



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 March

St Luke's: The Gift of Doubt  
Mark 6:45-52

St James': Vision Sunday  
Matthew 28:16-20; Haggai 1:1-8

**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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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

**Alpha prayer course** Tuesdays during lent. 7.30pm at St James' Church for refreshments, 7.45pm to start, ends 9.30pm.

## **16 Churches Together Prayer during lent**

This week 7.15am at All Saints RC church followed by breakfast at 8.15am

## **Karibuni**

Wednesday 10-12pm St Luke's back room

**Holy Communion** Wednesday 10.30am St James' Church

## **Coffee Pot**

Thursday morning 10-11.30pm in St Luke's back room

## **Whitfield Café**

Thursday afternoon 1.30-3.30pm at the Vineyard

# Next Week's Services

## **Sunday 26 March**

**St Luke's 10am** Mothering Sunday Altogether with breakfast

**St James' 10.30am** Mothering Sunday Blended Together as Family service. **Breakfast served from 10.15am.**

**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 September

**Prayer on the Square** Saturday 1 April 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.

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

**Messy Easter for families at St Luke's Church** Doors open at 3.45 pm on Thursday 6 April. Join us for games, crafts and snacks. Organised by St Luke's MAT. For more information contact Peter Leighton at [ptrlghtn@aol.com](mailto:ptrlghtn@aol.com)

**Family Easter Peg Hunt** in Howard Park, Saturday 8 April 3-5pm. If you would like to come as a family please RSVP to [julia@whitfieldparish.org](mailto:julia@whitfieldparish.org) with numbers and kids names. As well as the peg hunt there will be other children's activities and the bubble man! **Help needed serving refreshments, crafts and being sociable:** If you don't have young family and would be available to help, you would be very welcome. Please contact Julia for more information.

**Whitfield Fun Day – Save the date Saturday 20 May 12-4pm** HELP NEEDED PLEASE. We need a van to move the marquees and other large equipment for WFD. Do you have one (or know of one) that we could use for the event? If you think you could help please contact Jane in the office on 853330 as soon as possible as if nothing is available, we need to hire one. Please pray about the event and see if God is calling you to help on the prayer team, café, erecting and taking down the marquees, Eden bus, first aid or something else....please contact Tracey Fellows and let her know where you would like to help.

**Prayer for the persecuted** St. Luke's back room at 1.30pm on Monday 20 March. If you have been inspired by the Alpha prayer course you might want to join our small group that meets to pray for persecuted Christians round the world. New members would be very welcome.

**Hassocks** As part of St Luke's reordering we need to find homes for our hassocks / kneelers. Perhaps you made one and would like to claim it – please do so during March. We hope to rework some of the remaining ones into a small banner. Please contact Sheila Humphrey.

# the PRAYER COURSE post

**Join us this Tuesday to explore the tool kit of prayer**

**This week: PERSEVERANCE IN PRAYER: DEALING WITH DISAPPOINTMENTS**

**7.45-9.30pm, 21<sup>st</sup> March at St James (7.30 for coffee)**

'When we pray, God sometimes does a miracle and airlifts us out of our problems, but more often he parachutes in to join us in the midst of them.' – Pete Greig

Thank God you're not God: "'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,'" declares the Lord' (Isaiah 55: 8)

'The Bible is more honest about unanswered prayer than most churches. Jesus experienced at least three unanswered prayers. And more than half the Psalms are not happy, clappy – they are laments' – Pete Greig

## **Personal Prayer Tools:**

- *Sometimes it is easier to have faith for someone else than it is to pray about your own problems. That's why it can be good to share prayer requests with Christian friends, especially if it's a long-term issue requiring perseverance*
- *Why not email some close friends, ask them what they'd like you to pray for. Then write them on a different slip of paper and shuffle them up. Throughout each day pick one out and pray for them.*

## **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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