

St Luke's Church News

Our recent church barbecue was a great success, raising over £300. Everyone agreed it had been a wonderful afternoon. We were blessed with glorious sunshine as hotdogs, burgers and vegburgers were served from the barbecue, with "all the fixings"! Wine and beer (or if you preferred, tea and coffee) were available with delicious biscuits and cakes!



Thanks to Scout leader and experienced barbecue chef Dave Pollington, and his family, Karen, Jack and Toby for running the barbecue, and helping out with the setting up and packing away!



Excellent musical entertainment, was provided by George and Ann Stevens, performing some "old classics" that had us all jiggling in our seats and Harry Webber also performed an enjoyable short set at the keyboard. Sincere thanks to the performers for generously offering their time.

Both the "Guess the weight of the cake" and "number of sweets in the jar" were won by Greg Noble. Congratulations Greg!



St Luke's Church is in the Diocese of Oxford. For those of you unfamiliar with church finances the annual running costs of our church (which amount to about £18,500) have to be met locally. This includes the costs due to the Diocese for providing our Rector, John Waller, insurance, electricity, maintenance, etc. Most of the cost is covered by voluntary giving of church members and supporters, and from collections at services. Most of the rest (about £5000) is covered by fundraising events and in a good year, this is achievable. However this year, we had to cancel a major event, so we are a little behind, which is why we organised the barbecue at short notice!

We hold prayer meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month and you're welcome to come along and join us, just to listen and pray if you don't feel comfortable to pray aloud.



Alternatively, if you have a person or situation you would like us to pray for, in confidence if you wish, please do let us know. Please speak to Diane Webber or John Bowler for details.

Toilet news: At last we've started work on building a toilet in the churchyard! Owing to the trees surrounding the area, we have had to pay extra costs to have a floating concrete base on piles (hope that means something to



anyone in the building trade!) and this caused the delay. The toilet will be a timber framed and clad building at the west end of the church (left of the porch) and will have full disabled access and facilities. We hope work will be finished by the end of the summer.

We are planning a **Tombola** stall at the village show on **5th September**, although it will be smaller than our usual fete tombola as we will be unable to collect door to door. If you would like to make a contribution to the tombola (bottles, tins or long-life packets of food) please contact Diane or John (details below) **by 7pm on the Friday 4th Sept** to arrange collection.

Forthcoming services:

16th Aug: 9am Holy Communion – John Waller
23rd Aug: 9am Morning Worship – Dave Webber
30th Aug: 11am Benefice Holy Communion – Rev Norman Thorpe
6th Sept: 11am Joint family service - Methodist Chapel, Newton Rd
13th Sep: 9.30am onwards Cafe Church
20th Sep: 9am Harvest Festival with Holy Communion – John Waller
27th Sep: 9am Morning Worship



Forthcoming events:

Sat 12th Sep: Bucks Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride: sponsor our Church Warden Harry Davies, to cycle round as many churches as he can in a day, or ask him for a sponsor form and join up yourself!
Sun 20th Sep: 1pm - Harvest Lunch: Ask a church member for details and tickets.
Sun 27th Sep: Afternoon teas in the church from 3 to 5pm
Sat 17th Oct: Gift Day 10am – 2pm with refreshments (St Luke's day is 18th Oct & the church is open on Saturday for your donations)
Sat 21st Nov: Christmas Fayre (details to follow)
Sat & Sun 12th & 13th Dec: Christmas tree festival (details to follow)



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