

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 11th December

Monday 11	9.00am	St Luke's Team Prayers
	12.30pm	St Luke's Lunches
Wednesday 13	8.00pm	Growing Leaders
Thursday 14	10.00am	Men's Coffee 'n' Chat
	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship – Christmas Medley (395 Redmires Road)
	7.45pm	Townswomen's Guild
Saturday 16	4.00pm	Carols by Candlelight - Rev. Chris Stebbing

Sunday 17th December (Advent 3)

10.00am	Morning Worship - Fiona Stevens & Bill Wade
11.45am	Prayers for Church & Community (Chapel)
4.00pm	Carols by Candlelight - Rev. Chris Stebbing

"To all members of St Luke's Church, everyone at Genesis would thank you for your generous donations. The toys will be great fully appreciated by the community, especially at this time of year. We will be proudly donating the money raised by your contributions back into the community and helping out wherever we can. It was lovely to see that you are doing well and we hope that everyone at St Luke's Church have a brilliant Christmas and New Year. We will be looking forward to hopefully seeing you next year should you be kind enough to donate to us again. Kind regards, Lisa and members at Genesis....."

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*

Meeting for sidespeople: If any sidespeople were not able to be at the meeting on 26th November, please do your best to attend **TODAY** at 11.30am in the Meeting Room.



Welcome to St Luke's

Registered Charity No. 1136795

Sunday 10th December (Advent 2)

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	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

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 reside within the Parish especially, this week, those living in: Barncliffe Close, Crescent, Drive, Glen & Road.

The Local Church

Please pray for Alexandra Middleton-Holland and the Lodge Moor Children's Choir. In particular, they would be delighted to have more children join them.

The Church Around the World

As Christmas approaches we pray for those involved in Soup Wagon, Baby Basics, and the Reverse Advent Calendar (contributing to the Parson Cross Food Bank)

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, Keith Bomford. Bill Wade preaching at Heatherside Community Church in Surrey.

Notices:

There will be one notice sheet to cover the Christmas holiday's from 24th December - 7th January. If you have anything for the notice sheet in this period please get it to Michelle before 1.00pm on the 20th December.

Rainbows would like to say a very big 'Thankyou' to everyone who bought cakes or put money in their bucket last Sunday. They raised £109 towards the purchase of their flag.

Church Christmas Card: Thank you to Jenny and the children who entered our Christmas card competition for the large mounted card in the foyer. You may like to sign the card in lieu of sending cards to church family friends, and make a contribution to our Christmas Charity 'Stopgap'.

Name badges! If you inadvertently took your name badge home, would you please return it to one of the church wardens, or post it into the blue box on the wall in the corridor. Thank you.

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.

Please Note: There will be **NO children's groups** on 31st December!

Carol Singing at Lodge Moor Shops: Carol singing for local shoppers is back! All welcome to join us on **Saturday 23rd December 10.30-11.10am** at the Rochester Road shops. For more info please contact Carolyn Tsang on 07905 759445.

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.

Discipleship Opportunities

On the 19th December the Soup Wagon will be holding it's 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.