

Welcome to **ST LUKE'S** CROSBY

*Knowing Jesus,
loving each other,
caring for our community*

Matthew 6.33 (NLT) 'Seek the Kingdom of God above all else'

18th October St Luke's Day

10.00am : Leader: Amanda

Preacher: Caroline

Bible Reading: Luke 10:1-9

25th October: 10.00am

Leader & Preacher: Amanda

Bible Readings: John 1.1-14, 19.20,

Phil 2.5-11

A Collect for St Luke's Day

God of the gathering storm, calling us to announce the nearness of your rule: we praise you for the good news of Luke, for stories of searching love and grace found in the foreigner; of women of strength and rebellion and men called from the margins; **may we be bearers of that word to a world hungry for you;** Through Jesus Christ, who feasted with sinners. Amen.

The 18th October is when we remember St Luke. This year we celebrate our Patronal Festival on Sat 17th with our Hotpot supper - I hope you will be there. Caroline will be preaching on Sunday picking up the key themes of St Luke's life. He, as a dedicated historian, gathered as many eyewitness accounts as he could of Jesus and his life, and compiled them into the Gospel of Luke. But then he went on to compile his second book, The Acts of the Apostles. This is often known as the 5th Gospel, and it follows the spreading of the Holy Spirit as new church after new church was planted and established. Luke's Gospels have a slightly different tack to the other Gospels. Luke was a Greek citizen, not a Jewish man. He had a keen eye for the marginalised and vulnerable, the outcast and the poor, the widow and the orphan. He most definitely had a bias towards women stepping beyond their culturally-imposed boundaries and towards the acceptance and inclusion of the 'foreigner', including himself. For Luke, those recognised as lesser (women and foreigners) were the very ones Jesus came for and came to.

In the Collect for St Luke, we recognise that Jesus called both women and men from the margins where they linger to the centre of his Kingdom, extending to them love and grace like anyone else. To Jesus, no-one was an outcast, a lesser person, a non-being. To Jesus, we are all equally valuable. So how do we, today and every day, give away such love and grace, equally valuing each person we come across? We are called to bear word of Christ's rule of love and grace to all who are hungry for it, and to offer it to others that they may become hungry for it in turn. As you pray the Collect, let the Holy Spirit change you and work in you the love and grace that you need to give away and the boldness to act in Jesus' name.

Amanda

Church Services & Events

What's on at St Luke's? please see the 'churchnews' section of the Noticeboard

- **Holy Communion**- Wednesdays at 10.30am in the Crosby Room. All welcome

Sunday 25th Oct - 10am Holy Communion when Amanda will be leading & preaching. We will be exploring the 3rd in our sermon series 'God with us', Incarnation to Crucifixion.

Sunday 1st Nov please note there will be one service at 10am at which Holy Communion will be celebrated, there will be **no** 9.00am service that day. Mark will be leading & preaching.

Memorial Service - Sunday 1st Nov. Our annual Memorial Service will be held at 3pm led by Caroline, when we will be remembering all those that we have lost in the past 2 years. At the service, there is time to reflect and remember our loved ones and an

opportunity to light a candle in their memory.

Our memory books will be out on display for you to view the entries.



Sunday 8th Nov - Remembrance Day. 10am Holy Communion when Amanda will be leading & preaching.



Sunday 8th Nov - Big Picnic Worship at 12 noon. This service is appropriate for the whole family - please bring your picnic with you! We look forward to seeing you!

Sewing Sisters

Sewing Group



Friday 6th Nov
10am-12.30pm
Webster Room

Nifty Knitters

Knitting Group



Fridays 23rd & 30th
Oct 1-3.00pm
Webster Room

Crafty Ladies

Crafting Group



Monday 26th Oct
1.30-3.30pm
Webster Room

Dates for your diary

Churches Together in Crosby

Ecumenical Prayer-

These short Services start at 9.45am. You can be sure of a warm welcome. The next service is on **October**

22nd at Moor Lane Methodist

Church, the following week the service on **October 29th is at All Saints' with St Frideswyde Church**. All welcome



Sidesperson's Training

There will be sidesperson's training on **Sunday 25th October after the service in the Crosby Room**. It will only be for about 25 minutes. It will be a chance to go over the duties and to answer any questions. If you were unable to attend the session on Sunday 11th please try to attend the session on 25th. Bring your tea or coffee with you. Thanks, Debbie & Jan

Christmas

Crafts -

An invitation awaits to make



Christmas crafts and Christmas cooking at Bassenfell Manor Christian Centre, Bassenthwaite, Cumbria, **9th-14th November 2026**. Full board and resources included £415. Speak to Agnes Law for more information.

