

Our Bells

We are most fortunate to have a peal of six bells.

Church bells are a part of the heritage of the English countryside, and ours can be heard from far and wide, notably throughout the Milland Valley.

These bells are the pride and joy of an enthusiastic team of bellringers, who welcome new members, experienced or novices, to continue the tradition.

Our Choir

To support the musical element so vital to our services, we have a friendly and enthusiastic choir, always on the lookout for new members.

Tuxlith Chapel

Next door, hidden from immediate view by St. Luke's itself, is the original Church which St. Luke's replaced. Believed to date from Norman times or earlier, this became too small for the large congregations of the Victorian era and gradually fell into disrepair, until rescued by the Friends of Friendless Churches and lovingly restored by a group of local Friends.

It is now used for occasional services, as well as an annual art exhibition, and has on many occasions served as a "church hall" for St. Luke's, hosting receptions, parties etc.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST LUKE MILLAND AND RAKE



The Church in the Woods

Our Setting

Our church is located just off the B2070, between Rake and Liphook, in a lovely churchyard which has been restored over the past 10 years by a dedicated band of people. We have Tuxlith Green (next to the church) as a venue for special occasions such as weddings, lunches and other events.



Our churchyard is of significant interest, often being visited by botanists and horticulturalists. It is a resting place for many people of note. Thanks to the generous legacy of two parishioners, there is a lych-gate, built in 1999, to a design by Sir Hubert Bennett.



Our Church

Our church, built in 1878, thanks to the generosity of George Street, a local benefactor and one of the founders of Rake C of E School, is listed Grade II and is a fine example of Victorian Gothic. The tower, altar reredos and pulpit were added subsequently and the striking stained-glass memorial windows in the late 1890s, including the Good Samaritan window in memory of George Street and two striking windows by Christopher Whall.



We have completed an extensive modernization of the Victorian building to meet today's requirements, including:

- *improved heating*
- *new lighting*
- *a "loop" system for the hard of hearing*
- *an enlarged vestry, with meeting room*
- *disabled access*
- *lavatory facilities*

Our Services

We offer traditional Anglican worship, according to the Book of Common Prayer. Music plays a large part, including the traditional responses, canticles and psalms, in which all can join. Our services are held at 11.15 every Sunday, the usual monthly pattern being:

1st Sunday: Choral Eucharist
Other Sundays: Choral Matins



Special services, including Evensong, family services (with Rake School), and further choral works are often arranged. We also sometimes have refreshments after the services, so that we can share fellowship as well as worship. Check our web site for details (*see back*).

We have a close connection with Rake School, and Christmas services, Mothering Sunday and Harvest Festival (among others) are specially structured to involve children.