsty Waugh.
- ❖ **All those who grieve for those who have died**, including Jessica Larbey, Vivian Ball and Sheila Sandes.
- ❖ For those in our congregation who work in retail. For creativity, servant-heartedness, economic favour and for their witness.
- ❖ For HM the King and our nation, for loving and respectful discourse, truth and integrity in leadership.
- ❖ For the people of Israel and Palestine and for a lasting and just peace. For peace in Ukraine and the defence of their nation.

First reading:

Isaiah 7.10-16

¹⁰Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.

¹³Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Second reading

Matthew 1.18-25

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for

the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' ²²All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Immanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'"

²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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Confirmation 2026

We're very pleased to confirm that St Luke's will be hosting a Confirmation Service for the Tunbridge Wells Deanery on Sunday 21 June 2026 at 4pm. The Bishop of Tonbridge will be leading and confirming.

It's not often we get a chance for a 'home' confirmation, so this would be a great chance to take that step of faith! More details to follow in the New Year.

Christmas services

Sun 21 Dec, 6pm
Christmas Carol Service

Wed 24 Dec, 4.00pm
Crib service with Christingles

Wed 24 Dec, 11.15pm
Midnight Communion

Thu 25 Dec, 10.00am
Christmas All-Age Communion

Sun 28 Dec, 10.00am
All-Age Service

Sun 4 Jan, 10.00am
Holy Communion for the Epiphany

Christmas Plate

This year we are supporting two charities: the Mosaic Resource Centre and Taylor Made Dreams.

Mosaic provides support to the homeless and those in crisis here in Tunbridge Wells.

Taylor Made Dreams enables children with life-limiting illnesses to achieve their dreams when time is precious.

If you wish to contribute to the collection, please do bring your gift to one of the services before Christmas. The total will be gathered and shared in equal 50-50 shares between Mosaic and Taylor Made Dreams.

Next week at St Luke's



Sunday 28th December 10am

All Age Worship
with Rev Amanda & Jo Wheeler

No Explorers next week.

*There is **Coffee Club**
after the service next week.*

EasyFundraising

St Luke's has signed up with EasyFundraising.

The idea has been around for a while, but when you shop online, if you go via the EasyFundraising system, a small percentage of your shop goes to St Luke's. It costs you nothing, costs the church nothing but all adds to what we can raise for our heating.

Although the idea isn't new, the new app and web browser extension makes it much easier to do, so if you're not already supporting another charity in this way, please do consider signing up to help St Luke's; especially with the big Christmas shop underway.

Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk to find out more and sign-up as a donor.