



Week beginning Sunday 5th February

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'.

Alastair Thom writes:

In some churches, just before communion is distributed the line is said 'Lord I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed'. These are words taken from one of the stories of Jesus healings, and used in this context they suggest something of the power of Jesus to reach our deepest hurts through the word made flesh, symbolised in bread and wine.

Those words came to me this week as I thought about the news story that broke of the physical abuse carried out in the late 70's on some boys who attended a Christian summer holiday camp. This was a story that was a bit too close for comfort because these were the camps I used to attend in that period and because I knew many of the people involved. But the thing that struck me was a comment from the channel 4 reporter who had interviewed the victims, many of whom had gone on to lead successful lives, but all of whom she felt had been quite damaged by the experience.

It reminded me of the invisibility of so much of the hurt and damage that people carry around. Although few of us will have suffered that kind of traumatic physical abuse, all of us will have suffered the wounds of rejection or injustice even if in quite small ways, and these invisible, undisclosed hurts can be the hardest to heal. Indeed we may not expect healing at all or know where to look for it.

The place where we meet today, in the presence of Jesus around his table, to receive tokens of the word made flesh, is that place where healing may be looked for and found.

If you would like to contribute news or prayer requests for the prayer diary, please either email judithanthom@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 February Isaiah 43 v.1

"Do not be afraid—I will save you.
I have called you by name—you are mine."

Notice Board

The **First Thursday Prayer** meeting is moving this month only to the second Thursday of month

Women's night this Friday 10th February at 19 Macroom Road

Programme cards and rotas for those reading and leading in prayers are now out. Please take them from the back of church

Trip to Berlin: We're hoping to strengthen our link with the church in Berlin through an informal visit this year. People will need to book their own flights but I hope to be able to arrange accommodation and a bit of a programme. Please let me know soon if interested. Alastair

Summer camps: Janet will be taking a group of 8-11 year olds to camp 14-18th August and teenagers to Soul Survivor this summer. Interested? Please email janet@stlukeswestkilburn.org or phone 07932 007665 after 5th February.

Foodbank Please do consider bringing donations to place in the bin in the church lobby. You can give financially if you wish, info@npfoodbank.org will supply details.

Diana New would like to thank all those who a) sent their good wishes & sympathy, and b) attended Derek's funeral. Although he was not known to many at St. Luke's, he had for all of his early years been a member of Covenanters, Young Communicants Guild, the Youth tennis club, and the Cub Scout Leader. He had for many years wished to enter the Ministry, but family commitments & work had delayed his ambition, which was fulfilled about thirty years ago. He served at a couple of local Churches, before settling at St. Matthew's Church in Willesden where he became a much loved & appreciated priest. Those of you who remember him when younger are fortunate to have known a man of integrity and faith.

Social Afternoons every Thursday - 1-30 pm at the Stowe Community Centre, Harrow Road. (Buses 18 & 36). Tea, board games, guest speakers and chat. Ideas welcome. FREE

Health Advice Day Every Tuesday from 11am - 3pm at Maida Hill Place (4, Fernhead Road). Massage, KCT, Diabetes & other health issues advice & help. Light refreshments. Donations only.

Share Table Thanks to all who came, saw & took!!! Donations given go into the Garden fund. Look out for next month's date.

Today's Services

10:30am Holy Communion

Genesis 3:8-24

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 Evening Prayer
series of reflections

Coming up this week...

Tuesday 7th February	10-11:30am	Carers & Toddlers Drop In
	8pm	Home Group; Burrows Road
Wednesday 8th February	8pm	Home Group: 19 Macroom Rd
Thursday 9th February	9.30am-12.00pm	Community Café

Next Sunday, 12th February

10:30am Morning Prayer
Genesis 8:20-9,13

6.00pm Holy Communion
With Bible study and discussion

John 15:1-17