



**LUTHERANS UP NORTH
SUMMER 2010
The Season after Pentecost**

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Getting older and wiser!

Without going into detail, let me just tell you that I've had a week at work that has made me think that I'm really getting past it, have totally lost the plot and that it's time to give it all up and retire completely before any more computer gremlins play tricks on me.

All around us the world is changing, and I sometimes feel that I've absorbed as much as I can. The i-pod I was given a couple of years ago still has the same music on it because I can't work out how to change it; if the digital television goes wrong it stays that way until someone else can fix

it; and I just nod as if I know what they are talking about when the younger generation show me their new mobile phones and all the 'apps' they've got on them.

And it gets to be a bit like that with my spiritual and worship life as well – I really don't want to sing along to a rock band on Sunday morning, and can hardly begin to think about questions such as, "Can we marry faith with modern twenty first century scientific rationalism or are the two fundamentally incompatible, consigned to follow paths of mutually irreconcilable divergence?" A question asked by someone who had just read Richard Dawkins, 'The God Delusion' . I'm just getting too old for all that!

But am I? God gives us the whole of our lives to live and opportunities to make the most of it. He never intends for us to retire from spiritual activity and we can be sure he always has a worthwhile purpose for us. In Psalm 92 the writer tells us that even our later years can be productive:

"Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

*They shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be fresh and flourishing,
to declare that the Lord is upright;"*

Certainly as we get older our physical and mental abilities slow down and what was once easy seems to get harder, and we may need to take some time to reflect on our lives to discern what God has in store for us, but we shouldn't simply give up.

When I was still teaching, one of the most popular songs we sang in assembly was 'One more step along the world I go', and year after year, the Year 6 class always chose it as one of the songs for their

Leavers' Service. But as I looked at it again as I was writing this, I realised that it's appropriate throughout our lives, speaking as it does of the changes that take place and the difficulties we might face, but always with God alongside us.

It cheered me up immensely and I'm glad that there are still lots of new things to see, and that, even if I'm struggling at times to keep up, I can be sure that God is there to guide me on my journey, and that I can remain fresh and flourishing in his service even as I get older. Thankfully, no matter what our age, we can look forward to going on with our journey of faith and to serving the Lord in whatever way he has planned!

Pastor Libby

About People

We'd like to thank Christine Moorhouse for all her service, as she retires as Bishop Walter's secretary. We wish her God's blessing and every happiness.

St. Luke's Annual Meeting was held on April 11th and two new members were elected to the Church Council. Jack Parkes, who will be Secretary to the Council, and Charles Maluila. Jack and Charles were inducted as Council members on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd.

They will join the continuing members of the **Church Council**: Joan White, Chair, Conrad Volker, Treasurer, Colin Kay, Tina Michaelides, and Libby Toomsalu. Ex-officio members: Bishop Walter, Pastor Mark, and Deacon Seija

Report from our Treasurer

If you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting, you may not have seen this message from Conrad:

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed their time and towards the finances of the congregation during 2009. We rely on your financial support to keep the church running smoothly and allow it to focus on the spiritual needs of the congregation and spreading God's word.

I urge you to support the congregation according to your ability and use standing order and Gift Aid where you can.

However, our reserves are at risk of being almost wiped out due to a fine from HMRC relating to the submission of tax records for the salaries account. You may recall Bishop Walter making a reference to this at the last AGM. Although the salaries account has been kept separate from St. Luke's, the LCiGB has instructed us to show the fine as a liability in our accounts. This is a matter for further discussion, however, it is important for you to be aware of this as a potential liability and the impact this will have on our reserves.

As ever, and more than before, we will have to rely on your help financially and otherwise to ensure the continued existence of our congregation.

Your sincerely
Conrad Volker, Treasurer

If you would like a copy of the actual statement of income and expenses, you can collect one from St. Luke's or contact Bishop Walter who will send you a copy.

Church House

The Trustees held their AGM on May 26th, and were joined by Bishop Walter and Charles Maluila, representing St. Luke's congregation. Members reported on the work carried out through the year, including the refurbishment of the shower room, and outlined work to be carried out in the coming year, which will include redecorating some of the student rooms.

A lot of work has had to be carried out in order for the house to obtain a license for multi-occupancy, and this has been very expensive though necessary. Fluctuating numbers of residents have also made it hard to budget for essential refurbishment jobs, and the number of residents needs to be kept up in order to finance the upkeep of the house.

Junior Church

We realise that it is difficult for people with young families to commit to coming to church on a specific date, and are therefore very grateful to Livija Upmalis for undertaking a CRB check in order to be able to provide activities for children in the social room during the first part of the service. The children are then able to rejoin their parents in church following the sermon and to share in the worship with the rest of the congregation.

The **LCiGB Women's Retreat** will take place from 19 - 21 November 2010 at Bawtry Hall. The theme of the weekend will be 'Grace'. Cost will be £90.00 and there is a £25.00 non-refundable deposit. More details will be available soon, but to register interest please contact Tracy Maroske at: tmaroske@gmail.com or on her home phone in the evenings: 020 8686 0697



Welcome
to Yorkshire

A reminder that we will be celebrating the **25th Anniversary** of St. Luke's building in Headingley over the weekend of **September 3rd – 5th**, and that we need volunteers to offer hospitality to visitors from other congregations who will be travelling north to share this special weekend with us.

We will also need help with the catering for a buffet on Friday evening, the Parish Dinner on Saturday evening and a barbecue on Sunday after the service.

