

MONTHLY NEWS

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JULY IS HERE!

The Parish Profile is almost live!

We are delighted to share that our Parish Profile is now almost ready to go live as we begin the exciting process of searching for our new Vicar.

This substantial 26-page document has been carefully prepared by Claire Meese, Nathan Davies and Sarah Sharpe, edited by Sarah Hewitt and Stewart Vandermark. It has been quite a task to capture the life, faith and vision of our parish. We are extremely grateful for the time, thought and dedication they have invested in producing such a comprehensive profile.

The document has now been reviewed by both the Diocese and our PCC, and we can give you a sneak peek of its new front page below.

If all goes according to plan, the full Parish Profile will be published later next week as it is launched into the wider world in our search for a new Vicar. Once it is live, we would be very grateful if you could share it as widely as possible. The more people who see it, the greater the opportunity for the right person to discover all that God is doing in our parish & discern their move to us.

Parish Representatives Appointed



As we move into the next stage of our search for a new Vicar, the PCC has nominated our Churchwardens, Stewart Vandermark and Lynne Miles, to serve as our Parish Representatives throughout the appointment process.

This is an important role, working alongside the Diocese during the interview process. Stewart and Lynne will represent the views and hopes of our church family, working with diligence, wisdom and great care as we seek the person God is calling to lead us.

Please do keep Stewart and Lynne in your prayers over the coming weeks. Pray that God will give them wisdom, discernment, patience and peace as they undertake this responsibility, and continue to pray for everyone involved in the appointment process, and for the person whom God is preparing to become our next Vicar.





THE BIG SERVING DAY!

On Sunday 12th July, St Luke's & Connect Gamston will be gathering for a shortened service at 10am before heading out into our community to serve in practical and visible ways. Throughout the morning there will be opportunities to get involved in a variety of projects, including car washing, tip runs opening up our community café, and helping with some jobs at Pierrepont Gamston School as a way of blessing the school community.

This is a chance for us to be present, accessible and active in our Parish — showing God's love through simple acts of service and kindness.

There are tasks for all ages and abilities, so whether you're young or old, practical or simply willing to help, everyone can play a part. Come and be part of something that makes a real difference in our community!



Connect does Build & Bash

Connect Gamston holds regular invitational services for families using creative ways of bringing Bible stories alive. July's service is Connect does Build & Bash as we explore the falling of the walls of Jericho. There will be Lego, Duplo and giant bricks as we get building before the big bash down! All that and the added joy of having Rev. Jonathan Mole with us to share Communion with us too. Who could you invite along?



Being Part of St Luke's and Connect Gamston is as Easy as ABC

Whether you're new to St Luke's and Connect Gamston or have been with us for many years, we believe that being part of our church family is as easy as ABC.

A – Attend

Come along to our Sunday services and other gatherings as we worship God together, learn from His Word, and encourage one another in our faith. Simply turning up is the first step in becoming part of our church community.

B – Belong

Church is also about more than Sundays. One of the best ways to get to know others is by joining a small group. These groups are places where we read the Bible together, share life's joys and challenges, pray for one another, and build lasting friendships.

C – Contribute

Every one of us has something to offer, and everyone can play a part in the life of the church.

There are two main ways we contribute:

- With our time by serving on one of our many volunteer teams. Whether it's welcoming, children's ministry, worship, hospitality, technology, pastoral care, or another area, every role helps our church to flourish.
- With our finances by giving back to God a proportion of what He has entrusted to us. We encourage those who are able to prayerfully consider tithing as an expression of worship, gratitude, and partnership in God's mission through St Luke's and Connect Gamston.

As we attend, belong, and contribute, we grow together as disciples of Jesus and help our church become the welcoming, Christ-centred community that God is calling us to be.



Dates for your diaries

- **The Serving Day - Sunday 12th July**
Have an idea for this great day of serving our community? Speak to Sarah or Tom.
- **Pizza Party - Friday 17th June, 7-9pm**
Youth Night celebration at the end of a great term with a Pizza Party.
- **28th July - 3rd August: New Wine Festival**
Not too late to join this brilliant event - speak to Sarah Sharpe or Rachel Jessop for more information.
- **Friday 29th July - 3rd August, DTI**
Speak to Ethan Smith if you have a 12-18 year old wanting to attend.
- **19th - 20th September : Connect Weekend**
Connect Weekend Away at Stathern Lodge with Rachel Turner
- **19th - 25th - 27th September**
25th Anniversary of Pierrepont Gamston School look out for more info next month.

The Oakes Trip 2026

Last month eleven children and three of their leaders headed off for an adventurous and faith-filled weekend at The Oakes.

A wonderful time was had by all, friendships formed and all grew in their relationship with Jesus. Some of the boys even chose to attend the early morning Bible study whilst their leader's slept!

