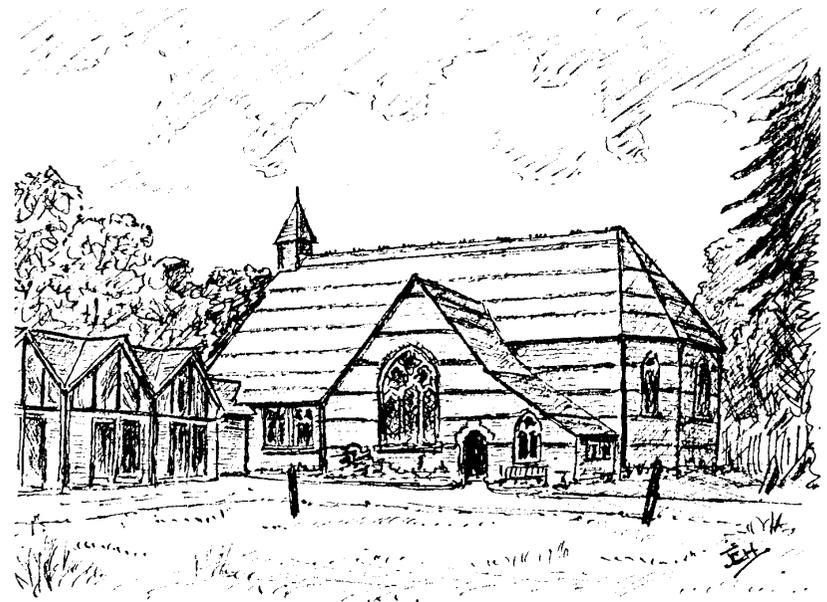


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**Saint Luke**

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# We welcome you to the Parish Church of Saint Luke, Tiptree



This Church is part of the Thurstable and Winstree Team Ministry. The people of Tiptree have worshipped here at Saint Luke's Church since 1856. More details about the Church and the Parish can be found in a booklet on sale in the lobby.

We have a **'loop' system** in the church for the benefit of those using a hearing aid - please switch them to the 'T' position.

Please remember to switch off your **mobile phone** before the service begins.

**Toilets** are available in the Church extension - please ask for directions.

If you would like to **make a donation** to the work of the church, please put your money in the plate at the left of the church door as you come in. Under the **Gift Aid scheme** any tax paid by you on your donations can be reclaimed by the church, please speak to a sidesman if you can help the church in this way.

## IN CASE OF FIRE:

- ◆ leave by the nearest available exit
- ◆ report to the Assembly Point on the Green behind the bus-stop.

**Please join in the service where indicated by the words in bold type.**

As on every Sunday, there is an opportunity to **meet in the hall in the extension for refreshments after the service.** We hope that you will join us.

Have a look at the **library of Christian books** on the shelves by the main door, and borrow one if you would like to.

Please see the **Weekly Notice Sheet** for details of today's Hymns and Readings, as well as Notices about events in and around the Parish this week.

There is a **plate by the door** as you leave the Church if you missed the opportunity to make a donation earlier.

**The Church is open daily for prayer and reflection, please do call in anytime you are passing.**

*To be a transforming presence in our community,  
open and welcoming to all and serving all*

## **THE GATHERING**

### **Hymn**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Greeting**

The Lord of glory be with you

*All* **The Lord bless you.**

### **Prayer of Preparation**

(except on the presentation of Christ)

### **Prayers of Penitence**

#### *Epiphany:*

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people  
as his own.

Let us confess our sins.

#### *Candlemas:*

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:  
'I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness  
but shall have the light of life.'

Let us therefore bring our sins into his light  
and confess them in penitence and faith.

*Please kneel or sit*

**All** Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our  
neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
**Amen.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw *you* to himself,  
that *you* may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh,  
and be cleansed from all *your* sins,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

*All* **Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple, to trust in your eternal promises.**

Here we have greeted the light of the world.

*All* **Help us, who extinguish these candles, never to forsake the light of Christ.**  
*(we now blow out our candles)*

Here we stand near the place of baptism.

*All* **Help us, who are marked with the cross, to share the Lord's death and resurrection.**

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

*All* **Help us, for whom Lent is near, to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

Here we bless one another in your name.

