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and friends of
Tolleshunt Knights
with Tiptree & Gt
Braxted churches



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CHURCH SERVICES:

St Luke's Church, Tiptree

First Sunday of month:

9.30am Holy Communion

11am Morning Worship*

Other Sundays:

9.30am Parish Communion*

(*with Sunday Club for children)

Weekdays:

Mon 9.15am Parent & Toddlers

Wed 7.15pm Junior Choir*

Wed 8pm Choir Practice*

Thurs 10am Holy Communion

Fri 10am Edward Bear Club*

(*in term time only)

Morning Prayer is said on

Wednesdays at 8.30am.

The church is open daily between 9am
and 5pm for private prayer.

All Saints' Church, Great Braxted

Sunday Worship:

11am Sunday Worship

(see Calendar for details)

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from Rev'd. Anne-Marie

Autumn is underway, the nights are starting to draw in and I'm sure I'm not the only one wondering where the summer went to. Of course, I spent most of mine packing boxes, unpacking them again and then trying to remember where I had put everything!

We begin October with our Harvest Festival celebrations. It has been a delight for me to visit some of the farm shops nearby and sample some of the local produce (*I am particularly partial to strawberries*). This has not been an easy year for our farming communities – if only some of that rain we had in August could have fallen in the spring when we needed it most. We may all grumble as the price of food goes up, but this Harvest time in particular we have to spare a thought for those who are starving in the Horn of Africa. It is heartbreaking to witness the scenes on our television screens, especially when we think about just how much food is thrown away in the UK. I wonder what God makes of it all?

As Christians we are called to be wise stewards, to tread lightly on God's earth and to put to good use the resources he has put at our disposal. Whatever our views on the climate change debate, we have a God-given responsibility to care about the natural world and all those who depend on it for their livelihood. As we give thanks for what we enjoy (*and take for granted*) let us also ask for God's blessing on those at the sharp end of weather patterns and ask ourselves if we are doing all we can to be faithful stewards of God's creation.

Rev'd Anne-Marie

from the Churchwardens

First of all, we give a big welcome to the Revd. Anne-Marie Renshaw and to her family, Jonathan, Marcus and Alice.

On Monday, 19th September she was licensed as our Priest-in-Charge by The Right Reverend Christopher Morgan, Bishop Christopher of Colchester and Installed by The Venerable Annette Cooper, Archdeacon of Colchester at St. Luke's Church at a joint benefice service. Surrounded by her family and friends, Anne-Marie was welcomed by both congregations and representatives of our communities. This was followed with fellowship and refreshments in the extension.

We are now in the Harvest Festival Season with Anne-Marie taking her first service at All Saints on Sunday, 2nd October, having officiated at a joint benefice service at St. Luke's on the previous Sunday, giving Anne-Marie an opportunity to meet her new congregations after the service except of course those who were in the Isle of Man for Jo's licensing.

Jo took her last Sunday service on 21st August, followed by a buffet lunch and presentation of gifts. These included a painting of St. Luke's by Revill Styles, personalised table mats, and a bag and mug with pictures of All Saints which included a picture of the Judas tree which Jo's mother had planted to mark her ordination. Cheques were given by both churches for Jo to choose something special to remind her of her six years with us. It was good to see so many people enjoying a happy gathering but of course tinged with sadness at Jo's leaving.

MARY TRAYLER

THANK YOU *from the* **RSCM**

Norman has received a letter of thanks from the Royal School of Church Music for the donation of £50 from our recent Music Sunday Service.



Church Fabric Team Update

Wudja believe it? Your Fabric Team is still busy!!!

It's true to say that I had never felt that there was much that I couldn't do – but these last few months have shown me just how wrong I've been !!!

One of the many tasks that we had lined up for ourselves was to make better use of the 'Council' paving slabs that lined the pathway from the North East corner of the church around to the doorway to the 'old vestry' – the doorway that is rarely used these days since it leads to the storeroom and boiler room behind the organ. As a point of interest, the slabs were laid in 1969/70 to provide access to the church whilst the Extension was being built and the main door was inaccessible! But we knew that the slabs (600 x 300 x 40mm) were heavy (about 62Kg) and it was going to take a herculean effort to lift and reposition them to better effect – and I knew that I couldn't manage them!



