



Worship at St Luke's

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December

5pm Family service with Communion

11pm Holy Communion (join us to sing carols from 10.30pm)

Christmas Day, Monday 25th December

9am Family Communion (also streamed on Zoom)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; for to us a child is born, to us a son is given. *Isaiah 9.2, 6*

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, Christ the Lord. *Luke 2.10-11*

Welcome to St Luke's

Thank you for joining us as we re-tell the Christmas story that assures us that Christ has come, bringing light to a troubled world, and engaging us on a journey to proclaim the coming Kingdom. As we light the candles in our Advent wreath we celebrate the hope that Christ brings.

We pray that your time here will be a blessing for you. If you would like more information about our Parish, please ask one of the welcomers.

A reflection for Christmas

Christmas tells a surprising story of God's saving work. God joins our world as a vulnerable baby. This child was born to a couple who were forced to leave home because of a new census registration law. Jesus' birth and the humble beginnings do not fit our usual



perceptions of divine power and glory. And yet, angels come with a message of good news for all, a message not seen as favourable to rulers of the empire. The angelic messengers even give lowly shepherds front row seats to a cosmic chorus signalling that the world is being turned upside down. Every Christmas we are invited to join angels, shepherds, Mary, and Joseph and let loose with joy at the news that the world of compassion and vulnerability is blessed by God. Life as God wants it is coming to fruition. It leads us to ponder with Mary what it all means and to give shouts of praise to God with shepherds and all those looking for God's amazing power for peace, acceptance, and hope.

Think: How does the Christmas story encourage you to give thanks and praise to God?

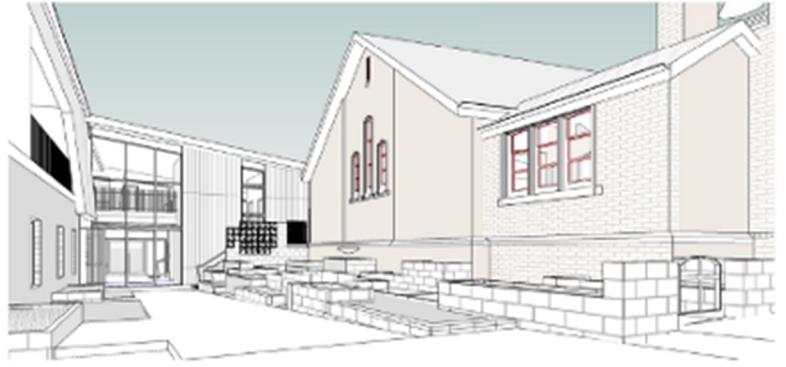
Pray: Almighty God, give us hearts and minds to cherish Jesus' birth and the message of the angels that brings peace and joy for all. Amen.



This reflection comes from 'Taking Faith Home', © Milestones Ministry. Each week we send out this resource to all on our mailing list. If you would like a copy please sign up at <http://eepurl.com/hAT2EH>

Redevelopment News

Over the last four years we have been working together with the Anglican Schools Commission to plan for a redevelopment on our site to build a Christian Early Learning Centre, together with a new hall and other facilities. We were delighted, last weekend to hear that a tender has been received from a builder that falls within the budget approved by the diocesan authorities. With all the other necessary approvals in place, this means that the diocese is moving forward with the contract and that we can expect the builders on site in February 2024.



Please join with me in giving thanks to God that our redevelopment project is at last going ahead, and pray for all that needs to be done in both the preparation for the build, and to keep our ministries going during the build.

Father, we thank you that your love for us never ends and your mercy never ceases. You call us to share this good news with our neighbours. We thank you for the vision to develop our site at St Luke's to provide a welcoming place for young families through a Christian Early Learning Centre, and for other opportunities to grow an intergenerational worshipping community. We give thanks for the wisdom of all those involved in the design and planning of the facilities, which has brought us to this stage. Give us all the assurance that it is through you, the God of heaven, that our endeavours will be successful. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ who taught us that we ought to build on the firm foundation that is faith in you. Amen

A Christmas blessing

This holy day, let
The wisdom of the Wonderful Counsellor
empower you,
The strength of the Mighty God empower you,
The love of the Everlasting Father enfold you,
The peace of the Prince of Peace be about you.



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Faith development

Returning in 2024:

Parish Study groups.

Meet various Tuesday mornings at 10am or Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the church.

The next Study will be weekly in Lent, starting 20/22 February

Monday night bible study group.

Meets second and fourth

Mondays in various homes, starting 29th January.

Coming up at St Luke's Ekibin

14th January: Evening Prayer at St Luke's at 5pm to mark the closure of the Memorial Garden.

28th January: Launch of Children's Church for 2024, at 9am.

31st January: St Luke's Connect. A social gathering for all ages. 10am-noon (with an Eucharist service prior at 9.30am). Then regularly on the last Wednesday of each month.

4th February: Episcopal Visit from Bishop John at both 7am and 9am services.

Regular services

Sunday 7am Holy Communion
9am Family service with communion (also streamed on Zoom)
with Children's Church during school terms
All-age Prayer and Praise service on 5th Sundays

Tuesday 1.30pm Holy Communion at Regis Aged Care, Salisbury
(2nd and 4th Tuesdays)
6pm Evening prayer on Zoom

Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion *(last Wednesday)*
6pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Thursday 6pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Friday 6pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

To connect to our Zoom stream visit <https://zoom.us/j/7210725462> or call 3185 3730 (meeting ID 721 072 5462).

Contact the Parish Office for the password.

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