



Week beginning Sunday 25th September

If you are new to St. Luke's, welcome! Please take a 'Welcome to St. Luke's' leaflet from the table at the back of church. It would also be helpful to us if you could fill in a 'Newcomers card'.

Christopher Landau writes:

I wonder if you can think of particular times when you have been able to say, 'my faith – being part of a church – made the difference in this or that situation'? Actually, one of the privileges of being a minister is that people often share examples of where God has been at work in their life. I can think of deeply personal, painful issues faced by members of St Luke's where the support they received, practically and in prayer, helped get them through.

Sometimes I think it's easy to take for granted the relationships and friendships that can be built up in church. For many people, life in London is a lonely affair – and even if they have plenty of friends, they may wonder whether they've found all that life has to offer.

A year ago we ran an Alpha Course at St Luke's for the first time in a while. It offered a space where people from all sorts of backgrounds, and all sorts of starting points in terms of faith, were able to discuss the big questions of life over excellent lunches provided by the St Luke's family. Janet, Gill and others offered childcare which was also deeply appreciated.

For many of those who came on Alpha it was a really significant time for them in terms of growing in understanding of Christianity, and exploring the idea that faith is about our hearts and our heads combined!

Our next Alpha Course begins in a fortnight. Please do take at least one invitation away with you today – and pray about whether you or someone you know might like to do the course. Personal invitations are by far the most popular way that people find themselves on Alpha. Who do you know who might love to become part of a community like St Luke's? Might you pray about whether it's time to invite them?

If you would like to contribute news or prayer requests for the prayer diary, please either email judithannthom@hotmail.com or text Judith on 07960972551 and contact her if you want to use or be used in the prayer text scheme.

Verse for September - John 6:35

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Those who come to me will never be hungry; those who believe in me will never be thirsty.

Notice Board

Who might you invite on the Alpha course? – Or might you be interested in coming yourself? New Alpha invitations are available today. Please take at least one away with you, and why not pray about whether you might like to come on the course – or whether there is someone who you think might like to join... and then invite them!

Winter night shelter starts for us at Emmanuel on Thursday 6th October and will continue weekly until the first Thursday in January. If you'd like to volunteer or help in any way, please contact Rose Heaney or Jackie Barry. Many thanks to those who have already been in touch.

If you attended the parish day away and would like a copy of Joanna Collicutt's powerpoint, please email Emily in the church office (office@stlukeswestkilburn.org).

New rotas for reading and leading the prayers are out. Please take from the back of church.

Macmillan Coffee & Cake morning at the vicarage, 19 Macroom Road. Saturday 1st October 10.30-12.30. All welcome – contribution of cakes also welcome

Macmillan Cancer Support - Tea party & charity fundraiser - sale - prizes - cheese & wine. Organised by Community Scheme managers. Juniper House, Fourth Avenue/Droop St. (Just behind the Library) 1-4pm next Friday - 30th Sep. Sharon - 0207 6427117 for more info.

Lifestyle Check - Next Wednesday - 28th Sep. 1-4pm. 2-4, Fernhead Rd. You can make an appointment if you want, 020 89642549 or just turn up. FREE!

Information, Tips & Advice - Helping you to be independent, with a wide range of options in local events & things to do.
Easy web-site - <http://www.peoplefirstinfo.org.uk/>

Today's Services

10:30am All Age – Harvest Celebration
Do I need others to be fully me?

Ephesians 2:11-22

Please stay for tea and coffee in the lounge afterwards.

If you would like someone to pray with you at the end of the service, please go to the Prayer Space, and members of the prayer ministry team will be available.

6.00pm Holy Communion
with Bible Study and discussion
1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Coming up this week...

Tuesday 27th September	10-11:30am	Carers & Toddlers Drop In
	8pm	Home Group; Burrows Road
Wed 28th September	7-8pm	Home Group: 19 Macroom Rd
		Studying 'being disciples' by Rowan Williams. All welcome!
Thursday 29th September	9.30am-12.00pm	Community Café

Next Sunday, 2nd Oct

10:30am Holy Communion
Does my heritage matter?

6.00pm Evening Prayer
Saints that inspire