And then along came Dominic Robinson, the latest addition to our Fabric Team. Dominic, a trainee Special Constable and all-round good guy, started by attending the 'Parent & Toddler Group' with his young daughter and he quickly volunteered to help out – even more so if the P & T ladies would be good enough to look after the toddler while he was 'toiling' – which they did.

And so, not only can I report that the Fabric Team now has an extra member in Dominic, but also – by re-using the slabs that the pathway from the rear gate has now started to take shape and should provide a less muddy passage for Anne-Marie and her family when they use the rear entrance to church. There's a lot more to do – but we've made a start.



And what else have we done? (*I hear you ask*). Well, there are indoor jobs and there are outdoor jobs and there are weather driven jobs – and we prioritise on a weekly basis with whatever the weather throws at us – and it's thrown a lot at us lately!

And just to list a few of our completed (*or 'in progress'*) tasks we've (*courtesy of Michael Weston*) put up some new Clergy display boards in the extension; the Notice Boards at main entrance are in the process of being cleaned and re-stained;...

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Church Fabric Team Update

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...the door in the oak screen at the Tolleshunt Knights Chapel has been re-hung (*it now opens the other way - for easier access*), and it is been cleaned and re-sealed.

Paving slabs have been re-laid to create new paths to the notice boards at the main gate, AND, in an effort to encourage people to help to keep the churchyard tidy, we've created a new waste area for DEAD FLOWERS ONLY adjacent to the back gate/from to the Rectory (*where the old oil tank used to be*).

In addition to all that it's worth noting that all of the churches in the Deanery are being charged with writing and implementing H&S Policies – and we seem to be a bit further along that line than most and whatever help and guidance and assistance is needed has been offered!

More anon!

MIKE CORBETT

October Readings

October 2nd. Harvest Deuteronomy 8.7-18(SL); 2 Corinthians 9.6-15;
Fifteenth Trinity Sunday Luke 12. 16-30;

October 9th Isaiah 25, 1-9(SL); Philippians 4, 1-9(SL);
Sixteenth Trinity Sunday Matthew 22,1-14(SL); Hebrews 12.18-24(AS);
Matthew 21.12-16(AS); Psalm 106.1-6 (TK);
Phil 4.1-9(TK); Matthew 22.1-14(TK)

October 16th 1 Kings 8.22-30 (SL); Hebrews 12.18-24(SL);
Dedication & Patronal Festival Matthew 12,12-16(SL); Psalm 99 (AS);
Seventeenth Trinity Sunday 1 Thess. 1.1-10 (AS); Matthew 22.15-22(AS);

October 23rd Nehemiah 8.1-12(SL); Colosians 3.12-17(SL);
Bible Sunday Matthew 24.30-35(SL); 1Ezek 18 1-4 25-end (SL);
Last Sunday after Trinity Phil 2 1-13; Matt 21 23-32; 1 Thess.2.1-8(AS);
Matthew 22.34-36(AS);

October 30th Revelation 7.9-17(SL); John 3.1-3(SL);
All Saints Sunday Matthew 5.1-12(SL); John 3.1-3(AS);
Fourth before Advent Matthew 5.1-12(AS);

SL ~ St Luke's only AS ~ All Saints' only TK ~ Tolleshunt Knights * ~ 11am St Luke's

Saint Luke's Little Summer

Saint Luke's Feast Day is celebrated on October 18th. As the first Christian physician, Saint Luke is the patron saint of physicians and surgeons. For this reason, we honour Saint Luke on his feast day by praying through his intercession for doctors and those who care for the sick.

October 18th is also known as "*Saint Luke's Little Summer*", which is a period of summer-like days that have been known to occur around this time of the year, sometimes known as an "*Indian Summer*". Any spell of quiet, dry weather starting on this day has its origins in folklore based on the Feast of Saint Luke. Although he is the patron saint of physicians, surgeons, artists and butchers, his name has traditionally been linked to Saint Luke's little summer.

