

# ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### **Newsletter**

Friday 28th November 2025

Week Commencing Monday 1st December 2025

Monday Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools

Tuesday Violin/Guitar/Piano/Keyboard Lessons

**Year 4 Wider Opportunities Brass Lessons** 

Wednesday Voice/Percussion Lessons

**Year 3 Swimming Lessons** 

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Thursday Piano/Keyboard/Brass/Woodwind Lessons

**Christmas Fayre** 

Friday Normal School Day

#### St Luke's Christmas Lights Switch On 2025

St Luke's Christmas Lights Switch on will take place at St Luke's Church at 7.00pm on Sunday 30th November.

Between 5.00 — 7.00pm there will be children's crafts, face painting and refreshments in St Luke's Church as well as games, a tombola, hot food and an outdoor bar at the Ram's Head.

Father Christmas will be in his Grotto at the Ram's Head from 5.00pm.

Everybody welcome at this fun, festive, community event.



#### A Message from The Friends of St Luke's

Well done to all the children who took part in the Holly Jolly Jive today.

A big thanks to The Friends of St Luke's for organising the event and to Miss Derbyshire for teaching all the children how to perform the Holly Jolly Jive.

Please return all cash to school in a labelled envelope by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

If you would prefer, we have set up a **JustGiving** page to collect sponsor money instead: <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/page/friends">https://www.justgiving.com/page/friends</a>
<a href="https://www.justgiving.com/page/friends">-of-st-lukes-pta-hollyjollyjive</a>

You can also use the usual methods to pay in your child's sponsorship money:

#### **PayPal**

Pay lowtonstlukespta@hotmail.com Could you please ensure you select **family and friends** to avoid us having to pay PayPal charges. Please use *Holly* plus your child's full name and year group as the payment reference.

#### **Bank Transfer**

Account Name: Friends of St Lukes

Account Number: 00854006

Sort Code: 30-19-56

Please use your child's full name and year group as the payment reference.

We are aware that times are challenging, so no matter how much

sponsor money your child raises they will receive a bespoke Holly Jolly Jive Medal.

Thanks for your support

#### St Luke's School Christmas Fayre

Please come to school dressed in sensible, weather appropriate clothes and footwear on Thursday 4th December.

Please could Infants bring in chocolate and Juniors filled bottles for the raffles at the Christmas Fayre.

The Christmas Fayre will take place after school on Thursday.

Father Christmas is hoping to join us in his Grotto and there will be a number of stalls including refreshments, tombolas, a gaming van and many more.

If you are able to offer any prizes or help for the Christmas Fayre please contact the PTA or the school office.





#### Reception Admissions for September 2026

The online application form for Reception 2026 is now open.

Please follow this link https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/ Education/Schools/School-Admissions/Primary-schools.aspx for the online application form.

Applications and supplementary forms must be submitted by 15th January 2025.

#### St Luke's Church Dates For Your diary

Sunday 30th November — Christmas Lights Switch On 5.00 — 7.00pm



Monday 1st December — Mistletoe and all that Jingles Wreath and Bow making Demonstration 6.00pm in St Luke's Church

Thursday 11th — Monday 15th December — Christmas Tree Festival in St Luke's Church

Sunday 14th December — St Luke's Church Carol Service 6.00pm

Wednesday 24th December — Crib Service 5.00pm

Wednesday 24th December — Holy Communion 11.30pm

Christmas Day — Team Holy Communion 10.30am at Lowton St Mary's



#### **Prospective Parents Visits**

Monday 8th December 10.30am Friday 12th December 10.30am



Please telephone the school office on 01942 201140 to book on to a tour.

#### **Class DOJO**



Could we please remind parents and carers that if they have an important message regarding their child that they should always contact the school office rather than using class DOJO.

If a teacher is off site, in a meeting or busy teaching their class they may not see the DOJO message until much later. It could take up to two school days for a DOJO to be responded to.

We would also like to ask that DOJO messages are not sent to class teachers during the evening or weekend, we appreciate that this is usually when parents are at home but it can be quite disruptive to our teachers' family time.

Please note that you must notify the school office of all absences, appointments and holiday requests, these must not be sent via class DOJO.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

#### **Dates For Your Dairy**

Thursday 4th December — Non-Uniform Day for the Christmas Fayre

Thursday 4th December — Christmas Fayre after School Monday 8th December — Infant Nativity 2.00pm in School Monday 8th December — Infant Nativity 5.30pm in School



Tuesday 9th December — Junior Carol Service 2.00pm in School
Tuesday 9th December — Junior Carol Service 5.30pm in Church
Monday 15th December — Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 16th December — Year 3 and 4 Christmas Parties
Wednesday 17th December — Infant and Year 5 and 6 Christmas Parties
Thursday 18th December — Christmas Worship 2.15pm
Friday 19th December — School Closes for Christmas

#### St Luke's Church





#### **Lowton and Golborne Food Bank**

St Luke's Church collect food items weekly for the food bank run by All Saints Church in Golborne. All the items collected are distributed to those who are in need within the Lowton and Golborne area.

If you would like to contribute towards the Food Bank, items can be brought to St Luke's Church before or after the services on Wednesday or Sunday morning (services run from 10.00am until approximately 11.00am) or be taken to St Luke's Church Thursday Coffee Morning. Thank you.





#### **Coffee Morning**

Every Thursday St Luke's Church Fellowship Room (access on Slag Lane opposite Lowton West School), is open during the morning school run from 8.45am until 10.00am for tea, coffee and a chat.

