



CONNECTIONS

ST LUKE'S ONLINE SERVICES • AUGUST 2020



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It is August and the summer holidays have started. August is the time when we naturally start thinking of rest and relaxation as the rhythm of life slows down. This is usually the time when everything but the Sunday service including the daily office, weekly and monthly services at St Luke's have a summer break. We have been wonderfully blessed with our online services throughout the pandemic that have helped us to stay connected as a community. The online team have worked very hard on our behalf and it is now time for them to have a well-earned rest, well most of them!

We are continuing with our online presence throughout August with a shorter, simpler service based on a theme called 'Connections'. Throughout August our Sunday 10am online service will explore how different people connect to God. Each service will include a reading, prayers, the Lord's Prayer, a personal reflection of how or when we connect to God in a different way and finish with The Grace. Everything you need for the Connections services through August is included in this booklet and will help us all to stay connected with each other and God wherever we may be this summer.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin
against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Grace

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore.
Amen

WEEK ONE

2 AUGUST

CONNECTING WITH GOD THROUGH THE LIVES OF OTHERS

Led by: **Revd Jackie Doyle-Brett**

Reading: **1 Timothy 4:12**

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers, in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

Psalm 118:1-4, 14 to end – sung by Sammi Tooze

Music: **Hildegard Von Bingen and medieval music**



WEEK TWO

9 AUGUST

CONNECTING WITH GOD THROUGH THE STORMS OF LIFE

Led by: Mark Reilly-Usher

Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

Call to Worship: Come, let us sing to the Lord our God;
raise the roof to the Rock of rescue.
Come into the presence of the Lord with thanks;
raise the rafters with songs of praise.
The Lord is the great God, over all;
greater than every other power.
He holds the depths of the earth in his hands,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
The ocean is the Lord's: it was made by God;
the land was formed by his own hands.
Come, let us bow before the Lord our maker;
with humble hearts we worship God.
The Lord is God and we are his;
we are the Shepherd's very own flock.



Psalm:

The Lord is with us, he is our stronghold;
God will help at the break of day.

**The Lord is with us, he is our stronghold;
God will help at the break of day.**

God is our refuge and strength,
ready to help whenever we are in trouble:

God will help at the break of day.

We will not fear, even if the earth shakes,
and the mountains topple into the sea:

God will help at the break of day.

Come now and look at the works of the Lord,
the awesome things he has done on earth:

God will help at the break of day.

Be still and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations;

I will be exalted in the earth:

God will help at the break of day.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

The Lord is with us, he is our stronghold:

God will help at the break of day.

Psalm 46.1-3,8,10

**In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

WEEK THREE

16 AUGUST

CONNECTING WITH GOD THROUGH DEEP ROOTS

Led by: Lynn Comer

Opening Prayers: We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognize his presence with us.

As God's people we have gathered:

let us worship him together

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Hymn: MORNING HAS BROKEN

Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
Fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from Heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight,
Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light
Eden saw play.
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation
Of the new day!

Eleanor Farjeon 1931

Reading:

John 15:1-11

'I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.'
John 15:5



Hymn:

If I speak words of wisdom, inspired from above,
if I fathom the mysteries of life,
and my faith moves a mountain, but I don't have love,
I'm as dead as a river run dry.

*So I will remain in the love of my Lord
and cling like a branch to the vine.*

*I'll walk in his footsteps and live by his word,
and I will remain, I will remain in his love.*

I could give all I have to the needy and poor,
I could suffer for every good cause,
yet, if my life is loveless, then I've fallen short
of the fruitfulness God made me for.

So I'll look to the Saviour and follow his lead,
every day, as I lay down my life.
And I'll love in response to the love I've received,
bearing fruit to the glory of Christ.

WEEK FOUR

23 AUGUST

CONNECTING WITH GOD THROUGH FIRE AND LIGHT

Led by: John Hoyland

Reading: Exodus 3:1-5



It might be useful to have a lit candle in front of you during today's service.

WEEK FIVE

30 AUGUST

CONNECTING WITH GOD THROUGH THE CHEVIOTS

Led by: **Revd Jackie Doyle-Brett**

Reading: **Psalm 121:1-2**

*I lift my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from.
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.*



Song:

NEVER ONCE

Standing on this mountain top
Looking just how far we've come
Knowing that for every step
You were with us

Kneeling on this battle ground
Seeing just how much You've done
Knowing every victory
Was Your power in us

Scars and struggles on the way
But with joy our hearts can say
Yes, our hearts can say

Never once did we ever walk alone
Never once did You leave us on our own
You are faithful, God, You are faithful

Kneeling on this battle ground
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Music: Matt Redman