Weather lore often has a basis of truth, as it is usually the result of long experience. Let us hope that this year, Saint Luke will bless us with his "*little summer*". Like the end of April and early May, Luke's spell between his day and the end of October is an excellent bet for a belated staycation. The temperature is usually mild and the leaf colours are always a blaze of russet and gold. Conkers are still about, in drifts of leaves, and gin-makers – stocking up for the long, chilly slog of winter – still have time to find sloes.

In Venice they say: "*San Luca, El ton va te la zuca*" (*Pumpkins go stale on St. Luke's Day*), but in Britain pumpkins are enjoying their finest hour. There are exceptions to every joyful rule, however, and to avoid litigation and compensation claims I'll just end with a reminder that on 29th October 2008 London had more than an inch of snow and temperatures fell to minus 4C!

Saint Luke's Day is traditionally a day when girls could have some insight into their future marriage prospects. Before going to bed, they must put on their faces a mixture of spices, honey and vinegar, and once in bed they must say the following rhyme:-

*St. Luke, St. Luke, be kind to me
In dreams let me my true love see.*

Operation Christmas Child

Leaflets to remind you of the gifts suitable for your shoe boxes and all relevant information are available now in the lobby at St Luke's or by ringing 816564.

Last year the main difficulty was actually finding shoe boxes so start early searching for them and then you will have more time for the fun of filling them.

Ruth also has a couple of DVDs which are available for anyone to borrow.

Thank you.



Farewell from Rev'd Jo

As I write I have two days left in Copford. Still the whole thing seems slightly unreal. I am excited by the thought of the work involved in the transition, but will be glad now to “be there”- as I will indeed be as you read this!!

I have taken one load of furniture over to the Island and I know that all is well and how lovely and homely the Vicarage already looks with my goods therein. I thank God again that this is His plan for me. The neighbours I have met have all been very welcoming and one is even happy to continue to mow the lawns for me. They have a six months old Springer Spaniel, whom it seems I may be able to borrow to walk and get fit with on the hills around my new home.

Thank you once again for all that you have all done to make my time with you so very special, happy and rewarding. The farewells were all lovely and I thank you especially for the generosity of the gifts that I was given. Each of them will remind me of the happy

days we spent together and the warmth, love and sincerity of your friendship.

My phone numbers are settled, the Vicarage is **01624 861989** – remember it is “*good to talk*” and, for those of you who like to text, the mobile will be **07624 411989**. I am still not sure about emails, try sending to **jo@jdudley.plus.com** as usual and I will acknowledge if I receive it.

So the past is now history, the future remains a mystery, but we know that God has plans for all of us. I do hope that all of you will enjoy each day as it comes and be aware that “now” is a real gift from God and that is why it is called “*the present*”.

You will always all have a place in my heart and a welcome awaits you in my new home.

Rev'd Jo



Gold Star Award



St. Luke's Church School in Tiptree is very proud to announce that its Parent, Teacher and Friends' Association (PTFA) have recently received a Gold Star good practice award from the National Council of Parent Teacher Associations in recognition of their achievement in the areas of good governance, relationship with the school, relationship with parents and financial management.

St. Luke's PTFA Chairman, Collette Sherwood, who herself recently won a commendation from the NCPTA for all her hard work and narrowly missed out on being selected as a finalist in their Volunteer of the year award category, said a few words on behalf of the PTFA.

"We are thrilled to receive these awards which we could not have won without the support and help of all the staff at St. Luke's and of course the continued support of our parents.

We are very lucky to have such a good working relationship and our success is down to good forward planning and working as a team. As we say, St. Luke's School is not only the best school in the world, it's the best in the whole universe!"

OD Youth



JESUS GOES BACK TO HEAVEN

(Acts 1:6-12)

Jesus and His helpers were all together on the Mount of Olives just outside Jerusalem.

Jesus knew it was time for Him to go back to heaven, he said, "The Holy Spirit will come to you. Then you will receive special power."

> Jesus told His helpers what He wanted them to do. He said, "You will tell the Good News about Me in Jerusalem and all the country of Judea. After that you will tell the whole region of Samaria. Then you will tell every part of the world."

After He said this, Jesus was lifted up in the air! His helpers were all watching. A cloud hid Him, and they could not see Him. As He was going, they were looking into the sky.

