

# St Luke's Church, Goostrey



## Service of The Word with Holy Baptism 21<sup>st</sup> August 2016 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

*A very warm welcome to the community here at St Luke's where worship has been offered on this site since 1150 and this building was consecrated in 1792 to provide a new Church and place of worship for the village of Goostrey. A special welcome to Laura, Stephen & Ruby together with their family and friends, as they bring their daughter Ruby Nell for Baptism.*

*If you make use of a hearing aid, please switch to "T" for enhanced sound. Please ensure that mobile phones and pagers are switched off.*

*Please refrain from taking photographs until after the service has ended.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: and also with you**

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit, and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth. Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean. Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we may live his risen life. As children of God, we have new dignity and God calls us to fullness of life.

*(please stand)* **Hymn** - 337 Morning has broken

Brothers and sisters as we prepare to celebrate let us call to mind our sins.

**All Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and his peace, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE COLLECT

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever. **Amen.**

*(please sit)*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD      Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.' 'Alas, Sovereign Lord,' I said, 'I do not know how to speak; I am too young.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am too young." You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,' declares the Lord.

Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, 'I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.'

*(please stand)* Hymn – 167 God forgave my sin

*(remain standing)* THE GOSPEL      Luke 13.10-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, 'Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.' Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, 'There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.' The Lord answered him, 'You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?'

When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(please sit)* ADDRESS by the Revd. John Varty

## LITURGY OF BAPTISM

### PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE:

*The minister addresses the whole congregation:*

Today we thank God for Ruby Nell who has come to be baptized. Christ welcomes him into his Church. Will you to promise to support him as he begins his journey of faith?

**All: We will.**

*The president then says to the parents and godparents:*

Parents and godparents, you have brought Ruby to baptism and speak for her today. As we trust God for her growth in faith, will you to promise to care for her, pray for her, and help her to follow Christ.

**Answer: We will.**

### THE DECISION

*The president addresses the candidate through their **parents and godparents:***

In baptism God calls us to new life. We die with Christ to all that destroys, and rise to live with him for ever. Therefore, I ask:

Do you reject evil?

**I reject evil.**

And all its many forms?

**And all its many forms.**

And all its empty promises?

**And all its empty promises.**

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ.**

And put your trust in him?

**And put my trust in him.**

And promise to follow him for ever?

**And promise to follow him for ever.**

## SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

*The president makes the sign of the cross on Ruby's forehead:*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified. Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

**All: Stand bravely with him. Oppose the power of evil, and remain his faithful disciple to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you in the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

*(please stand)*

## PRAYER OVER THE WATER

*The president stands before the water of baptism and says*

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus. On him you poured your Spirit at his baptism in the River Jordan. He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him. And so, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that those who are baptized in it may be cleansed in the water of life, filled with your Spirit and know themselves loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever. **Amen.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The president addresses the congregation:*

So together with Ruby who is being baptized, let us state, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**All: I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**All: I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**All: I believe and trust in him.**

This the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## THE BAPTISM

*The president pours water on each candidate, saying*

Ruby Nell, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

## THE COMMISSION

*The president addresses the congregation, parents and godparents*

Parents and godparents, it has been good to welcome you to St Luke's for the baptism of Ruby.

Today we have started her on her Christian journey. Baptism joins us to Christ and to his whole Church, in earth and in heaven. Here, we shall do all that we can to ensure that there is a welcoming place for you. We will play our part in helping you guide Ruby along the way of faith.

Bringing up a child as a Christian has its challenges. Ruby will need to learn the story of Christ's birth, death and resurrection, the pattern of his loving life, and the teaching that he gave. We pray that Ruby will come closer to God as she grows in faith, and makes her baptismal promises for herself when she comes to confirmation.

Being a Christian means going to church, and more. Christians are called to stand up for truth and justice, and show compassion to those in need. They are to be faithful and loving. The example that you give by prayer and the life that you lead will profoundly affect Ruby in the whole of her future life. Remember to ask for God's help, and pray for her often, as we pray for you.

Therefore, let us now pray for grace in guiding Ruby in the way of faith. Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for ruby and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect their home from all evil. Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN - The Lord's my shepherd (*printed below*)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights. *And I will trust..*

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know. *And I will trust..*

*(please kneel or sit)*

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Father, we thank you that by baptism you have raised Ruby with Christ to new life in the Spirit. Guide and protect her with your grace, that she may follow you all her days and grow in knowledge and love of you. Father, by the victory of your Son,

**All: Give light to the world.**

May the Holy Spirit fill the hearts and minds of all nations to unite the world in peace and love. By your healing power restore all that is broken and unite us with you, one

God and Father. Father, by the victory of your Son,

**All: Give light to the world.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth, we join our prayers with all the saints on glory. Merciful father

**All: Accept these prayers for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ**

As our Saviour has taught us so we pray

**All: 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.**

*(please stand)*

THE WELCOME

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Ruby Nell Hemming, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**All: We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

Hymn – 553 When we walk

THE BLESSING

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen, and settle you in the faith: and the blessing of God almighty, Father, son and the Holy Spirit, be upon and remain with you always. **Amen**

*Please stand for the giving of a lighted candle.*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

**All: Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Please join us for refreshments after the Service which will be served at the back of the church

**NEXT WEEK**

8.00 am Holy Communion – Revd John Varty  
9.45 am Parish Communion – Revd John Varty



VALENTINE SCHOOL OF MUSIC

## Introducing Valentine Voices!

From 17 September 2016, introducing two brand new children's choirs on Saturday mornings in Goostrey, Cheshire.  
£5pw per choir member

Come along to a free taster session to experience what we do and to enjoy a morning of singing a variety of music, from pop to gospel!



### Free Taster Sessions

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016

9.45-10.45	Little Voices	5-7 year olds
11.00-12.00	Junior Voices	8-11 year olds

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### Jodrell Bank - Community Evening

31 Aug, 2016 - 31 Aug, 2016

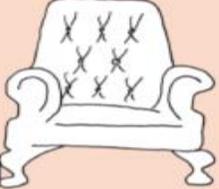
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm FREE, but booking essential. Call 01477 571 766.

We're delighted to invite our neighbours \* to join us to find out about our latest and upcoming developments and enjoy a BBQ here at Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre. Tickets are free but places are limited, please call 01477 571766.

The Community Evening is part of our month-long programme of events and exhibitions celebrating 70 years at Jodrell Bank. Visit <http://www.jodrellbank.net/visit/whats-on/> to find out more about tours, reminiscence days, exhibitions and more, all taking place in August.



\*Community evening and discounts are only available to residents living within a 2.5 mile radius of Jodrell Bank. Includes Lower Withington, Goostrey, and surrounding



# CLONTER FAIR & CAR BOOT SALE

In Collaboration with  
Congleton Beartown Classic Car Club

In Aid of  
Cancer Research UK  
&  
Clonter Farm Music Trust



Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September