

# LUTHERANS UP NORTH

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## ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### Ordinary Times

If you look at some liturgical calendars, you will see that we are now in 'Ordinary Time.'

The term Ordinary does not mean common or plain, but is derived from the term ordinal or "numbered." The weeks in ordinary time are numbered, although several Sundays are named for the feast they commemorate, such as Trinity Sunday and the Feast of Christ the King.

The term Ordinary Time was first used with the liturgical reforms which followed the Second Vatican Council. The reformed liturgical calendar took effect on the first Sunday of Advent in 1969 (before this there were two distinct seasons known as the season after Epiphany and the season after Pentecost respectively). Since then, many Protestant churches have also adopted the concept, along with the Revised Common Lectionary which is based on the Catholic liturgical reforms of the late 1960's.

Personally, I still like our of use "after Epiphany" or "after Pentecost" because I find it focuses me better in time – I know where I am with it, but I do like the link that can be made between our usual understanding of 'ordinary' and some of the people commemorated in the liturgical calendar during that time.

**Just looking at June and July we have on June 29<sup>th</sup>:**



### St. Peter and St. Paul



July 3<sup>rd</sup>: St. Thomas



July 22<sup>nd</sup>: Mary Magdalene



July 29<sup>th</sup>: Martha of Bethany

Ordinary people who did extraordinary things. Ordinary people who knew Jesus in their lives and experienced the power of his love to change them so they could do more than they ever thought possible.

Indeed, as we examine the history of our faith we find it is founded on the experiences and expectations of ordinary people; men and women who did not shake or shape the world on the world's terms but on God's. It seems God prefers to entrust the witness and the propagation of the Good News to ordinary people.

The birth of Christ was announced not to the kings and the mighty, but to shepherds – the most ordinary folk in Bethlehem at the time. Jesus’ disciples, for the most part, were chosen from among the fisher folk – another ordinary lot. The first to witness the resurrection of Jesus and therefore the first to tell the Good News were women, considered then as not only very ordinary but also marginalised in society.

It was not to the politically powerful or the most educated of the day, but to the ordinary and perplexed people, who were just like us, that the witness and furtherance of the gospel was entrusted. So there is an intimate relationship between the Christian faith and “being ordinary”.

Sometimes life can seem overwhelming. Work, family, keeping up with the housework, the job and the bills (and all our other commitments) can seem like more than we can handle. We fear that our own resources just won't be enough to get the job done. But although we may be ordinary people, we also know that God uses ordinary people and things to do the extraordinary.

So may we ask God, who is able to accomplish far more than we can ask or imagine, to take the ordinary stuff of our lives and do something extraordinary with it in his service.

Pastor Libby

St. Luke’s Annual General Meeting was held on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks were given to Livija Upmalis for acting as Chair of the Congregation for the past year. Livija has done a great job, but, at the AGM, handed over the reins to Joan White, and is now taking up the vacancy left when Tina Shumba returned home. Keeping it in the family, Colin Kay has joined the Council now that Katrina has completed her term of office. Thanks to Katrina for her work on our behalf. Royce has taken over from Joan as Secretary, and Konrad continues as Treasurer.

Our new Council members, Tina Michaelides and Colin Kay, join Joan, Livija, Conrad Volker, Albert Mitchell, Royce Neagle and Sarah Kay. We pray for them all as they serve St. Luke’s in this capacity.

The Council has an urgent agenda facing it in the coming months as the loss of funding from the

LCiGB makes itself felt in the life of our church. This is due to LWF’s cancellation of subsidies to all minority Lutheran Churches in Western Europe. The Council received a good response to the letter sent in Holy Week. Some people were extremely generous and we thank them all. Gift Aid provides additional help to St. Luke’s and so a big THANK YOU to all who have signed up for this. We are grateful to all who love their Church and give freely of their “time and possessions” in its service to the glory of Jesus.

Harrogate Services

Please note that there will not be any services in Harrogate through the summer. These will resume in September.

Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>

There will be refreshments after the morning service to celebrate three birthdays: Bishop Walter, Colin and Sarah Kay, and to say goodbye to the Thomas family. Please join us.



Volunteers Needed

It would be really helpful in planning our weekly services if people would sign up on the rota when offering to do the readings and prayers, or to be the usher for a particular morning. You could then have the readings in advance and be able to prepare any special prayers that you, or any other member of the congregation wants included on that day.

About People

We have to say goodbye to the Thomas family who are returning to their home in America. It was a joy to have Sarah, Gary, Jessica and Matthew among us. Bishop Walter was delighted to join in a wonderful service at the Menwith Hill Chapel when Matthew became an Eagle Scout. Here at St. Luke’s, we will be having a farewell party for the family after the service on Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please join us. We wish them God’s blessing as they return home.

Welcome to our Hungarian friends, Orsolya and Gabor, who worship with us. Orsolya is studying psychology at Leeds University.

We are sorry to hear of Colin Kay's accident and hope that his leg will heal quickly and that he will be up and about very soon.

Pastor Libby and Annette have moved home. Fortunately, not away from Yorkshire, but just down the road to Idle. "The bungalow and smaller garden meet our needs very well now we're getting on a bit", Pastor Libby remarked! We wish them God's blessing in their new home.

Aasa Gill and Gerd Walker are both recovering from operations, and Britt Ryan is not well again. We remember them in our prayers.

Katherine Olvey had her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 14<sup>th</sup>, and Nina Stonawaska her 90<sup>th</sup> on May 15<sup>th</sup>. We congratulate them and wish them God's grace and love for every day.