Suddenly, two men in bright white clothes were standing beside them. They said, "Why are you looking into the sky? You saw Jesus go into heaven. Don't worry. He will come back someday the same way He left." The helpers then went back to Jerusalem.

QUESTIONS:

- Where did Jesus go?
- What did He want His helpers to do after He was gone?
- What do you know about Jesus that you could share with a friend?
- God's Spirit can help you tell others about Him. What else can God's Spirit help you do?



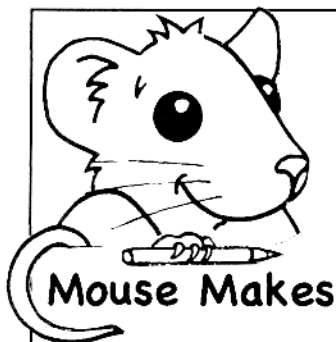
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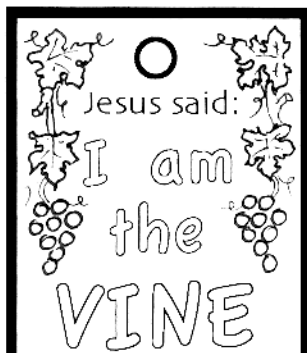
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will be 12 on 5th Oct

HOLLY KERWICK
will be 4 on 21st Oct



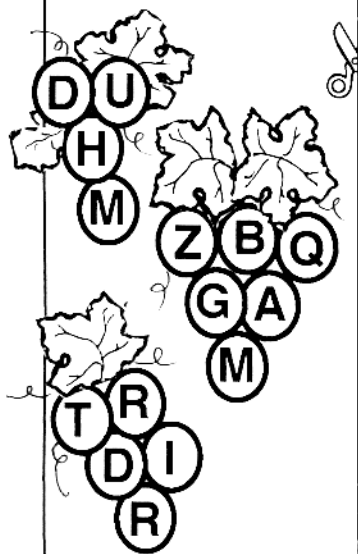


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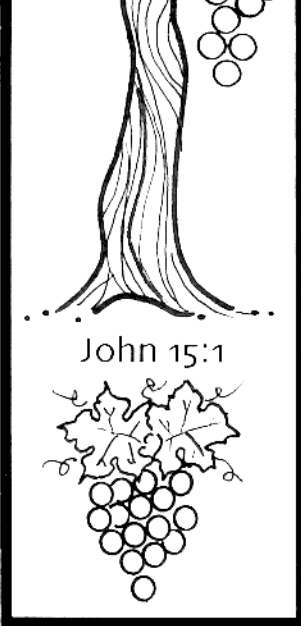


Jesus said
*"I am the
 real vine, and
 my Father is
 the gardener.*

*He breaks off
 every branch in me
 that does not bear
 fruit, and he prunes
 every branch that
 does bear fruit, so
 that it will be*



Change each letter on the grapes to the one after it in the alphabet then rearrange to find the words



John 15:1

*clean and bear
 more fruit...
 ...A branch cannot
 bear fruit by itself;
 it can do so only if
 it remains in the
 vine. In the same
 way you cannot
 bear fruit unless
 you remain in me.
**I am the vine,
 and you are the
 branches.***

*Those who remain
 in me, and I in
 them, will bear
 much fruit; for you
 can do nothing
 without me."*

John 15
 verses 1-2,4-5

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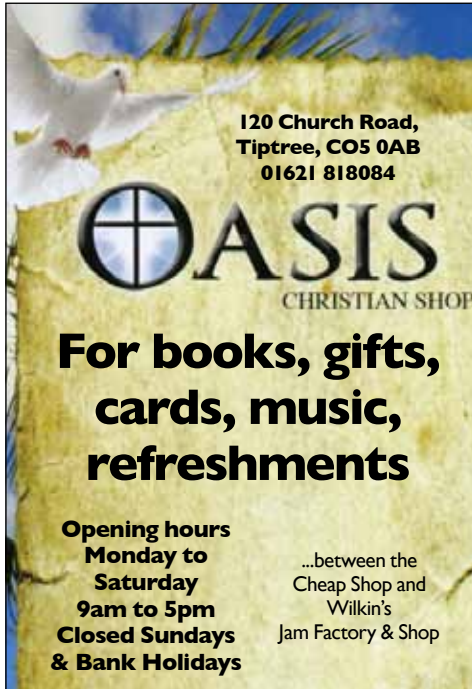
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Calendar for October

