

St Luke's Diary

An Hour of Prayer takes place in homes in the area each week, for those in any kind of need, at 4:00pm on Wednesdays

Week commencing 4th December

Monday 4	9.00am	St Luke's Team Prayers
	11.00am	Pause for More Thought & Coffee
	12.30pm	St Luke's Lunches
Tuesday 5	10.00am	Knit & Natter (Shiny Sheff)
	2.30pm	Moving Forward
Wednesday 6	7.30pm	Standing Committee
Thursday 7	10.00am	Women's Coffee 'n' Chat
	2.00pm	Westminster Tea Party
	7.30pm	Girls Night Out - Yorkshire Art Space

Sunday 10th December (Advent 2)

10.00am	Holy Communion (Anglican) - Rev. Chris Ellis
11.30am	Sidespeople meeting - Meeting Room
11.45am	Prayers for Church & Community (Chapel)
4.00pm	Messy Church Christmas - Jenny Griffiths

Rainbows are raising money for a new group flag. They selling cakes and collecting donations after the service **TODAY**. Please do go and have a look in the hall and support them.

Rainbows Christmas Fayre: 5th December, 5.30pm at St Luke's Church. Come along for some festive fun. Games, tombola, cake stall and raffle.

Riding Lights Production sponsored by New Wine. "Where Adventure Begins" is a new play for the family on **Thursday 18 January**.

Booking either online via New Wine Website or the Church Office. Riding Lights productions are always good and they have been to St Luke's on two previous occasions. It should be an enjoyable evening. More information from Linda Russell or Colin Peskett. www.new-wine.org/adventurebegins

Artificial Christmas Tree: Do you have a Christmas tree that you no longer need? Nursey are in search of one! Please let the office know if you have one you can donate. office@slclm.org



Welcome to St Luke's

Registered Charity No. 1136795

Sunday 3rd December (Advent Sunday)

VISITORS

If you are a visitor, we hope that you will enjoy worshipping with us today and that you feel welcome. Please join us for coffee or tea after the service. Is there anything you would like to know about St Luke's? Ask people near you and if they don't know the answer, they will find someone who does! You will also find copies of our magazine 'St Luke's News' on the bookstall in the foyer.



This Morning

10.00am	Toy Service (Parade) - Lesley Combe
11.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) - Rev. Chris Stebbing & Lillian Miller
11.45am	Prayers for Church & Community (Chapel)

The flowers in church today are in memory of Colin Haworth

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

If you would value prayer for yourself or someone else, no matter how serious or trivial it may seem, come and pray in confidence with members of the Prayer Team who are available after the services. They can be identified by their yellow badge. God is interested in your need and He is big enough to cope with it!



Induction Loop: We have an induction loop in the church

Large paper prints of words are also available



The Church is funded by individual donations. Collections in services are an opportunity for church members to contribute to the church's ministry.
If you are a visitor, please feel free to pass the offertory bag on.

Vicar/Minister: Rev. Chris Stebbing

St Luke's Church, Blackbrook Road, Lodge Moor, Sheffield S10 4LQ
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St. Luke's Church is a Local Ecumenical Partnership, representing the Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed Churches in Lodge Moor.

Please give information for the noticesheet to Michelle Foulkes either by hand, telephone (office 230 3199) or e-mail (office@slclm.org) by 1:00pm on Wednesdays.

Please Pray For:

The Local Community

We pray for all who provide a service to those living within the Parish. Pray for small businesses, local shopkeepers, postal, transport and delivery services, etc.

The Local Church

St Luke's Mission partners whom we support financially and also our local Mission partners at St Columba's Crosspool.

The Church Around the World

Galeed House (DATIC Trust, Sheffield). Amer and several volunteers are visiting the Mosque this week to tell the Christmas story. We pray that this will go well, and that the listeners will want to know more.

Our Church Family

The sick and those in need: Rita Naylor, Barrie Milner, Michael Derbyshire, Cynthia Wilson, Marie Raynor, Frances Henry, Martin Ducksbury, Stella Dutton, Carol Clapham, Nick Bough, Pat Hartley, Heather Young.

Notices:

The Nativity Trail is back: Even better than last year! **3rd - 29th December.**

For ages 3-8 years, pick up a leaflet from the foyer or the newsagents on Rochester Road and give it a go. Once you have completed the trail, pick up a prize from the church entrance on Blackbrook Road.

MINCEPIES.....lots.. &.. lots... &... lots of them are needed for after the two Carol Services and the Christingle. Normal sized ones and miniature ones are acceptable. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Thank you in anticipation.

Meeting for sidespeople: If any sidespeople were not able to be at the meeting on 26th November, please do your best to attend a meeting at 11.30am on **Sunday 10th December** in the Meeting Room. The purpose is for feedback to the wardens and to communicate any updates to sidespeople duties.

Church Bookstall: We thank all those who support the Church Bookstall, especially those who have bought their Christmas Cards recently. Our sales of Christian Charity cards this year amounted to over £1200. The small profit we get from these sales enables us to give Christian books to all our toddlers at Christmas and at Easter, to children as they graduate through the Sunday Groups and to those baptised. Please continue your support by buying books, etc. from the Bookstall.

A HUGE THANK YOU... to all those who have supported the Children's Shoebox Appeal. Together, we have achieved the completion of 149 boxes and, despite the suggested amount being increased from £3 to £5 per box, there were sufficient donations to process and ship them all! We have also been able to send several large bags full of surplus items to top up boxes at the Sheffield warehouse. Their destination will, as usual, be notified to us in the New Year. *Thank you, once again, for thinking of needy children overseas at Christmastime. Your generosity is totally overwhelming. Jane Pitfield*

Discipleship Opportunities

On the 19th December the Soup Wagon will be holding its Christmas Party for about 100 guests who are homeless or in need. A small group of us will be going down to help, but as usual St Luke's has been asked if we would provide a small box of chocolates for each 'party bag'. Each guest is given one of these which mainly contains very practical items such as soap and toiletries, a woolly hat (some of which are provided by our own Knit & Natter group) and so on, but the chocolates are a bit of a Christmas treat! We would therefore be very grateful to receive donations of small boxes of chocolates. These can be placed in the soup wagon box in the foyer. Alternatively cash donations towards the purchase of these can be placed in the plate at the back of church or passed to Sue Prestwood. Thank you in advance for your support and helping to show God's love to some of those in greatest need in Sheffield.

URGENT: Several of our Magazine Distributors, now in their 70's and 80's, feel it is time to retire after some 30 years faithful service. Would you be able to deliver, say, 15 magazines once a month to houses near where you live and collect their subscriptions once a year? Please talk to Keith Bomford if you feel you could give ½ an hour a month in this way. We urgently need several to start in January.

Do you know someone looking for a delightful detached flat in Lodge Moor? Are they a caring person? We are looking for someone to live in our flat as a neighbour giving help to Carol when John is traveling. Carol doesn't need any personal care just help with evening meals and to be available overnight "just in case". The flat is offered on an "accommodation for duties basis". Please have a word with John Clapham 2304739 or e-mail jkclapham@btinternet.com

Reverse Advent Calendar: Please can you donate one item of food for each day in Advent to the Parson Cross Food Bank? Donations should be brought to St Luke's Chapel at the carol services on 16 or 17 December, or at the morning service on the latter date. See leaflet in foyer for more information.