

Diocese of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands

St. Luke's Church, Cross Roads

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Diocese of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands Vision Statement

A Diocese inspired by the Holy Spirit, through the energetic and joyful discipleship of its members at all levels and of all ages, commits itself to being an assertive influence for good on Society and to locate, engage and serve the wider society wherever they are, through individual mission and ministry, in faith, hope and charity and to inspire and enlist recruits into active discipleship as members of the body of Christ and new members/stakeholders of a growing and dynamic Diocese.

St. Luke's Mission

To bring people to the knowledge of God through the proclamation of the gospel, in study, worship and witness, thus creating a fellowship of disciples for ministry and mission.

Verse of the Week

'The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.'

Joshua 24: 24

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THEME: CONVENANTED TO WORSHIP, WITNESS AND WORK

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 27

My sisters and brothers,

As we continue to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St. Luke's Church, Joshua's challenge to the people of Israel speaks powerfully to us: **"Choose this day whom you will serve... but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord"** (Joshua 24:15).

Joshua began by reminding the people of their history. He called them to remember how God had led Abraham, guided their ancestors and brought them safely through many challenges. In the same way, this anniversary is an opportunity for St. Luke's to look back with gratitude. For 150 years, God has been faithful. Through changing times, generations of worshippers, periods of struggle and seasons of blessing, God has sustained this congregation and enabled its ministry.

But Joshua did not allow the people to dwell only on the past. He called them to make a fresh commitment for the future. The question before St. Luke's today is not simply, "What has God done?" but also, "How will we respond?" Every generation must choose anew to follow Christ, serve our neighbours, proclaim the Gospel, and live faithfully in a changing world.

The legacy we celebrate was built by men, women, and children who chose to serve the Lord in their own day. The greatest tribute we can pay them is to do the same in ours. As we give thanks for 150 years of faithful witness, may we renew our covenant with God and commit ourselves to being a church that worships passionately, serves compassionately, and witnesses boldly.

May future generations look back and say that the people of St. Luke's, like Joshua, declared with confidence and conviction: **"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."**

Amen.

Patrick +

Please pray for the safe journey of Archdeacon Cunningham as he travels to St. James Church, Annotto Bay, St. Mary, for the Renewal of the License for Lay Readers.

The January/February birthday group will meet immediately after the service.

ORDER OF ST. LUKE

Members of the Order of St. Luke will be available after the service to pray with and for persons who request prayers.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The birthday groups are required to organize the display of harvest gifts in the church hall from Saturday, November 14. Each group will be responsible for the sale of their items.

DIOCESAN AYF RALLY

The Diocesan AYF Rally will be held on **Saturday, November 21** at the Black River High School in St. Elizabeth. Youngsters please advice Rev. Peter DePass or Elissa Lothian if you wish to attend.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION CLASSES

Spiritual Formation classes will begin on **Sunday, December 13**, for one hour (10 a.m. to 11 a.m.). The classes are open primarily to new believers and is intended to prepare persons for baptism and confirmation. Persons who wish to refresh their knowledge may also attend. Please give your names and contact numbers to Rev. Peter or to the Church Office.

Archdeacon Cunningham, Rev. DePass, Jean Lee, Claudette Marshall and Marcia Hamilton will lead the classes.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Curlene Andrade, Linda Baldie, Pearl Barrett, Norman Burke, Audrey Chisholm, Daphne Forrester, Decima Hammond, Beryl HoSang, Joyce Jarrett, Rev. Vivette Jennings, Pamela Johnson, Joy Jones, Shirley Lakhan, Kathleen Lloyd, Brenda Manning Williams, Violet Martin, Ruby Melbourne, Sheldon McIntosh, Trevor Miller, Constance Morris, Cara Murray, Lunette Palmer, Ruby Richards, Maria Reid, Keisha Robinson, Thelma Thompson, Veronica Wilson

JOIN THE LIVE STREAM OF THE SERVICE AT 7:30 A.M.

YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/live/s0vW_uueGmY

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NOTICES

Harvest Thanksgiving: Psalm 65; Deuteronomy 8: 7-18; 2 Cor. 9: 6-15; Matthew 6: 25-33. Daily Office: Proper 27, Page 775, Year 2.

WELCOME: We extend a warm welcome to our brothers and sisters, especially to Bishop Garth Minott, the Celebrant for today's service.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Kelly Smith (8) Violet Hutchinson (9) Robert Porter (10) Kathleen Johnson (10) Pearl Barrett (11) Alstead Bennett (11) Vanessa Reid Pringle (11) Gloria Gray (12) Chamaele Golding (13)

BIBLE STUDY: **Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.**
Join us on Zoom: **https://bit.ly/46vsyGM**
Meeting ID: 891 8360 6206 Passcode: LoveJesus

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

TODAY:	**7:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist
Sun. Nov. 15:	**8:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist & **Harvest Thanksgiving**
Tues. Nov. 17	**8:00 a.m**. St. Hugh's High Founders' Day Service
Sun. Nov. 22:	**7:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist – **Christ the King** **3:00 p.m.** Christ the King Service at the Cathedral The bus will be available for persons who wish to attend the service. Please advise the office
Sun. Nov. 29:	**7:30 a.m**. Holy Eucharist - **First Sunday of Advent (Year B)**

Order of Service

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