1st	<i>Saturday</i>	8am	Braxted Golf Competition
		7~7.30pm	Harvest Supper at Saint Luke's
2nd	SUNDAY	FIFTEENTH TRINITY SUNDAY. HARVEST	
		9.30am	Holy Communion (<i>Harvest</i>) at Saint Luke's
		11am	Family Service (<i>Harvest Festival</i>) at All Saints'
		11am	Morning Worship (<i>Harvest Festival</i>) at Saint Luke's
3rd	<i>Monday</i>	9.15am	Parent & Toddler Group Saint Luke's extension
4th	<i>Tuesday</i>	7.45pm	Men's Supper Club in Saint Luke's extension
5th	<i>Wednesday</i>	10am	Holy Communion at Orchard Lodge
6th	<i>Thursday</i>	10am	Holy Communion at Saint Luke's
7th	<i>Friday</i>	10am	Edward Bear service at Saint Luke's
9th	SUNDAY	SIXTEENTH TRINITY SUNDAY	
		9.30am	Parish Communion at Saint Luke's
		11am	Dedication Festival Parish Communion (<i>Order 1</i>) at All Saints'
		6pm	Evensong at Knights Close, Toll Knights
10th	<i>Monday</i>	9.15am	Parent & Toddler Group Saint Luke's extension
11th	<i>Tuesday</i>	6.30pm	Prayer Group at Saint Luke's
12th	<i>Wednesday</i>	10am	Holy Communion at Knights Close Toll Knights
13th	<i>Thursday</i>	10am	Holy Communion at Saint Luke's
		12pm	Prayer Group at All Saints
14th	<i>Friday</i>	10am	Edward Bear service at Saint Luke's
16th	SUNDAY	SEVENTEENTH TRINITY SUNDAY	
		9.30am	Parish Communion at Saint Luke's Dedication & Patronal Festival
		11am	Matins at All Saints
		11.15am	Baptisms at Saint Luke's
17th	<i>Monday</i>	9.15am	Parent & Toddler Group Saint Luke's extension
20th	<i>Thursday</i>	10am	Holy Communion at Saint Luke's
		8pm	Ladies' Group Saint Luke's extension " <i>Hi-De-Hi</i> " with Norman Jacobs. A nostalgic look at Butlins of Clacton
21st	<i>Friday</i>	10am	Edward Bear service at Saint Luke's

Calendar for October

23rd SUNDAY	LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. BIBLE SUNDAY
	9.30 am Parish Communion at Saint Luke's
	11am Parish Communion (Order 2) at All Saints'
24th <i>Monday</i>	9.15am Parent & Toddler Group Saint Luke's extension
27th <i>Thursday</i>	10am Holy Communion at Saint Luke's
30th SUNDAY	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
	9.30am Parish Communion at Saint Luke's
	11am Patronal Festival Parish Communion (<i>Order 1</i>) at All Saints'
	6.30pm Choral Evensong at Saint Luke's
31st <i>Monday</i>	9.15am Parent & Toddler Group Saint Luke's extension

Regular extension events

WEEKLY	<i>(*Term time only)</i>
MONDAY:	Parent & Toddlers, Line Dancing.
TUESDAY:	Weight Watchers, Windmill Green Club, 4th Tiptree Brownies*.
WEDNESDAY:	WEA*, Rainbows*
THURSDAY:	Slimming World, Aerobics (50+)
FRIDAY:	Tiptree Art Club, Modern Sequence Dance Classes.

MONTHLY	<i>(†October to March only)</i>
TUESDAY:	Priory Heath WI (2nd in month), Men's Supper Club† (1st)
WEDNESDAY:	Tiptree Tipplers (3rd)
THURSDAY:	Tiptree Garden Club (1st), Flower Club (2nd), Ladies' Group (3rd)

For all hall bookings call Richard Trayler on 01621 817478

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