

Lutherans Up North

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE LUTHERANS UP NORTH

Bishop Walter's Birthday

On the 17th of July we had a celebration for the 80th birthday of Bishop Walter! It was attended by many congregation members and friends of the congregation. Please see a message from Bishop Walter

Dear Friends in Christ. Thank you so much for a lovely day on Sunday the 17th of July. It was good to worship with you. Thank you Pastor Joseph for conducting the service; Pastor Mark for prayers; Pastor Libby for best wishes.

Thanks to Annie for organising, with others, the reception and lovely cake. Thank you for the gift of restaurant token and... "ecclesiastical sounding" beers!

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Congratulations!



What's New

**BISHOP WALTER'S
BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION**
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**MINUTES FROM THE
PARISH COUNCIL**
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**MERGER WITH ST
MATTHEW'S PLANS**



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As I reflect on 80 years of my life. I am compelled to say after the Psalmist: "My soul rejoices in the Lord".

I thank Jesus for you all and for all His grace and love.

Yours

+Walter



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Item 1: The Status of the merger between St Luke's and St Matthew's.

It was decided that, as agreed with St Matthew's, the merger would go ahead. We will have one parish council and will work in time to have a single bank account. We will continue to have two ministries as they currently are but work more closely together. We will have a celebration of this later in the year (This will be on Reformation Sunday). Status of the Edinburgh Congregation: to remain a preaching station responsible to the Parish Council of St Luke's and St Matthew's for now.

Status of the Manchester congregation: They are to seek to be an independent parish.

Due to the size of the council, it was decided that we no longer needed as many members at the moment. Due to nonattendance Theresa has been removed from the Parish Council by a unanimous vote.

Motion: To accept the new constitution of the joint parish [unanimously accepted].

Motion: To apply for Charity Status with the Charity Commission as the new parish [unanimously accepted].

The Parish Council has agreed to write to each member of both congregations to inform them of the decision, update our contact and membership lists (GDPR Compliance), and update our Gift Aid forms.

Item 2: Letter of Call for Pastor Mark

Pastor Mark explained his current work with 'Long Riders' to the council and it has been proposed that he receive a letter of call as a 'Missions Pastor' from St Luke's and St Matthew's. This would mean that Pastor Mark is an active LCiGB Pastor and along with this we would grant him reasonable use of the Church and property for his ministry (so long as it does not disrupt the Church or other groups). We will have a service to commission Pastor Mark to this role later in the year.

Motion: To issue a letter of call to Pastor Mark [unanimously accepted].

Item 3: A New Sign

Pastor Joseph noted the need to replace the sign at the front of the Church but also noted the cost of a new sign. Pastor Mark proposed to have a company simply cover over the front to create a new sign.

Action: Pastor Mark to explore possibilities.

Item 4: LCiGB Pension and Pastor employment

Action: Conrad

Item 5: Chaplaincy update

Charles updated the parish council regarding the current work of Leeds Universities Chaplaincy and passed on the thanks of the Chaplaincy for their use of St Luke's for their 2022 retreat day. Likewise, he noted the attendance of many of the Leeds Chaplains at Joseph's Ordination.

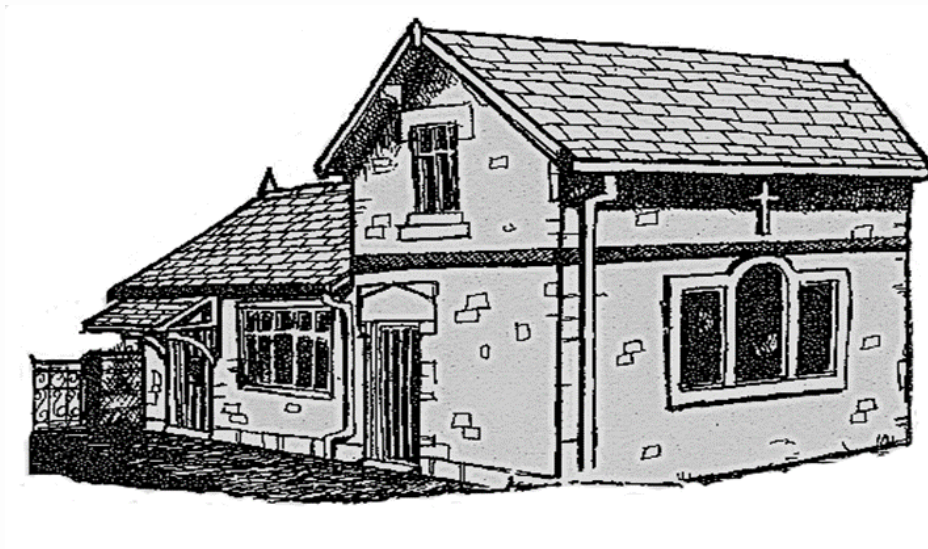
Pastor Joseph informed the Parish Council of his work with chaplaincy at Leeds Trinity University and updated them that due to work and time commitments it would be impossible for him to take any role in the Chaplaincy at Leeds University at this time.

Item 6: Finances

Conrad informed the Parish Council that our current balance is healthy and is in the region of £10,000. We look forward to receiving gift aid which really helps with our income.

Pastor Joseph updated the Council that he and Pastor Mark are becoming Trustees and Directors of the Lutheran Church House Trust and that they will soon be taking over responsibility for the running of the charity fully. Current trust bank balance stands just over £8000.

More detailed information from both available on request.

Bishop Walter Closed with Prayer

Things to Pray for

Please pray for the Lutheran Church in Great Britain as we begin our search for our next Bishop. We pray that we will be led by the Holy Spirit and that the right people will be put forward or put themselves forward.



We continue to pray for the situation in Ukraine. We remember those who have died and pray for those that they have left behind. We plead with God for peace and for justice- that this violence might end.

We remember our friend Heidi Zeck who has passed away and remember her family in prayer. She will be missed by us all.

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant, Heidi. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you a sheep of your own flock, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord. And may light perpetual shine upon her. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen

THERE WILL BE NO GARDENING GROUP OR MID WEEK COMMUNION DURING AUGUST

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEXT EDITION OF LUTHERANS UP NORTH, BECOME A MEMBER OF ST LUKE'S, OR SIMPLY WANT TO HAVE A CHAT PLEASE CONTACT JOSEPH

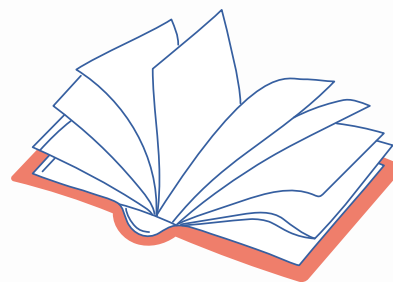
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Pastor's Diary

Pastor Joseph will be away from the 5th to the 13th of August at the ARC summer conference. **He will not be reachable during this time** (except for in the case of an emergency).

Pastor Joseph will also be on holiday from the 29th of August until the 3rd of September and then in Taizé with the CLC until the 10th of September.

Please forward any urgent requests to Pastor Mark or Bishop Walter during these times.



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Services

Sunday Services

6th of August

9.30am Polish Service (Leeds)

10.30am Communion (Swedish Mass) with Pastor Mark

3pm Polish Service (Bradford)

No Polish Service in Manchester this month

14th of August

10.30am Divine Service Setting 2 with Bishop Walter

21st of August

10:30am Divine Service Setting 2 with Pastor Joseph

28th of August

10.30am Taize Communion with Pastor Joseph

7.45pm Harrogate- Taize Service of the Word with Pastor Joseph