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WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH, SWAY SUNDAY 27th October 2024

Please find our live-streamed or recorded services on YouTube:
[Youtube.com/@StLukesSway](https://www.youtube.com/@StLukesSway)

The bible message this Sunday is from 2 Peter 1- God's word encourages us to grow in faith - - it is like a ladder of increasing blessing when we seek Him. Jesus adds "goodness and to goodness , knowledge, and to knowledge self control, and to self control perseverance, and to perseverance , godliness, and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. " God's word reads like a self help book except it is not- it is a God help book. The blessing comes not from ourselves but from our Lord, the creator of the world through Jesus His son. Turn to Jesus, receive His blessing this week in times of joy and in times of sorrow and we give Him thanks.

Love and prayers Vicar Jane

Please note - this newsletter covers 2 weeks. There is no newsletter next week. due to half term.

WORSHIP

SUNDAY 27th October: Last Sunday after Trinity

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Sermon Series Early Christian Letters. An overview of 2 Peter.

2 Peter 1: 3-11

Mark 10: 46-end

9.30am Informal Service. All age Holy Communion

Leader/Speaker - Jane Mitchell

10.30am Coffee Time

11am Morning Service with Baptisms. Heidi, Alessio and Amelio will be welcomed into the church family through baptism.

Leader - Ian Burnham. Speaker - Revd Jane Mitchell

Please click [HERE](#) to view our Sunday 9.30am Informal Worship for November.

Please click [HERE](#) to view our Sunday 11am Traditional Worship for November..

Printed copies can also be found in church.

Prayer

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

This week please pray for -

- Ellie John
- Jane Nicholson's family
- Those sick or in hospital.
- Give to Go Green eco project fundraising campaign

CHURCH NEWS



Give to Go Green Fundraising Campaign, there is still time to donate!!

CLICK HERE TO DONATE ONLINE

This is the time to support and preserve the beautiful buildings at St Luke's.

THANK YOU SO MUCH for such generous donations so far:

We have raised a fantastic **£9,000 online.** Envelope, cash and cheque donations total £1500 so with the £10,000 match funding we are over the £20,000 mark.

Please consider helping reach the target of £30K

Note: All donations will be used for building eco projects whether we reach or exceed the target for St Luke's Church.

Details on how to donate below:

CLICK HERE TO DONATE ONLINE

Come into Church and use the machine

Contact the Church Office

APPEAL: We are looking for donations of garden tools for the churchyard gardening team, do you have any garden tools which are in good condition, but you no longer use?



If so, the gardening team would be very grateful for the donation of items in good condition, to help us care for the churchyard and church rooms garden. We have identified the need for the following tools:

Hard rake
Soft rake
Long handled leaf grabber
Wheelbarrow
Digging spade
Digging fork
Secateurs
Loppers
Metal step ladder
Long handled brush and dustpan
Watering can

Please reply to the church office on 01590 682358, or speak to Andrea Janssens at church on Sunday. We can collect in Sway. Thank you.

Thanks you - A huge thank you to the growing team on Tuesday volunteer gardeners who care for our grounds - your help is very much appreciated.



Jane Nicholson's funeral will take place at 2pm at St Mark's Pennington. The service will be led by Vicar Jane. Please pray for Jane Nicholson's family at this sad and difficult time.

Children & Youth News

Bump, Baby and Toddler Group

Just a note to say that it is half term next week so there will be no Bump, Baby and Toddler group on Monday 28th, Friday 1st and also Monday 4th November as a school inset day. We will be back on Friday 8th November 9.30-11am.

Mission News

Love in a Box - closing date for donations is November 8th.

Filled shoe boxes as Christmas gifts for under privileged children in Eastern Europe.

It's the time of year to appeal to you to support and donate to Love in a Box. There are leaflets with suggestions of what to put in the boxes at the back of church, church rooms or from Janet at Hillside, Middle Road.

How can I help?

You can help by either filling a box (covered ones available from Janet or in church rooms), giving items for the team to pack or by donating money to help with post and packaging and towards buying items. Thank you!

