

## **Sunday Evening Service Report for APCM 2018, St Luke's Church**

In the last year we have sustained a weekly Sunday Evening Service aimed at those who are interested in more contemplative approaches to prayer and corporate worship. We have established a rhythm of:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the Month – Contemplative Service with prayer practices

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the Month – Contemplative Eucharist with Lectio Divina

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the Month – Sung Compline

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Month – Taize Chant Service

Other than the Sunday Evening Eucharist Services, different members of the congregation help lead services as authorised to do so by the Priest in Charge.

Although as a congregation, numbers are still smaller than the Sunday Morning Congregation, we are seeing slow incremental growth. Only a very few of those who attend the Evening Service are regular attenders of the Sunday Morning Service.

Regarding financial tithing and stewardship, those who attend the service regularly are positively encouraged to set up a standing order for financial giving. At the last audit in 2017, it was estimated that around 90% of those attending Sunday Evening Services had set up a regular financial tithe to the Church.

Regular attenders of the Sunday Evening Service are regularly invited to join the electoral roll of the Parish if they are resident in the parish whilst those who live outside the Parish, are expected to attend services for at least 6 months before joining.

The Sunday Evening Service is also linked to the Wellspring Community that meets every Tuesday evening for fellowship and meals, and of whom members of the community help sustain the Morning and Evening Prayer Services 7.30am and 7.30pm in the Lady Chapel of St Luke's.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018, Bp Jonathan the Bishop of Croydon in the Diocese of Southwark will be coming to the Sunday Evening Service of St Luke's Church to lead a Contemplative Eucharist Service, where many of the community will commit to the seasonal vows or promises made in obedience to following the way of life that Jesus directed, regarding worship mission and community. We therefore invite any member of the Sunday Morning Service to join us in this celebration of being not only a St Luke's Church Congregation, but also a worship service and community that is fully Anglican as supported and encouraged by the Diocese of Southwark.

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On behalf of the Evening Service Congregation &  
Wellspring New Monastic Community