



# St. Luke's Church Sevenoaks

part of The West Sevenoaks Team Ministry

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*We extend a warm welcome to all and especially to visitors and newcomers to our church today.*

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## First Sunday of Lent

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

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### Worship Today



**8.00am**

**Holy Communion (BCP)**

President: Dennis Mihill

Preacher: Dennis Mihill

**10.15am**

**Parish Eucharist**

President: Rev. Anne Bourne

Preacher: Helena Jenkins

Lesson Readers: Pamela & Oliver Holmes

Prayers: Tim Pearce

Hymns: 376 & 496

**As a church we take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously. If you have any concerns, you can contact our parish Safeguarding Officer: Ros Ward on: 01959 525638. Or the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: Greg Barry on 01634 560000 or 07787445032. Outside office hours *Thirtyone:eight* on 0303 003 11 11.**

**Charity for February is:  
Hope4 the World**

If you wish to donate but you won't be in church on the Third Sunday, please either pass your donation to a Church Warden at any time or put it in an envelope, clearly marked with the Charity's Name, in the

collection on one of the two weeks before or the following week. Should you wish to Gift Aid your donation, envelopes are available at the back of church.

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **First Reading – Genesis 9.8-17**

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

## **Second Reading – I Peter 3.18-22**

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

## **The Gospel – Mark 1.9-15**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word

that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Hymns**

376           And can it be

496           Lead us Heavenly Father Lead us

# February

## Sunday Night Prayer and Reflections 'Living with shadows'

Starting on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February there will be a service of Night Prayer concluding with a reflection focusing on living with shadows. As Jesus walked with the shadow of the cross around him, so we acknowledge shadows that people walk with today. People can depart following the end of the service and reflection or can stay for a time of discussion.

1. Living with the shadow of dementia

## Team Prayers

23<sup>rd</sup> February, 9<sup>th</sup> March and 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
(Open from 6.45pm) 7.00pm to 7.30pm

Meeting ID: 815 0902 9021  
Passcode: 218012



## Thursday evening Lent groups at St Mary Kippington starting on 25<sup>th</sup> February

During the **five weeks** of Lent, Zoom Lent group will be taking place on Thursday evening.

We shall be using the film 'The Theory of Everything' which tells the extraordinary story of Jane and Stephen Hawking.

**Let Mark know if you want to attend and he will send you login details:**



## St. Luke's Church

will now be closed except for  
funerals and services on a  
Sunday

## St Luke's

Tuesday daytime 10.30am – 12 noon  
starting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February

This year for Lent, St Luke's will take a journey looking at 'Holy Habits' in the life and passion of Jesus.

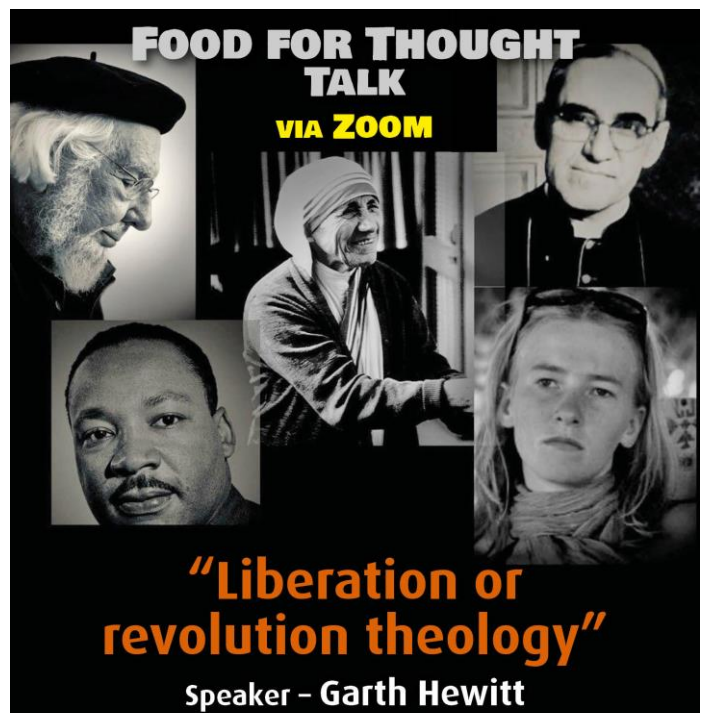
Please let Anne know you would like to join be  
email: [rev.annebourne@gmail.com](mailto:rev.annebourne@gmail.com)

## St Mary the Virgin Wednesday evenings

starting on 24<sup>th</sup> February

Will be looking at the theme from the Church of England – Live Lent – God's Story Our Story for  
6 weeks

Please let Andy know at  
[rev.andyfinn@outlook.com](mailto:rev.andyfinn@outlook.com) if you are interested



**FOOD FOR THOUGHT  
TALK  
VIA ZOOM**

**"Liberation or  
revolution theology"**

Speaker – Garth Hewitt

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Zoom meeting room opens at 7.45pm  
Talk starts at 8pm and event finishes at 9.45pm

Connect via Zoom with access via telephone, tablet or computer  
Register with [peter.ashwell@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.ashwell@btinternet.com) or on 01732 461087  
to obtain Zoom Meeting details and password