



ST. LUKE'S PEWS NEWS – JANUARY 2026 EDITION

Upcoming events at St. Luke's

Tuesdays at 1:00 pm - Bible study starts on Jan 13 at St. Tom's

Thursdays at 1:00 pm – Mid-week Communion at St. Tom's

January 22 at 1:00 – Games afternoon

February 8 – Vestry after the service and lunch

February 14 at 9:30 – Parish Council meeting



Upcoming events in Cambridge

None

Warden's Words

Welcome to the middle of winter. It may be cold and blowy outside but that doesn't have to slow us down - or get us down. There are many fun activities you can do at this time of year. Bundle up and take a short walk outside, phone a friend who is housebound and chat, or better yet, set up a time when you can visit. Cheer yourself up by going out for lunch or to the movies or putting together a jigsaw puzzle.

Or you could cozy up at home and think about all the wonderful memories you have of 2025, and all the blessing God has bestowed upon you in the past year.

St. Luke's will be holding on a game's afternoon on January 22 at 1 p.m. This event will be sure to combat the winter blues. February 8 is our annual Vestry meeting. Although this may not be all fun and games it will enlighten you as to how 2025 unfolded and how 2026 is expected to roll out.

February 17 will be our beloved Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. A great time to fill the body with comfort food and fill the spirit with the joy of fellowship.

Pastoral Ponderings

As we step into a new year, we greet A.D. 2026 not with resolutions alone but with revelation. In the season of Epiphany, we remember the star that drew the wisemen onward — a star that did not extinguish the darkness but gave enough light for their next faithful step. That is how God meets us at the turning of the year: not with a full map, but with a guiding light. As the new year begins, we are invited to remain attentive — to notice where God is already at work in our world, & to take our part in God's unfolding grace.

May this new year be marked not by anxiety about what lies ahead, but by trust in the One who walks with us. Let us follow the light we are given, encourage one another along the way, & move forward with hope, knowing that God's presence goes before us, illuminating the way ahead.

Craig +

Games afternoon

Plan to come out for our games afternoon. There will be a variety of board games you can join to help fight the winter blues. Please bring a snack to share (potato chips, popcorn etc.)

Vestry

Our annual meeting will be held on February 8, 2026. This is a very important meeting that every member of our church should plan to attend. It is a look back at 2025, and a time to plan for our future. Come and have your say – what are we doing right and where can we make improvements. Lunch will be served following the Sunday service and then we will start the meeting. The Vestry Booklets will be distributed, via email, the week before the meeting and a few hard copies will be available for those who do not have access to a computer.

All Vestry reports need to be in to Sharon by January 22.

Now is the time for you to prayerfully consider being a member of parish council. There will be several openings for people willing to give of their time and talents to build St. Luke's. New faces mean new ideas, new visions for our church.

St. Luke's Family Christmas Dinner

Plenty of food, fun and fellowship. We had it all at our annual Christmas dinner held on December 21. There was even some Reindeer games hosting by one of Santa's elves – Dave Bowman.



Devotional

Written by Archbishop Linda Nicholls. Published January 3, 2024

As a student I loved September! The beginning of a new school year meant a fresh start with a new teacher and a stack of new notebooks with blank pages ready to be filled with learning and ideas. Nervous excitement and anticipation accompanied those days! As an adult, I find the transition to a new calendar year brings some of the same feelings.

As we approach the new year, we often see images of the outgoing year as an old man with a long white beard, stooped and frail. The new year is imagined as an infant, chubby, joyful and full of possibilities. We enter the year with anticipation. There may be known joyful events—a wedding, a new baby, graduation, or other transitions—and there is also the possibility of unexpected opportunities. Like a new notebook, the year is waiting to be written on with the experiences and events before us.

We also hope to leave behind the weight of sadness, worry or struggles of the past year, including our failure to change as we had hoped. We set new goals to quit smoking, lose weight or change relationships.

Yet all is not completely new. We do not start from scratch. We bring the past with us—for good or ill. We have been shaped by the past year, and those that came before. We bring what we have learned and experienced as resources to draw on as we face new experiences. And we bring the baggage of fears and anxieties, griefs and sorrows that have not been healed or integrated into our present selves. We bring our human capacities and frailties—our strengths and weaknesses and broken relationships.

So, we stand at the cusp of a new year with hopes of a fresh start tempered by our history. We sometimes look more like Jacob Marley's ghost in *A Christmas Carol*, dragging the chains of our past

into the present, than a newborn infant with an open future. Thankfully, we know that we do not face the future alone. We can hope for transformation that heals and embraces new possibilities because we enter the future hand in hand with God.

God sees the possibilities in us—and invites us to let go of what hinders and blocks us from being who we are created to be. God offers forgiveness for anything we do that hinders us from receiving love—and promises that the future we long for in Christ is always ready and waiting for us. We face a new year—or any transition—in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection that offers new life. Whatever lies before us in 2024 as we leave 2023 behind, we know that God is with us.

A prayer for the new year from Southwark Cathedral, London, U.K.:

God of new beginnings,
of hope and deliverance,
dawn us with fresh opportunities,
equip us for new tasks,
fill us with eager longing,
thrill us with fresh starts,
that with the past behind us
we may look to all that lies ahead
with faith in Jesus,
hope in you
and love for all.
Amen.

St. Luke's Financial Report to December 31st, 2025

Income - \$100,172.76

Expenses - \$99,170.71

Note: There is \$425.71 outstanding (not cleared account)
Rebate for GST/HST from July to Dec. to come in January

The Lighter Side

Most people write Congrats because they do not know the spelling of Congrajulashions

Lazy is such an ugly word. I prefer the term selective participation.

Most people don't think I'm as old as I am until they hear me stand up.

Exercise makes you look better naked. So does wine. Your choice.

I love eating bacon, sometimes I eat it twice a day. It helps take my mind of the terrible chest pains I keep getting.

*The closest distance between a problem and its solution is the distance
between your knees and the floor.*

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