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St. Luke's Church, Tunbridge Wells Welcome to Holy Communion

Today is the third Sunday of Easter

THE COLLECT

for Today and every day this week

**Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with
boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us
to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen**

Hymns: 573, 17, 436 & 716



Hopefully, everyone knows we are having an **Auction of Promises on May 24th** in aid of the Warm and Toasty Heating Fund. It would be great if lots of people come to the auction, but you don't have to be there to have made a promise (and you will be able to place a bid once we have published the catalogue in early May).

We now have about 25 promises but aim to get 70 so we still have quite a way to go. If most of us can promise something, then between us we can contribute quite a lot to the fund raising pot. All the details, with suggestions of things you might promise are on a leaflet in church. Please pick one up and think about your promise or you can email auction@stlukestw.co.uk.

Next week at St Luke's



**Sunday 11th May
10am Morning Worship
with Baptism**

with Explorers in the church hall

Discovering Christianity

Our next set of House Group sessions in June will focus on the basics of Christian faith. A great opportunity for beginners and those who have questions. Sign-up sheet is at the back of church.

Church Giving Information

If you would like to give online please note the following BACS details.

Account number 01395516 (PCC St Luke's)
Sort code: 30-98-77

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

Save the Date

for our Summer Fair

Saturday 21st June 12.30-3pm

Please remember in your daily prayers

***Those who are unwell or housebound
including Kirsty Waugh and Janet Jenner***

All those in hospital

***Anyone struggling with grief including
the families of Audrey Davis and Thelma Norman.***

The residents of Caley Rd & Clifton Road

***The following members of our
electoral roll and their family***

Francesca Birkby & Nadia Bonfield

Acts 9:1-6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵ He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Today's Gospel reading is from

John 21:1-19

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

All: Glory to you O Lord

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No. ⁶ He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now

the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you O Christ

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 6th May

Blend youth group meet in the hall
from 3.45pm

Thursday 8th May

Kidzone resumes in the hall from 3.30pm

St Luke's Annual Meeting

Please do join us on **Sunday 18th May** at 10 a.m. for a short service of worship followed by St Luke's Annual Meeting. We will be providing reports on our finances and other key matters, electing Churchwardens and PCC members, and Rev David will share his thoughts on our future vision and direction as a church.

There is a **Church Lunch** in the hall after the Annual Meeting. See sign up list at back of church for details.

Auction of Promises Saturday 24th May-

tickets for the Auction of Promises are now on sale £5 a head - with nibbles and a licensed bar.

St Luke's Plant Sale – We Need You!

Our *Plant Sale* is coming up on **Saturday 17th May, 9-12** – and we'd love your help to make it bloom!

👉 Got spare **plants, seedlings, or perennials?**

👉 Growing flowers, herbs or veg?

👉 Fancy **donating a plant, a cake, or some paperbacks?**

Drop-offs welcome in the church porch at St Luke's.