

Light up a Life Celebrations Begin at Saltash

A flaming 'Olympic' style torch will mark the start of the St Luke's Hospice annual Light Up A Life Christmas Celebrations this year with the first service taking place at the Wesley Church in Saltash at 2pm on Wednesday December 2nd.

The flaming torch will be carried into the church at the head of a small candlelit procession of staff and volunteers from St Luke's. Carols, prayers and readings will follow this. Everyone present at the service will have the opportunity to light individual candles in memory of their loved ones.

At the end of the first Light Up A Life service in Saltash, the torch will be returned to the Hospice at Turnchapel. Marc Cussen, whose mother was cared for at the Hospice, will be waiting to officially switch on the Hospice's Christmas lights at 5pm with his wife Lyn and his son Tyler.

Each year St Luke's Hospice holds candlelit services of celebration and remembrance so that people can join together to remember their loved ones. Hospice Chaplain, Trevor Smith, conducts the beautiful 'Light Up A Life' services and they are held throughout the communities served by St Luke's.

Light Up A Life services are an established Hospice tradition. They are open to anyone who wishes to attend and no previous connection with the Hospice is needed. People who have attended previous Light Up A Life services say they have found great comfort in being with others to celebrate the lives of their loved ones. St Luke's Hospice serves more than 2,000 patients each year from Plymouth and South West Devon and East Cornwall.

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Note to Editors: There will also be a Light up a Life Service held at Liskeard Methodist Church on Thursday, December 10th at 2pm