



WHITFIELD PARISH  
St James' | St Luke's

# Whitfield Parish

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**10am St Luke's**  
Holy Communion

**10.30am St James'**  
Morning Praise

## Sunday 19 February

The Gift of Loss

Mark 14:32-42

**Welcome to St James' & St Luke's and to our services today.**

If this is your first time, 'welcome'! We would love to meet you and give you one of our visitor packs, which are available at the back of church. If you wish to find out more about us, please fill in one of the WELCOME CARDS (also available at the back of church) and hand it to the person who led the service.

### Key Contacts

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### Office Hours

Tues 11.30 -5:00pm (Staff meeting Tues 9-11am) Weds 9:15-5.00pm

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Our values are

Loving Jesus \* Loving each other \* Loving our town

**Our vision is to reach and transform our town with the love of Jesus**

# What's On This Week in the Parish?

## **Parish prayer at the start of each week**

Monday 9.15am St Luke's Church

## **School Prayer Meetings**

St Luke's Monday 8.45am in St Luke's School library

St James' Wednesday 9am at St James' School

## **Karibuni**

Wednesday 10-12pm St Luke's back room

## **Holy Communion**

Wednesday 10.30am St James' Church

Thursday morning 10-12pm in St Luke's back room

## **Whitfield Café**

Thursday afternoon 1.30-3.30pm at the Vineyard

## **Coffee Pot**

Thursday morning 10-12pm in St Luke's back room

# Next Week's Services

## **Sunday 26 February**

St Luke's 10am & St James' 10.30am Altogether Education Sunday

St James' 7pm Deeper

# Parish News

**Baptism & Confirmation** Aged 4 – 100? Want to affirm your new or old faith in Jesus Christ by making the step of either baptism or confirmation then speak to Andrew or Dan. Our full immersion baptisms will be at the church weekend 'away' on 18 June and our confirmation service on Sun 10 Sept.

**Testimonies of God's goodness for our sermon series** If you have a story you would be willing to share of how God has been good to you in times of grief, doubt or brokenness for our current sermon series speak to Andrew this week.

## **NEWS in and around the Parish**

**March and April Services Rotas** Next month's rota is now available. Please collect yours from the church mail boxes if you receive a paper copy. The latest version is uploaded to the parish website as amendments are made throughout each month. If you serve on a Sunday rota team and are going to be away in April please let Hilary Collard know so as to avoid being nominated when it won't be convenient. Thank you.

**Prayer on the Square** first Saturday of each month, 12-2pm. The High St mission team is offering prayer for anyone who wants it. If you would like to know more or to be involved in this exciting adventure, either by praying for us as we go out or taking part in the ministry on Norfolk square, please speak to Suzy Bullivant.

**Refreshments at St James'** Do you enjoy a cuppa before/after Sunday services? If so, would you consider helping to serve refreshments once a month? The current team is struggling to provide this important hospitality before and after services and more volunteers are urgently needed. It's a great way for newcomers to get to know folk! Please speak to Hilary (tel: 861435).

**An Evening with Noel and Tricia Richards** Friday 3 March, 7.30pm at St James' Church. Best known as writers of contemporary Christian hymns and songs, Noel & Tricia Richards, present an evening of well known compositions such as 'All Heaven Declares', 'By Your Side', 'You laid aside Your majesty' and 'To be in Your presence' in aid of The Winnie Mabaso Foundation, supporting vulnerable and orphaned children and the wider community in South Africa, particularly those affected and infected by the HIV virus. Tickets are £5 and can be purchased by contacting Helen Thornhill 07973 769069 or speak to Hilary Collard.

## Life Group Notes

### 20 February: The Gift of Loss

1. What has stuck with you from Sunday's sermon? Was there anything that surprised you? Did you feel God put anything on your heart?

Jesus knew all about loss, bereavement, and grief. It's agonising for him and it's agonising for us. Yet he finds himself entering into the obedient mystery as he states 'Yet not what I will, but what you will'.

Read together: Mark 14:32-42

2. What did you notice for the first time?

- a. What has Jesus already lost? What is Jesus about to lose?
- b. What have you lost?

3. What questions do you have?

- a. How could the disciples sleep through this dreadful moment of Jesus' life?
- b. Have you ever felt like Jesus in the garden?

4. Was there anything that bothered you?

- a. Why did Jesus have to lose his life?
- b. Was there anything gained by his loss?
- c. Do we gain anything as we lose friends and loved ones to death, or lose jobs, dreams?
- d. Can God use these losses as an opportunity to bless?

5. What did you learn about loving God?

- a. What is Jesus' attitude towards God the father, even in his loss?
- b. Where is God the Father as Jesus speaks to him?

6. What did you learn about loving others?

- a. We all know people who are experiencing loss. How can we support them? How can we show them the love of God in their loss? Ask God how he wants to use you in prayer?

### Articles for the Grapevine

Please email [sarah@whitfieldparish.org](mailto:sarah@whitfieldparish.org) Any requests for an entry for the Grapevine will need to be with Sarah by Tuesday. Please email a word copy of around 100 words wherever possible of your article.



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