St Luke's Christmas Fayre

On Saturday 21st November 2026, we are holding our Christmas Fayre in the church hall from 11am - 2pm. There will be a vast array of home made gifts and cards by Sewing Sisters and Crafty Ladies. Also a Tombola stall, home made cakes, bric a brac, toys, refreshments and much more. Do come along and enjoy the atmosphere as a choir from St Luke's school delight us with Christmas songs. Contributions of bottled goods of any sort welcomed for the Tombola and an opportunity to recycle those unwanted gifts your not sure what to do with. Many thanks.

Agnes Law





World Mission focus for October Is Operation Christmas Child



It's that time of year again & empty shoeboxes are at the back of church with a leaflet included explaining the best things to put inside. Ideas include: something to wear eg hat, scarf, gloves; a toy to play with; colouring pens/pencils (sharpeners too please!); flannel, toothbrush.

No sweets, toothpaste or liquids please. Please note **Soap is no longer allowed in shoebox gifts because of the complications it causes in customs in some nations**, filled shoe boxes will then go to children in various parts of Europe, Africa & Asia who have never received a box before.

Can you please include £5 per box to help with transportation costs.

Shoeboxes can also be made online - see [here](#)

Many thanks, Vera & Jan (07944 671454 for any queries)

Please pray... for an abundance of shoeboxes gifts to share the love of Jesus with children and their families. ... that God will meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the children who receive shoebox gifts and their families who are living in desperate circumstances, suffering from poverty, sickness, war, or the effects of natural disaster.

Please pray also for an increase in drivers to collect the shoeboxes during National Collection week.

Thanks to all who have taken shoeboxes to fill for Operation Christmas Child. **Please return filled boxes by Sun 1 November**

Nifty knitters knitted items suitable for shoeboxes will be available for purchase on Sunday 18th Oct.



ARocha eco tip for October:

Greening your home this Autumn.

Tackle climate change and reduce your heating bills by finding and reducing the draughts in your home. Find the gaps that let cold air in and warm air out (keyholes, letterboxes and gaps around windows, doors, loft hatches and floorboards for example). Do what you can to fix these gaps - there are lots of tutorials on how to do this online. It's also a good time to prepare for winter by putting radiator reflector foil or baking foil behind the radiator. This will reflect heat back into your room

Community News

Irenaeus Centre request: WARM

COATS: "We are appealing for donations of warm coats and new, or nearly new, hats, scarves and gloves. We would like our guests and their families to have the benefit of a warm coat. If you are able to donate any warm coats please bring them to the Irenaeus Centre from Monday - Thursday, between 10am and 4pm. Please do your best to make sure your donations are clean and in a state of good repair. **NB** We are unable to take donations of any other clothing items as there is no storage for them. For any queries about the Warm Coats donations please contact via centreirenaeus@gmail.com and we will do our best to assist you.

Crossroads Cafe are looking for volunteers to act as Trustees. Being a Trustee would involve nothing more than attending four Meetings a year to keep up to date with what's going on and offer any suggestions. Anyone interested in this should contact Richard Norris on 07801570136.

Fit for Mission

The Cultivate course has now been running for two weeks. The course is led by Frank Hinds (Cultivate lead & Pioneer Minister) and Tania Gamble (Cultivate team). The evening sessions held at St Nicholas church Blundellsands have been attended by a good number of people from the different churches within the Larger Single Parish, with 8 from St Luke's. We each have a course booklet which complements the session content. We are encouraged to sit with members of other churches and to make some new friends, whilst enjoying light refreshments followed by a short time of worship. Over the two evenings discussions were around '**Why are we doing this?**' and '**Why do we plant?**' recognising that in Christian discipleship God does not look for heroes, talent, strength or charisma, He is looking for our devotion and dependence on Him. We look forward to the forthcoming sessions further exploring such topics as call and vision, growing discipleship and developing leadership.

Growing Faith Adventure

An Invitation!

