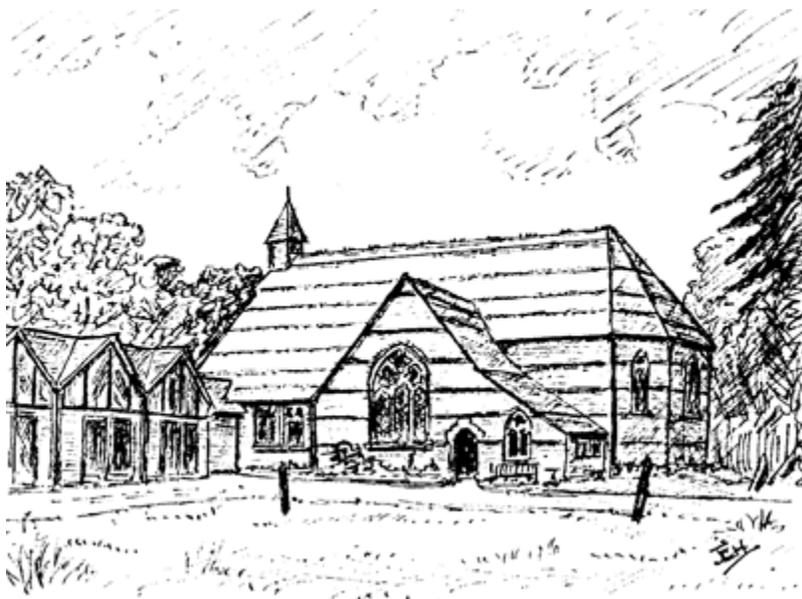


The Parish Church of

Saint Luke

Tolleshunt Knights with Tiptree



AN ORDER FOR

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ADVENT

COMMON WORSHIP

We welcome you to the Parish Church of Saint Luke, Tiptree



This Church is part of the Thurstable and Winstree Team Ministry. The people of Tiptree have worshipped here at Saint Luke's Church since 1856. More details about the Church and the Parish can be found in a booklet on sale in the lobby.

We have a **'loop' system** in the church for the benefit of those using a hearing aid - please switch them to the 'T' position.

Please remember to switch off your **mobile phone** before the service begins.

Toilets are available in the Church extension - please ask for directions.

If you would like to **make a donation** to the work of the church, please put your money in the plate at the left of the church door as you come in. Under the **Gift Aid scheme** any tax paid by you on your donations can be reclaimed by the church, please speak to a sidesman if you can help the church in this way.

IN CASE OF FIRE:

- ◆ leave by the nearest available exit
- ◆ report to the Assembly Point on the Green behind the bus-stop.

Please join in the service where indicated by the words in bold type.

THE GATHERING

Hymn

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

The minister uses these or other suitable words

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Invitation to confession

When the Lord comes,

he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Please kneel or sit

All **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

We may say or sing

Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

or:

All **Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer before saying the Collect.

At the end

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings

Please sit

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to *N*.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down
from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please kneel or sit

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

or

Lord, hear us
All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

And at the end

Merciful Father,
All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Advent Wreath

*Each Sunday, we light a candle on the Advent Wreath and a prayer is said. If the prayer is said by a minister, the response may be **Amen** or **Blessed be God for ever**. The following prayers may be said together*

Advent 1

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a King:
Be born in our hearts this Christmas,
be king of our lives today.
Amen.**

Advent 2

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love.
Amen.**

Advent 3

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
John told the people to prepare,
for you were very near.
As Christmas grows closer day by day,
help us to be ready to welcome you now.
Amen.**

Advent 4

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel who brought good news;
blessed is Mary your mother and ours.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;
and bless us your children, who long for your coming.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Please stand

The president may use these or other suitable words

God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

The president then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Hymn

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.
The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

The president takes the bread and wine.

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

All **Amen.**

Please kneel or sit

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer B)

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you**

Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Preface until 16 December

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and *saying*:

Preface after 17 December

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
He is the one foretold by all the prophets,
whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling.
John the Baptist was his herald
and made him known when at last he came.
In his love Christ fills us with joy
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer,
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.
And so, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your glory,
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of [*N and*] all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,

through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup

All **we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Agnus Dei

All **Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of
the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of
the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of
the world,
grant us peace.**

or

All **Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the
world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All **Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

Everyone is welcome at the altar rail. Communicant members of any church denomination are welcome to receive the sacrament. Alternatively, to receive a blessing, please keep your hands below the rail.

At the distribution the minister says to each communicant

The body of Christ, broken for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant replies each time **Amen**, and then receives.*

During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.

Prayers after Communion

The Post Communion Prayer is said, followed by

All **Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Hymn

Blessing

The president uses this or another suitable blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

A minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The ministers and people depart.

As on every Sunday, there is an opportunity to meet in the hall in the extension for refreshments after the service. We hope that you will join us.

Please have a look at the library of Christian books on the shelves by the main door, and borrow one if you would like to.

Please see the Weekly Notice Sheet for details of today's Hymns and Readings, as well as Notices about events in and around the Parish this week.

There is a plate by the door as you leave if you missed the opportunity to make your donation earlier.

The Church is open daily for prayer and reflection, please do call in anytime you are passing.

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