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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 25th January 2026

Today is Candlemas



St Luke's Church, Tunbridge Wells

All Age Worship and celebration of Baptism

The Collect

for today and every day this week.

Today's Collect is printed in the Order of Service.

Hymns for today's service

SB8 How deep the Father's love

SB22 Speak, O Lord

SB32 My God is so big

SB13 King of Kings, Majesty

Ministers today

Leading: Rev David

Preaching: Rev David

Organist: Graham King

Please remember this week in your daily prayers

- ❖ **The following people in our church community and their family:**
Natalie and Anthony Spratt, Michelle Stedman
- ❖ **The residents of** St Davids Rd, St Michaels Rd, St Lukes Rd
- ❖ **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 Shirley Barter.
- ❖ For those in our congregation who work in education. For wisdom, patience and creativity and for their witness at work.
- ❖ For all Christian denominations in the UK and for unity as we conclude today the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
- ❖ For the people of Israel and Palestine and for a lasting and just peace. For peace in Ukraine and the defence of their nation. For the people of Greenland.

Bible reading:

Luke 2.22-40 (*adapted*)

²²The time came for Mary and Joseph to do what the law of Moses taught. They took Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ because it is written in the law of the Lord: "Give every firstborn male to the Lord."

⁴ Mary and Joseph also went to offer a sacrifice, as the law of the Lord says.

²⁵ A man named Simeon lived in Jerusalem. He was a good man and very religious. He was waiting for the time when God would help Israel. The Holy Spirit was in him. ²⁶The Holy Spirit told Simeon that he would not die before he saw the Saviour, the one promised by God. ²⁷The Spirit led Simeon to the Temple. Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the Temple to do what the law said they must do. ²⁸Then Simeon took the baby in his arms and thanked God:

²⁹ "Now, Lord, you can let me, your servant, die in peace as you said. ³⁰ I have seen your Salvation with my own eyes. ³¹ You prepared him before all people. ³² He is a light for all nations and people to see, and he will bring honour to your people, the Israelites."

³³ Jesus' father and mother were amazed at what Simeon said about Jesus. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, "Many in Israel will fall and many will rise because of this

child. He will be a sign from God that many people will not accept.

³⁵ The things they think in secret will be made known, and the things that will happen will make your heart sad too."

³⁶ Anna, a prophetess, was there at the Temple as well. She was from the family of Phanuel in the tribe of Asher. Anna was very old. She had once been married for seven years. ³⁷ Then her husband died and she lived alone. But she was now 84 years old. Anna never left the Temple. She worshiped God by going without food and praying day and night. ³⁸ She was standing there at that time, thanking God, and she talked about Jesus to all who were waiting for God to free his people.

³⁹ Joseph and Mary finished doing everything that the law of the Lord commanded. Then they went home to Nazareth, their own town in Galilee. ⁴⁰ The little child began to grow up. Jesus became stronger and wiser, and God's blessings were with him.

Family Bingo Night

Sat 7 February, 4.00 – 6.00 p.m.

Join us for fun-filled Family Bingo at St Luke's. A relaxed and welcoming afternoon for all ages.

Bring the whole family along to enjoy. Tickets are £5 children, £8 adult. £1 bingo dabber pen (available on the night). Costs cover all bingo games, plus tea, coffee, squash and cakes.

Tickets can be bought at the back of the church, scanning the poster's QR code or by emailing fundraising@stlukestw.co.uk

Confirmation 2026

We're very pleased to confirm that we 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 doing the confirming.

We will be running Confirmation Courses twice in the first half of this year; once in Lent and then again closer to the June service with separate groups for teenagers and adults. You only need to attend one of the courses (not both) in order to be confirmed in June.

Please speak to Rev David if you are interested or would like to ask questions before you decide.

Next week at St Luke's



Sunday 1st February, 10am

Holy Communion
with Rev David

Explorers meet in the hall

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

Reading and Praying volunteers needed

At the start of the New Year, perhaps you might like to make a resolution to get more involved in the life of St Luke's.

We are especially looking for some new volunteers to lead prayers in the service, but also new readers for the Bible readings are welcome to join the rota. Training and guidance is provided. Speak to Rev David if interested.

Dates for the diary

Blend after-school club

Tuesday 27th January, 3.30pm

Church cleaning

Saturday 7th February, 9.30am

St Luke's Family Bingo night

Saturday 7th February, 5.30pm

'No Fuss' Church Soup Lunch

Sunday 8th February, after church