#### Forget-Me-Not Café

The café has relocated to Broadmead on Golborne Road where there should be adequate on site car parking spaces for everyone.





#### St Luke's Church Services

Church services take place at 10.00am on Wednesday and Sunday — everybody welcome.

Refreshments will be served after the services in the Fellowship Room.

#### **Vestry Service**



Weddings and Baptisms can be booked every Tuesday evening between 7.00pm and 8.00pm in St Luke's Church Fellowship Room (access on Slag Lane).





## Christmas at St Luke's We Need Your Help!

Raffle Prizes Wanted
Do you have a business (or know someone who does) that could donate a prize for our Christmas raffle?
Does your workplace do charity donations?
Big or small - all donations welcome!

Prop at the school office by Weds 10<sup>th</sup> December or message the FoSL Facebook page.

Teddy Tombola
Please send in pre-loved teddies in good condition
- always a big hit!

Can you help for an hour on the day? Stall helpers, set-up, tidy-up - it all helps!

Thanks so much for your support V Friends of St Luke's (FoSL) COME AND VISIT OUR

### ADVENT CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2025

Celebrating the wonder of Christmas themed, sponsored, decorated trees are displayed, choose your overall favourite.

Activities, tombola, raffle and refreshments.

Church open Sat 13th December 10.00am – 4.00pm

Church open
Sun 14th December
11.30am - 4.00pm
following a Holy
Communion Service
10-11am

Carol Service 14th December 6pm

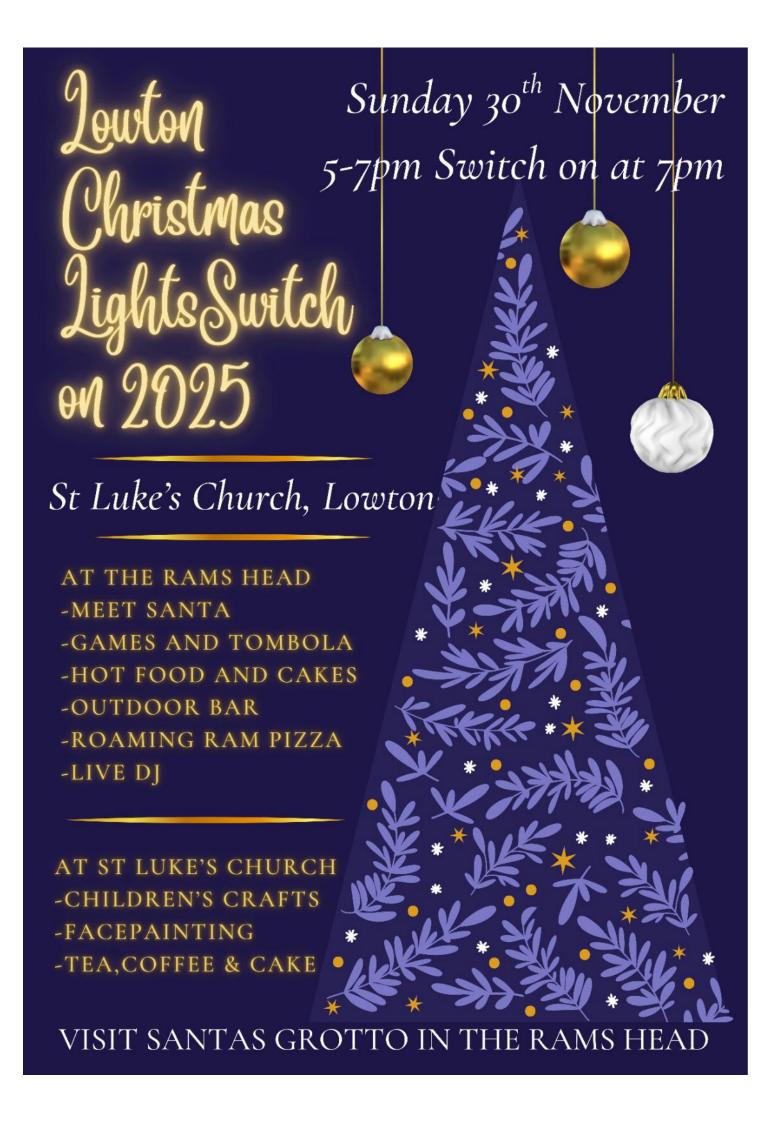
> With seasonal refreshment before the service and announcement of the overall Christmas tree community favourite

Admission free with optional donation at the door



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# ONLINE SHOPPING FRAUD WARNING

# A MESSAGE FROM GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

In the run up to Christmas we know that some of you maybe turning to online shopping to purchase presents.

WARNING – We are aware that fraudsters are targeting this area and want to ensure our community is protected. We are working hard to bring to justice those responsible. Please see our tips for staying safe online.

Have you been offered a highly discounted or considerably cheaper product compared to the original items worth?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

The website you are purchasing from was only launched day / weeks ago? STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You're asked to pay by bank transfer instead of using the online platform's secure payment options.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

A sense of urgency is placed on ordering the product or service so that you don't miss the price / deal.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You receive a fake email receipt / invoice that appears to be from the website you've purchased from or the payment service used to make your purchase. The email address domain doesn't match that of the genuine senders.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD







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How to donate

1 Bring toys direct to us

Adult Learning Centre, Walmesley Road, Leigh WN7 1XN
\*We can only accept new toys or toys still in the original packaging

2 Scan QR code to give

Thank you for your kindness, your support, and for helping us keep the spirit of Christmas alive.







