

Breakfast

with Sir Matt
Baggott
CBE QPM



Saturday 23 September 9:30am
The Poppy and Pint, Lady Bay NG2 5DX

Join us to hear about a 37-year career in policing and a story of personal faith.

From walking the beat in South London through to ultimate command of the Police Service of Northern Ireland, Sir Matt Baggott will talk about leadership in the midst of political transformation, disorder and terrorism.

Matt served in four police forces and was the first Chief Constable to be appointed unanimously by all political parties - including Sinn Fein. During his career, he was privileged to be involved in policing and advocacy at the highest levels in Downing Street, the White House and the Vatican.

His story is one of challenge but also God's goodness, direction, and authority over his life.

Tickets are available from St Luke's Church office
office@st-lukes-gamston.org - £8 for brunch or
£12 for a cooked breakfast.

Welcome service for new headteacher Claire Bills

Sunday 17 September 3pm
Pierrepoint Gamston Primary School

Our linked primary school – PGPS – has a new head from this September and we are coming together to celebrate and welcome Claire Bills in a service that will be highly interactive for children and suitable for every age.

Claire has worked across a range of community schools, most recently as headteacher at Gunthorpe CofE Primary. She lives locally and attends St Giles Church with her family. She is passionate about education and finding new and exciting ways to bring 'life in all its fullness' into school.

Says Claire: *"I'm very excited to have joined PGPS. There is so much energy here, and it has been fantastic to meet and be working with such a dedicated staff team."*



"Thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome, I'm looking forward to getting to know you all and building on the firm foundations of learning, fun and faith that are so evident here."

FREE community hog roast and family fun

Saturday 16 September 2-4pm, St Luke's, Leahurst Road

You are invited to join us for tea, coffee, cakes, salads, a hog roast and a warm welcome at our latest community event – and it's all completely free. There will also be a ball pit and inflatable bouncy slide. We are looking forward to meeting even more people who live and work in our community – hope to see you there.



Church alive!

It's been a busy few months at St Luke's and Connect Gamston – here's a round up of just some of the things we've been up to, both locally and further afield.

Serving the Community weekend 8 & 9 July

The St Luke's and Connect Gamston congregations joined together in a weekend of practically serving the community and loving our neighbours. From serving drinks at Ambleside and Abbey parks, to gardening and offering a free car wash, we were out and about being church in our parish. Those waiting whilst their car was being washed enjoyed a cuppa with members of our church who were inside writing thank you notes to local people we know who also serve the community in so many ways. And the following day we hosted a free barbeque open to all at Pierrepont Gamston Primary School.



Dreaming the Impossible 29 July-2 August

St Luke's youth leaders and 11 of our young people – who meet for 'Inspire' every Sunday evening – travelled to Staffordshire Showground for Dreaming the Impossible (DTI). This annual event and national youth movement is for young people aged 12-18 from churches and youth organisations everywhere. DTI is passionate about seeing young people fearlessly following Jesus and believing that nothing is impossible with God.



United 2023 1-5 August

Around 25 of us from St Luke's and Connect Gamston camped together at Kent Showground for New Wine's United gathering – an event that attracts around 12,000 Christians from all denominations and speakers from across the world. It was a fantastic time of worship and fellowship, despite the odd thunderstorm. The colour run was a particular highlight!



Harvest celebration service Sunday 8 October, 10am at St Luke's

We will be collecting donations for The Friary again this year, including tinned and dried foods, toiletries and snacks. A full list of the items they most need can be found online: www.the-friary.org.uk/support-us/

Question time

“Why is life so hard?”

“Can my life have a greater meaning?”

“Where do I belong?”

“Will I ever be happy?”



If you're looking for a judgment-free space to connect with new people, discover new perspectives, process questions around faith, and have conversation about real things, then Alpha is just the place for you.

Alpha? I've never heard of it. What is it?

Alpha is a series of conversations about faith and the things we question in life. Alpha offers a time of connection to build relationships, share food and watch a short film. There's then space for conversation about the film, a discussion where you can share what you think – or not! – and nothing is off limits. You can truly ask anything at Alpha and the goal is conversation, not consensus.

Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is for everyone who is willing to have an honest conversation. No matter your background, history, or beliefs. You are welcome.

How much does Alpha cost?

Alpha is free. No pressure. No follow up. No charge.

