



**Lutherans Up North**  
**ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday at 10.30 am.**

Please come and worship with us.

**Calendar**  
**March – May 2018**

**March**

- 2 World Day of Prayer
- 4 Third Sunday in Lent
- 11 Mothering Sunday Service
- 18 Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Refreshments followed by St. Luke's Annual General Meeting
- 25 Palm Sunday

*Don't forget - Clocks go forward an hour*

**April**

- 1 Easter Sunday
- 8 Second Sunday of Easter
- 15 Third Sunday of Easter
- 22 Fourth Sunday of Easter
- 29 Fifth Sunday of Easter

**May**

- 6 Sixth Sunday of Easter
- 13 Leeds Half Marathon – **There will be no service today**
- 20 Pentecost Sunday
- 27 Trinity Sunday

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**St. Luke's AGM 2018**

will take place on **Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>**. There will be refreshments at 12 o'clock in the social room – please bring something to share. The AGM will follow immediately afterwards.

Do please try to join us.

**St. Luke's Membership**

Thank you to everyone who has returned membership forms to me already – if you haven't received a form and wish to continue your membership of St. Luke's, I apologise for my inefficiency. Please let me know and I will send you a form as soon as possible.

And a special thanks from our Treasurer, Conrad, to those of you who have reviewed, and increased, your regular giving to St. Luke's for this year. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Conrad for his hard work in maintaining our budget, and for keeping our financial affairs in order.

**Why do I Belong?**

A few years ago, the Bishop of Manchester, in an article in the 'Church Times' wrote that research that he had carried out over a number of years suggested there are four reasons that people have for attending church (he was specifically writing about the Church of England), which he named as "activities, events, people, and places", and it got me thinking about my own reasons for being a lifelong church goer.

Originally, I went to Sunday school and belonged the Girls Life Brigade at our local Baptist Church. Here I learned the well-known Bible stories, and the 'choruses' and hymns which I can still sing today, and it's where I made my closest childhood friends and regularly met with older folk who I would now describe as "role models".

In my teenage years, most of my friends went to the local youth club, run by volunteers from the local parish church in a Nissen hut like this:



On Mondays it was loud music, dancing, pop and crisps, on Thursdays we played badminton, and one Sunday a month we “went to church” because that was the one rule of belonging, and then we were all confirmed and went to church more often.

Coming to Yorkshire for teacher training in the mid 60’s saw me attending a variety of churches in the Doncaster area, and a return to London brought about membership of a local evangelical Anglican group with its inner city missionaries and parades around the streets proclaiming the Gospel from the back of a wagon through a loudhailer.

Marriage in ’68 brought me back to Yorkshire, active involvement and employment in the Anglican Church in Bradford, and an introduction to the Estonian Lutheran Church, which I attended with my mum and dad in law. Finally, as a family, we came to St. Luke’s, and here I have firmly remained ever since Bishop Walter said it was time to make up my mind what I was!

So, was it “activities, events, people, [or] places” that influenced me mostly? All of them, at one time or another, I guess. For as long as I can remember I have ‘belonged’ to the church – the place I experience a closeness to God and God’s people, where I can worship and give praise with others, and where I am among friends. I give thanks that this has been something I have experienced all my life and pray that you feel that you also belong as a child of God and as a member of his Church.

### ***A message from Livija Upmalis***

This year, the ***World Day of Prayer*** will take place on **Friday March 2nd** at **St. Chad’s Church, Headingley**, at **2.15pm**. The theme of the service is, ‘All God’s Creation is Very Good’, and it has been prepared by the Christian women of Suriname.

The services are prepared and led by women, but this does not restrict attendance, and men and children are also welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served after the service.

### **A Prayer from the service.**

Creator God, we forget we are only borrowing the earth and, because of our mismanagement, in some places nature is not what it used to be. Guide us to manage your creation responsibly. Change our minds and behaviour so that we minimise waste. Protect those who are dependent upon natural resources for their livelihoods.

### ***Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>***



Weather permitting, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the church garden after the service. Please join us – young and young in heart are welcome!

### ***Church Closures***

Roads around the church will be closed on **Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>** for the Leeds Half marathon, and **Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>** for the Columbia ITU World Triathlon, and there will be no service on these days.

The ***Lutheran Church in Great Britain Annual Synod*** will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Nottingham, on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>. Our Chair, Annette Higgins is St. Luke’s elected representative, but it may be necessary to have a Proxy if she is unable to travel by then