*All* **Help us, who now go in peace, to shine with your light in the world.**  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*The ministers and people depart.*

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*Please stand*

*All* **[Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.]**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**[Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.]**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**[Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.]**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.**

**[Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.]**

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## The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer before saying the Collect.*

*At the end*

*All*    **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Readings

*Please sit*

*At the end the reader says*

          This is the word of the Lord.  
*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn

### Gospel Reading

          Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*  
*All*    **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

          This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
*All*    **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*A minister says*

          Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*All*    **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The ministers and people depart.*

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### Candlemas Procession

*During the final hymn the candles are lit and the Choir and ministers process to the font. As they do so, please turn to face the font.*

*After the hymn the president says a prayer and the Choir sing the Nunc Dimittis. This is followed by:*

### Final Responory

          Father, here we bring to an end our celebration of the Saviour's birth.  
*All*    **Help us, in whom he has been born, to live his life that has no end.**

          Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.  
*All*    **Help us, who have received the bread of life, to be thankful for your gift.**

## Prayers after Communion

*The Post Communion Prayer is said, followed by:*

*All* You have opened to us the Scriptures,  
O Christ,  
and you have made yourself known  
in the breaking of the bread.  
Abide with us, we pray,  
that, blessed by your royal presence,  
we may walk with you  
all the days of our life,  
and at its end behold you  
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,  
one God for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## THE DISMISSAL

### Hymn

### Blessing (Epiphany)

Christ the Son of God perfect in *you* the image of  
his glory  
and gladden *your* hearts with the good news of  
his kingdom;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among *you* and remain with *you* always.

*All* Amen.

## Sermon

### The Creed

*All* We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down  
from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the  
Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is  
worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

**Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from under your  
table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your  
Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of  
Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom.  
Amen.**

*Everyone is welcome at the altar rail. Communicant  
members of any church denomination are welcome to  
receive the sacrament. Alternatively, to receive a  
blessing, please keep your hands below the rail.*

*At the distribution the minister says to each  
communicant*

*The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.  
The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.*

*The communicant replies each time **Amen**, and then  
receives.*

*During the distribution hymns and anthems may be  
sung.*

## Agnus Dei

*All* Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us [have mercy on us].

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us [have mercy on us].

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace [grant us peace].

*or*

*All* Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.

## Giving of Communion

*The president says the invitation to communion*

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

*All* Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*All* Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.

## Prayers of Intercession

*Please kneel or sit*

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy or Lord, have mercy.  
*All* hear our prayer. Christ, have mercy.

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,  
*All* accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### The Peace

*Please stand*

*The president introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence, and then says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
*All* and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Preparation of the Table

### Hymn

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.*

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*The president takes the bread and wine.*

### Epiphany:

Lord, accept your people's gifts,  
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,  
but hearts and voices raised in praise of  
Jesus Christ,  
our light and our salvation.

*All* **Amen.**

### Candlemas:

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for  
the righteous;  
accept the gifts we bring before you  
and grant that Christ may shine in us  
to the praise and glory of your name.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please kneel or sit*

## The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All* **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

*All* **God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

*All* **Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and  
heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

*All* **Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer A)**

The Lord is here.  
*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

### *Preface for Epiphany:*

All honour and praise be yours always and  
everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:  
for at this time we celebrate your glory  
made present in our midst.  
In the coming of the Magi  
the King of all the world was revealed to the  
nations.  
In the waters of baptism  
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,  
the Saviour sent to redeem us.  
In the water made wine  
the new creation was revealed at the wedding  
feast.  
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.  
Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your  
name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

*Preface for Candlemas:*

It is indeed right and good,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks and  
praise  
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from  
all eternity.  
For on this day he appeared in the temple  
in substance of our flesh  
to come near to us in judgement.  
He searches the hearts of all your people  
and brings to light the image of your splendour.  
Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light  
to lighten the nations  
while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for  
your redemption.  
Destined for the falling and rising of many,  
he was lifted high upon the cross  
and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's  
heart  
when by his sacrifice he made our peace with  
you.  
And now we rejoice and glorify your name  
that we, too, have seen your salvation  
and join with angels and archangels  
in their unending hymn of praise:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord.  
Hosanna [Hosanna, Hosanna] in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his  
command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious  
ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our  
Lord.