PCC update: The PCC met this week to discuss the Church Administrator Role and the way ahead. The job description and documents were discussed and agreed and are now on the website. The main change of direction in the job description was to specifically include administration and IT support for all ages of the church family including Messy Church and the growing bump baby and Toddler group and associated family community events and courses. Full advertising will be after Jane's funeral has taken place next week. Deadline for applications is 21st November. Please pray and share the adverts on social media when the time comes.

Church Land- Youth Centre updates

Wednesday 6th November 19:00 - Church Land - Youth Centre.

Date for your diary.

Update and discussion meeting for all church members. This is a long term project and anyone interested in being involved or sharing their views are very welcome. If you would like to meet with any member of the PCC for a more detailed discussion or tour of the site - please just ask. NO decisions have been made and it is for the church to discern over the next few years the best long term use of the land and building and whether it is to be sold or kept for other uses. The Parish Council are being pro active in visualising options that helps us all address and consider what the church might discern is the best way forward. Sign up on churchsuite or come along - church members only.

Other News

Office cover half term week beginning 28th Oct

Monday - closed

Tuesday 10-12 Heather

Wed/Thursday closed Sophie in half term.

Friday 10-12 - Sheila G

Thanksgiving Service and tea- If you would like to come or have the name of a loved one read out - please let the office know or sign up at the back of church. The pastoral team will be helping to welcome and host this service and the tea but we are asking for 2 more helpers in the kitchen. Please let Sandra Clarke know if you can help. Sway Place are fully supportive of this service and have kindly offered to supply cakes for 60 people!

Sway Flower Club Event on Wednesday 30th October in Church Rooms

On Wednesday 30th October at 2pm there will be a DEMONSTRATION called 'POT LUCK' with Carole Norman. Sway Flower Club welcomes new visitors. £5 to attend, this includes tea and cake.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

Monday 28	-	-
Tuesday 29	9.30am	Community Gardening
	10.30am	SWAG Community Cafe
Wednesday 30	9am	Prayer Meeting (in church)
	1.30pm	Sway Flower Club
Thursday 31	9am	Online Morning Prayer (Zoom)
	6pm	Band Practice
Friday 1	2pm	Jane Nicholson's Funeral St Mark's Church, Pennington
	7.30pm	Christmas Choir Practice

Here is the link for Thursday online parish prayers -

<https://zoom.us/j/95044393409?pwd=ekVMbFBachZaeDF0aUM4bTluWU14QT09>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY..

NOVEMBER

Sunday 3rd November 15:00 - Thanksgiving Service and Tea

Wednesday 6th November 19:00 - Church Land - Youth Centre. Update and discussion meeting for all church members. Come and share your views.

Thursday 7th November 12:00 - Clergy Chapter Sway

Thursday 7th November 20:00 - Pre-school parenting in faith online course

Friday 8th November 9:00 - Church led Remembrance School Assembly

Friday 8th November 19:00 - Christmas Choir Practice

Sunday 10th November 08:00 - Holy Communion

Sunday 10th Nov- Remembrance Sunday

Monday 11th November 15:15 - Messy Church

Tuesday 12th November 19:00 - Bible Study (drop-in)

Thursday 14th November 20:00 - Pre-school parenting in faith online course

Friday 15th November - Final day for Give to Go Green Donations

Friday 15th November 19:00 - Christmas Choir Practice

Saturday 16th November - PCC Vision morning

Sunday 17th November 16:00 - Evensong

Tuesday 19th November 19:00 - PCC Meeting

Wednesday 20th November 14:30 - Christian Meditation

Thursday 21st November 10:00 - Christmas card bundle preparation

Thursday 21st November 20:00 - Pre-school parenting in faith online course

Friday 22nd November 11:30 - Birchy Hill Communion

Tuesday 26th November 19:00 - Bible Study (drop-in)

Thursday 28th November 20:00 - Pre-school parenting in faith online course

Friday 29th November 14:00 - Creative Space

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