

When Jesus was at the table
with them, he took bread,
gave thanks, broke it and
began to give it to them.

Luke 24.30

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Eating with Jesus in
the Gospel of Luke

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'What is Jesus doing eating and drinking with crooks and sinners?'

Luke 5:30 The Message

The gospels show us that Jesus spent a good deal of time eating and drinking and he didn't always keep the most respectable company! In our preaching series this term we are exploring the 'hospitality of God'.

The dictionary defines hospitality as: being friendly and welcoming to guests and visitors. In Greek the word literally means: the love of a guest. But a guest in the Bible has a far wider meaning than it does in our country where typically we invite family or friends to be our guests. Biblical hospitality expects us to invite strangers and aliens into our homes. Aliens are anyone alienated from society - those who don't have the support and protection of loved ones: widows; orphans; refugees; the poor.

In Biblical times **to share food is to share life**. Home by home, table by table Jesus and his first followers **shared life**, spreading out God's welcome and growing the Kingdom one guest at a time. At Easter, as we remember the Cross and the empty tomb we will celebrate Jesus' sharing of His very life to forgive, feed and sustain each one of us.

I hope, and pray, that this series will encourage you. At God's table there is space for you. Whoever you are, wherever you are from Jesus says: 'Come right on in. Pull up a chair.'

I hope that Jesus will challenge us too. As we gather around His family table He invite us to set up tables of our own where we can be His co-hosts and make space for others with God. I am excited to think about where that might lead us. Who knows we may even find we entertain angels unknowingly during these next four months. (Hebrew 13:2).

May we willingly allow Jesus to be our guest and our host.

With every blessing

Kate
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PULL UP A CHAIR - EATING WITH JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

12 January 9.45/11.15 HC 7pm Time to Pray whole church prayer meeting	Let's party! Luke 5:27-39
19 January 9.45 HC/11.15 HC	@ Simon's house Luke 7:33-50
26 January 9.45/11.15 HC VISION SUNDAY	Alfresco dining Luke 9:10-17
2 February 9.45/11.15 HC PARTNERSHIP SUNDAY	Peace to this house Luke 10:1-20
9 February 9.45/11.15 HC 7pm Time to Pray whole church prayer meeting	Seating plan Luke 14:1-14
9 February 3-5pm BOARD GAMES + TEA & CAKE	In Andy's Café - everyone welcome.
16 February 9.45 HC/11.15 HC Family Holy Communion	Invites out Luke 14:15-24
18 February 1pm LUNCH SOCIAL	'Adventures on a bike' with John Brooks
20 February 3pm TBC FAMILY FILM	Bring the whole family for film & refreshments
23 February 9.45/11.15 HC	Heavenly parties Luke 15:1-10
26 February 11.15 am ASH WEDNESDAY HC	Holy Communion with Ashing
1 March 9.45/11.15 HC Visit from Rev Phil Simpson, Across, - mission partners	Home-coming party Luke 15:11-30
1 March 2.30pm FAMILY DOG WALK	Meet at Heather Farm, Horsell
8 March 9.45/11.15 HC 7pm Time to Pray whole church prayer meeting	From the 'top' table Luke 16:19-31

14 March 9am-1pm SPRING CLEAN & DIY MORNING	With bacon butties! Many hands make light work!
15 March 9.45 HC/11.15 HC	'Tea at yours?' Luke 19:1-10
22 March 9.45 AA/11.15 HC MOTHERING SUNDAY	Lost & Found Luke 2:41-52
28 March 6pm TBC	An evening with Rachel Smith
29 March 9.45/11.15 HC Visit from Rachel Smith - mission partner	The Kingdom-table Luke 22:14-30
5 April 9.45 AA/11.15 HC PALM SUNDAY	Blessed is the King Luke 19:28-48
9 April 7pm MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER	Meal & Passion Film Luke 22: 1-27
10 April GOOD FRIDAY 10am All Age 2-3pm	Family Service Luke 23:26-55 Reflective Service Various
12 April from 9.15am EASTER BREAKFAST	Start your Easter celebrations with delicious family breakfast
12 April 10am AA HC EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION	He has Risen! Luke 24:1-12
19 April 9.45 /11.15 HC 7pm Time to Pray whole church prayer meeting	Table @ Emmaus Luke 24:13-35
26 April 10am HC Followed by the Church AGM (APCM)	Food. For all Nations. Luke: 24:36-49