How long does Alpha last?

Alpha runs as a series of ten weekly sessions. You are welcome to give it a try one week to see if it's a fit for you. There's no pressure to return. You can always invite someone along with you as well!

Where did Alpha come from?

Alpha was started by a London church called Holy Trinity Brompton in 1990 to create space for people to process their personal beliefs and faith. It was developed to allow people with various perspectives to come together to talk about life's big questions, as well as unpack the basics of Christian faith. Since then, it has become an international organisation. Millions of people from across the world have tried Alpha and it has been translated into 112 different languages.

Alpha is run in churches, prisons, coffee shops and workplaces. Every Alpha is different, but generally they have three things in common: food, a talk or film and conversation.

How can I find an Alpha near me?

St Luke's is running Alpha again this autumn on **Thursday evenings from 5 October, starting at 7.30pm.**

You can just turn up on the night or contact us for more information on **0115 974 5024** or email: **office@st-lukes-gamston.org.**

If that doesn't work for you, visit **www.alpha.org/try-alpha** and type in your postcode to find other local Alpha courses.



Alpha

Meetings, events, exercise and song -we have the space for you

Are you looking to hire a room for a one-off event or social occasion? Do you need a regular booking for a club, training sessions or rehearsals? St Luke's has a range of modern purpose-built rooms and a wonderful secure outdoor area that can be used for a variety of different things from fitness to choral performances and everything in between!

We currently host the following groups and activities each week: Use it or Lose it fitness, Jo Jingles, Baby signing class, Music for Everyone, Rock Choir, Slimming World, Brownies, Guides and children's parties. We also have regular meeting bookings and can accommodate team awaydays at a reasonable cost.

We love to make our spaces available to the wider community. With hire starting from as little as £15 - for the lounge & meeting room - we could be the perfect venue for you. Our building is accessible & there is plenty of free parking around the church. To enquire about hire charges & booking terms contact op@st-lukes-gamston.org or call **07394 929736**.



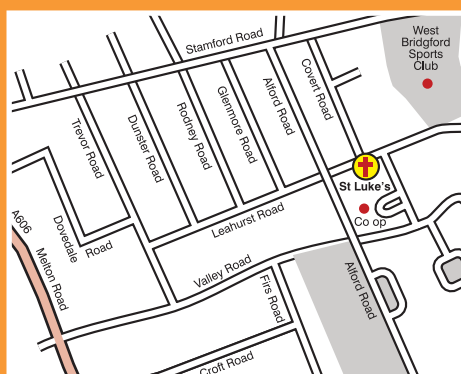
There is such a thing as a free lunch!

Take time out during the week and join us for a light bite and a bowl of soup on the second Thursday of every month. Food Fellowship and Faith is a great place to meet locally, make connections and have good conversations over a meal and a cuppa.

12.30pm-2pm
12 October, 9 November and 14 Dec

About St Luke's

St Luke's is an Anglican Church (Church of England) serving the Parish of Gamston & Bridgford. Together we enjoy a mixture of service and worship styles from traditional to modern. We offer a warm welcome to everyone, so if you are keen to try church for the first time or are returning to church, we'd love to see you.



All activities and events are held at St Luke's Church unless otherwise stated. Our church building is also used by the community including Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and Lehurst Road Pre-school. Our community hall is also available to hire for meetings, children's parties and special events.

What's on

Regular Services

- **Sundays 10am at St Luke's**
Morning Worship or Communion
Service including group activities for ages 0-3, 3-7, 7-11 and 11-14
- **Second Sunday of each month**
'ALL IN' service for all ages at 10am
- **Sundays 3pm**
Connect Gamston at Pierrepont
Gamston Primary School
- **Sundays 7.30-9pm (term time)**
Inspire Youth Group for school years 10-13
- **Thursdays 11am**
Midweek Service at St Luke's

Activities and events

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- **Second Thursday of each month**
Food, Fellowship and Faith
(free light lunch) 12:30- 2pm
- **Every Tuesday (term time)**
Oasis – a place for mums, bumps, babies and toddlers to share life and have a coffee, 10-11.30am
- **Every Thursday (term time)**
Tinies & Toddlers - play, stories and friendship for under fives, parents and carers 10-11.30am



Visit our websites

- st-lukes-gamston.org
- connectgamston.org

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