#### News

Congratulations and best wishes from the pastors and people of St. Luke's, St. Matthew's and St. Martin's to Pastor Gita Putce, who was ordained into the Holy Ministry. Pastor Gita has faithfully served as Deacon to the Latvian congregation in the Yorkshire area. A reception was given in her honour on Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup>. St. Luke's was represented by Bishop Walter and Joan White, the Chair of the Congregation.

We also wish God's blessing on Tumaini Kallaghe who will be ordained to serve the Swahili congregation at St. Anne's on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Bishop Walter will be meeting up with Grace, who worshiped with us at St. Luke's during her stay in Leeds, when he visits Tanzania in June.

#### Churches Together in Headingley

If you want to find out what's happening in churches around Headingley, why not look at the Christian Fellowship section of the St. Chad's website: [www.stchads.co.uk](http://www.stchads.co.uk)

#### CTiH Outing

Join us as we travel to Liverpool on Saturday 7th June. The coach is booked but the seats will need filling! We hope there will be sufficient support from

the 8 churches to make it viable. More detailed information will be in the May magazine, but if you are interested, contact Dorothy Gazey on 257 8868

#### Live at Home –

#### A Churches Together in Headingley initiative

This is a scheme to help older people to continue living in their own homes which we are hoping to set up in Headingley. By providing support for independent living it aims to reduce feelings of being lonely, isolated and undervalued. Each scheme is set up by the local community in response to local needs, often based round the church community. The scheme is part of the Methodist Homes Association which would offer encouragement and expertise but the energy and commitment for each scheme comes from local people. Reliance is on volunteers who give as much or as little time as they can spare. Successful schemes are already running in other parts of Leeds, including Pudsey, Moor Allerton and Shadwell.

There are many "Churches Together" initiatives operating throughout the country. You can find out about initiatives in other areas from Church Net UK. The site also offers a wealth of links to pages about churches and church activities not just in the UK but also worldwide and to other Church-related resources on the Net.



You can find out what's going on around the West Yorkshire region by logging onto the West Yorkshire Ecumenical Council's latest Newsletter on [www.wyec.co.uk](http://www.wyec.co.uk)

#### Junior Church

There won't be any Junior Church in August. Junior Church on September 28<sup>th</sup> will be held in the Church as it will be Harvest Festival. If there is a particular and appropriate charity you would like to support this year, please let Pastor Libby know.

The Lutheran Women's Association met on Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> at the home of Mrs. Marlies Adam in Loughborough. The theme of the day was "Prayer"

LWA will be holding its annual retreat at Laundes Abbey in November. St. Luke's is going to be well-represented, and I believe that all the places are already taken, so I'm afraid you'll have to wait 'til next year if you want to join us.

#### Lutherans Up North

We are always on the look out for contributions and any items that you think will be of interest to other members of our congregations will be gratefully received for inclusion in 'LUN'.



#### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to everyone with a birthday over the next few months!

#### June

02: Albert Mitchell  
05: Barry Laird  
08: Jean Seage  
09: Alessandro Seage  
22: Colin & Sarah Kay  
Walter Jagucki  
28: June Fender

#### July

12: Katrina Kay  
22: Andrew Frears  
28: Janina Grabiszewska

#### August

20: Jeni Renold  
26: Halina Martin

#### Bishop's Diary

26<sup>th</sup> May – 7<sup>th</sup> June on holiday in Poland

#### June

14: Council LCiGB, Loughborough  
15: Examination committee, St. Anne's, London  
17: Lutheran-Roman Catholic consultations, London  
19: AGM Lutheran Council, London

#### 24<sup>th</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Council of Lutheran World Federation  
Arusha, Tanzania

#### July

19: Ordination Service, St. Anne's, London

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### Summer Calendar

#### June

##### St. Luke's (Leeds)

01: Morning Worship, 10.30 am  
05: Discussion Group, 7.00 pm  
08: Holy Communion, 10.30 am  
15: Matins: 10.30 am  
19: Moment for Peace, 7.00 pm  
22: Holy Communion, 10.30 am  
Junior Church  
29: Holy Communion: 10.30 am

##### St. Matthew's (Bradford)

01: Morning worship, 12.00  
St. Matthew's Chapel: Pastor Mark  
08: Worship Service, 9.30  
St. Luke's Church: Bishop Walter

##### St. Martin's (Manchester)

01: Worship Service, 3.00 pm: Pastor Mark

#### July

##### St. Luke's (Leeds)

03: Evening Prayer, 7.00 pm  
06: Morning Worship, 10.30 am  
13: Holy Communion, 10.30 am  
17: Moment for Peace, 7.00 pm  
20: Matins, 10.30 am  
27: Holy Communion, 10.30 am  
Junior Church

July cont.

St. Matthew's (Bradford)

06: Holy Communion, 9.30 am

St. Luke's Church

Holy Communion 12.00 noon

St. Matthew's Chapel

St. Martin's (Manchester)

06: Holy Communion, 3.00 pm: Bishop Walter

August

St. Luke's (Leeds)

03: Morning Worship, 10.30 am

07: Evening Prayer

10: Holy Communion, 10.30 am

17: Matins, 10.30 am

21: Moment for Peace, 7.00 pm

24: Holy Communion, 10.30 am

31: Holy Communion

St. Matthew's (Bradford)

03: Morning Worship, 9.30 am

St. Luke's Church

Midday Service, 12.00 noon

St. Matthew's Chapel

St. Martin's (Manchester)

03: Worship Service, 3.00 pm: Bishop Walter