Thanks to you all for your continued love, support and prayers for the children, staff and families at our school. It was lovely when some of you came into school to share your favourite Bible stories with the children on World Book Day last year. We would like to invite you to join friends from our congregation to come into school to hear the children read. They **LOVE** it and I know **you** would enjoy it too? Just half a day or even an hour of your time each week is all we need. Simply let me know if you want to hear more about this great opportunity or speak to Gillian, Paul, Agnes and Eric who currently share reading with our boys and girls. Thank you all



Save the Date! This year we will be creating '**Christmas**' for St Luke's school children and staff on **Wed 16th Dec and Thurs 17th December**. This is a very special journey through the Christmas story as we meet and think about all those familiar characters who witnessed the birth of Jesus on that amazing first Christmas. I hope that many of you who have been involved

in the past will help us again. You are all invited to join us to share in this unique experience. More details to follow! Lesley

Our Stories

Eco Church celebrating 10 years - Saturday 3rd October



Christ Church Toxteth hosted a gathering of people from local churches of different denominations, community groups and charities to celebrate 10 years of ARocha's Eco Church Project. The afternoon began with a time of worship including Bible Readings with verses from Psalm 104, Isaiah and Colossians 1, with Bishop Ruth encouraging us to think of our call to be courageous and to keep Christ at the centre of our actions in caring for creation. Andy Atkins CEO of ARocha gave an overview of its aims for 2026-28. Steven Shakespeare, Liverpool author led the intercessions. panel discussion chaired by Chris from Christ Church Toxteth with Zara Ross (Faiths4Change), Helen (ARocha) Richard URC Merseyside, and Annette (lay minister and Food pantry co-ordinator at Christ Church) gave everyone the opportunity to hear some inspiring and encouraging stories. We enjoyed the afternoon, it

was a great chance to worship together, network with others and enjoy some lovely homemade cakes.

St Luke's Halsall school news

Following the recent successful SIAMs inspection the school are celebrating with this banner.



Dates for your diary - community

In Another Place presents **The Narnia Experience** in Bootle Strand Shopping Centre, inside the Castle, above the Post Office. **17th Oct – 7th Nov** with performances starting every half hour from 10.00 am to 2.00pm. The Narnia Experience places audiences directly in the story - walk through the enchanted world of Narnia and meet characters such as Mr Tumnus and the White witch before encountering the King of Narnia – ASLAN himself. Maybe complete your experience with a cream tea at Kingsley & Co. For more information and for tickets please see the website www.inanotherplace.com



The ship Logos Hope will be in Liverpool at Cruise Port, 2 Princes Parade, L3 1DL from 23rd October to 5th November. Open to the public - Tues - Sat daily 10am-10pm; Sun 1pm - 10pm. Logos Hope is an ocean-going ship with the world's largest floating bookfair, offering over 5,000 titles. Entrance to the ship: £1 per person includes: introductory presentation; access to large bookshop and international cafe. 1-hour tours of the ship conducted by guides in groups of 7 people: £5 - adults; £2 - ages 5-16; free - ages 4 and under. To book a tour and for details of numerous on-board events see:

uk.om.org/waves-of-hope-liverpool

St Luke's Formby have a live comedy event with BBC sitcom writer James Cary on Friday 23rd Oct 7.30pm. Tickets priced £10 adults, £5 child/student

www.ticketsource.com/st-lukes-church-formby



Prayer

Please pray for... Tilly Spencer, Mary Porter, Julie Roberts, Victoria Watson, Connor McCabe, Erin Holmes, Will (Gaynor's husband), Margaret Quayle, Vera de Villiers, Angela Welsby, Christine Ruddock, Poppy Watson, Margaret Harley, Barbara Naylor, Roger (Joyce Whetnall's son)

Please pray for the family and friends of Ruth Betteridge (from StoryHouse) & Stephen Birch who have recently passed away.

Prayer Requests - If you would like a name to be added to the list please take a form from the Welcome Area, complete and return to Gaynor at the Parish Office, or you may also complete an online request form at www.stlukecrosby.org.uk/prayer

Fit for Mission - Please pray for the Clergy Leadership, the Navigation Team and the Diocesan Fit for Mission Teams also the Buildings & Communications Teams, Churchwardens, Parish Safeguarding Officers and Treasurers teams.

Please pray for the congregations of the churches in our new 'Christ the River of Life Parish' - St Michael's Blundellsands, St Nicholas Blundellsands, St Oswald's Netherton, St John & St James, St Mary's, St Faith's, Christ Church with St John as we continue to work together and move further into this transition process.

Please continue to pray for the people of the Middle East, Lebanon, Iran, the Sudan, Gaza and Israel, the people of Ukraine; pray for God's peace and protection over people's lives, and wisdom for leaders to bring a swift end to violence. Please pray for the people of the DRC dealing with the Ebola outbreak, for those who have lost loved ones, those who face the disease themselves, pray for God's healing and comfort.

Tearfund prayers for areas around the world may be found [here](#)

A prayer by Steven Shakespeare: 'God of beauty' "You are there where the leaf touches the wind and the light touches the mountain. You are there, in storm and sunrise and the play of creatures in the deep. Hear our prayer Open our hearts and strengthen our commitment to work for the healing of all creation.

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