We have already received replies from a number of people who plan to come to Leeds for the weekend, and we really do need your help to make this a memorable and enjoyable event. So please let us know what help you can give. Notices are on the board outside the office for offers of help. Many thanks.

The **LCiGB Synod** was held in London on April 24th. Bishop Walter, Pastor Mark, Pastor Libby, Annette Higgins and Jack Parkes attended from St. Luke's. The morning session included discussion sessions on finance, outreach, transient congregations, and communication. The business session the afternoon included a vote on the acceptance of the new Constitution. This was accepted by a majority vote and will allow the LCiGB to register as a charity.

Bishop's Diary

June

17: Clergy fraternal, St. Luke's
30 – July 7th: Holiday

July

10: LCiGB Ministerium, Reading
15: meeting of northern Lutheran
clergy
16 – 28: LWF Council meeting and
Assembly, Stuttgart

August

14: Wedding



LECTIONARY

Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 6

Complementary Series

1 Kings 17:17-24

Psalm 30 (2)

Galatians 1:11-24

Luke 7:11-17

Semicontinuous Series

1 Kings 17:8-16 [17-24]

Psalm 146 (8)

Galatians 1:11-24

Luke 7:11-17

Third Sunday after Pentecost , June 13

Complementary Series

2 Samuel 11:26–12:10, 13-15

Psalm 32 (5)

Galatians 2:15-21

Luke 7:36–8:3

Semicontinuous Series

1 Kings 21:1-10 [11-14] 15-21a

Psalm 5:1-8 (8)

Galatians 2:15-21

Luke 7:36–8:3

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, June 20,

Complementary Series

Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalm 22:19-28 (22)

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

Semicontinuous Series

1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-7] 8-15a

Psalms 42 and 43 (43:3)

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, June 27,

Complementary Series

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalm 16 (8)

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

Semicontinuous Series

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (15)

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost , July 4

Complementary Series

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm 66:1-9 (4)

Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Semicontinuous Series

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalm 30 (2)

Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost , July 11

Complementary Series

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalm 25:1-10 (4)

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

Semicontinuous Series

Amos 7:7-17

Psalm 82 (8)

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 18,*Complementary Series*

Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm 15 (1)

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

Semicontinuous Series

Amos 8:1-12

Psalm 52 (8)

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, July 25*Complementary Series*

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 138 (8)

Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Luke 11:1-13

Semicontinuous Series

Hosea 1:2-10

Psalm 85 (13)

Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Luke 11:1-13

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 1*Complementary Series*

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalm 49:1-12 (3)

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

Semicontinuous Series

Hosea 11:1-11

Psalm 107:1-9, 43 (8)

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost , August 8*Complementary Series*

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm 33:12-22 (22)

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

Semicontinuous Series

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 (23)

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 15*Complementary Series*

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalm 82 (8)

Hebrews 11:29–12:2

Luke 12:49-56

Semicontinuous Series

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18 (14, 15)

Hebrews 11:29–12:2

Luke 12:49-56

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 22*Complementary Series*

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalm 103:1-8 (4)

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

Semicontinuous Series

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6 (6)

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 29*Complementary Series*

Proverbs 25:6-7 or Sirach 10:12-18

Psalm 112 (4)

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Semicontinuous Series

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalm 81:1, 10-16 (16)

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

CALENDAR SUMMER 2010

JUNE

St. Luke's (Leeds)

3rd Moment for Peace, 7.00 pm

6th Morning Worship: 10.30 am
Pastor Mark

13th Holy Communion: 10.30 am,
Bishop Walter

Church Council: 12.00

17th Moment for Peace, 7.00 pm

20th Matins: 10.30 am
Bishop Walter

27th Holy Communion: 10.30 am
Bishop Walter

St. Matthew's (Bradford)

6th Holy Communion at St. Luke's: 9.30 am,
Bishop Walter

Holy Communion at St. Matthew's
Chapel, :12.00, *Bishop Walter*

St. Martin's (Manchester)

6th Holy Communion.: 3.00 pm
Bishop Walter

JULY

St. Luke's (Leeds)

4th Morning Worship: 10.30 am,
Pastor Mark

11th Holy Communion: 10.30 am
Bishop Walter

15th Moment for Peace, 7.00 pm

18th Service of the Word, 10.30 am,
Jack Parkes

25th Holy Communion: 10.30 am
Pastor Mark

St. Matthew's (Bradford)

11th Service of the Word at St. Luke's: 9.30 am,
Bishop Walter

Service of the Word at St. Matthew's
Chapel: 12.15 pm, *Bishop Walter*

St. Martin's (Manchester)

11th Service of the Word: 3.00pm,
Bishop Walter

AUGUST

St. Luke's (Leeds)

1st Morning worship: 10.30 am
Pastor Mark

5th Moment for Peace: 7.00 pm

8th Holy Communion: 10.30 am
Bishop Walter

14th Wedding: 2.00 pm

15th Healing Service: 10.30 am
Bishop Walter

19th Moment for Peace: 7.00 pm

2nd Holy Communion, 10.30 am
Bishop Walter

29th Holy Communion: 10.30 am
Pastor Libby

St. Matthew's (Bradford)

1st Holy Communion at St. Luke's: 9.30 am,
Bishop Walter

Holy Communion at St. Matthew's
Chapel, :12.00, *Bishop Walter*

St. Martin's (Manchester)

1st Holy Communion: 3.00 pm
Bishop Walter