

History of St Lukes Church

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- 1891 Temporary church of corrugated iron built.
- 1896 Fund started to build new church
- 1898 Land given by Miss l'Anson, and work begins on building the new church
- 1899 Church opened and services start.
- 1900 On St Luke's day, Dr Davidson, Bishop of
- 1901 Order in Council setting up and defining the new parish signed by King Edward VII.
- 1902 A house named the Hermitage becomes the permanent vicarage.
- 1902 Grayshott becomes a separate parish, having been in the parish of Headley for 800 years.
- 1905 Pew rents abolished, and all seating free, except on Sunday Matins when they were free once the bell had stopped.
- 1906 Electric lighting installed.
- 1907 Building of the tower begins.
- 1910 Tower completed together with a clock and weather cock.
- 1911 Roof retiled at a cost of £250.
- 1915 An electric blower organ is installed.
- 1916 Additional pier added to strengthen the chancel arch.
- 1927 St Luke's changed from being in the Diocese of Winchester to that of Guildford.
- 1930 Five new bells were added and the existing ones recast.
- 1939 The Chancel and Sanctuary were altered, oak panelling and a carved coloured reredos were added, and a new Altar Cross provided
- 1952 The north aspect of the church roof was retiled.
- 1961 The side Altar was dedicated to the memory of Canon Fielding Ottley.
- 1968 A new church room was built adjacent to the church and dedicated by the Bishop of Guildford.
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1969 The diocese submitted plans to the local planning authority to build a new vicarage and to redevelop the existing vicarage site.

1972 New vicarage occupied.

1980 A kneeler project was organised which provided 135 designs, all individually worked by parishioners.

1985 Cleaning of church organ costs £4,100.

1988 A fire breaks out during the night, which is not discovered until the next morning. Much damage caused but after extensive cleaning by both volunteer and professional teams, the church looked brighter and lighter than before.

1994 New church rooms and office completed, and opened by the Archdeacon of Surrey.

1995 Headstone erected at the hitherto unmarked grave of Capt. Unwin VC and a short service held on the eve of the 80th anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign.