#### .10th December 2017

# 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00am: Holy Communion at Moulsham St. John's

# 10.00 am: 2nd Sunday Morning Worship

Leader and Speaker: Revd Bridget Jenkinson Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11 Dave Thomas

Mark 1:1-8
Intercessions: Lucy Bubb
Sidesman: Janette Tadman
Sound: Dave Thomas
Coffee: Volunteers

Duty Churchwarden: Lucy Bubb Organist: Philippa Penkett

4.30pm: Afternoon Service at St. Mary's Widford "Advent Reflections"

Led by Revd Stephanie Gillingham

#### **Property Update...**

Chris our electrician has completed his electrical work and we await his report. We have received quotes from gas contractors to investigate the leak and there is an Extraordinary PCC meeting this Sunday to decide next steps. There has been a full programme of lettings this week which has involved much juggling of appliances. Thanks to everyone who has helped in any way.

# There will be no Saturday Coffee on 9th December 2017

(both halls are in use for ballet exams)



#### **LIVING LIGHT**

The Aumbry Light for December has been sponsored in memory of Tim Price



If you have any items for the Newsletter (including requests for prayer) please contact Janette Tadman (01245-469124; e-mail janette-tadman@gmail.com)

Deadline: Wednesday evening.

# **Advent Candle Lighting**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people;

light for the world to see.

# **Christmas Services and Giving**

In addition to our usual Sunday services, please make a note in your diaries for the special services and events:

10 Dec. 10am Morning Worship 10 Dec. 4pm, MMU Service at St Mary's Widford - Holy Communion/ Advent Reflections

17 Dec. 10am Holy Communion 17 Dec. 4pm, St Luke's Carol Service (giving focused on CRISIS) followed by mulled wine and mince pies

**23 Dec. 4pm,** St Luke's Crib Service (giving focused on Little Havens Hospice)

24 Dec. 10am 4th Sunday Service 24 Dec. 11.30pm Midnight Mass

25 Dec. 10am Holy Communion

31Dec. No service at St. Luke's 9.30am All Age Communion at St. Mary's Widford

10am Morning Prayer at St. John's Moulsham

**28 January. 10am** Christingle (giving focused on Children's Society).

Please note that gift aid envelopes for all our Christmas giving will be available through December.

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# St Luke's Weekly News

# 3rd December 2017



Website: www.stlukemoulsham.co.uk

# WELCOME to St Luke's. Please stay for refreshments and fellowship in the hall after the service.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU

There will be a collection during the third hymn. If you are a taxpayer, please use a Gift Aid envelope, available from the sidesmen.

If however you give by Standing Order or are unable to give today, please just pass the basket on.

# Sunday 3rd December 2017

# **Ist Sunday of Advent**

8.00am: Service of Holy Communion at Moulsham, St. John's

# 10.00am: Service of Holy Communion

President and Preacher: Revd Gemma Fraser

Crucifer: Janette Tadman Server: Hilary Selwood Chalice: Dave Thomas

Readings:

Isaiah 64:1-9 Anna Wood I Corinthians 1:3-9 Chris Fawcett

Mark 13:24-end

Intercessions: Dave Thomas

Sidesmen: Louise and Johnny Whitehead

Sound: Richard Field

Coffee: Dave and Jane Chambers Duty Churchwarden: Mike Tadman

Organist: Michael Davis

#### COLLECT

Almighty God,

give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;

that on the last day,

when he shall come again in his glorious majesty

to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Amen.

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through lesus Christ our Lord.

**TO OUR VISITORS**. Welcome to our service. The **hymn numbers** are displayed on the boards, and will also be announced. When we come to receive Holy Communion, please see the notes in our Order of Service, which are provided for your guidance. We like to mark **birthdays** by singing: "Happy Birthday to you: to Jesus be true. May God's richest blessing rest today upon you." If it is your birthday this week, please tell one of the ministers!

The ministry of Prayer with Laying-on-of-Hands for Healing is available every Sunday. If you would like this for yourself or another, please speak to one of the Ministers or Churchwardens.

#### Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—<sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. 5You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. 6We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. 8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

#### I Corinthians 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Mark 13:24-end

<sup>24</sup>'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. <sup>28</sup> From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.<sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup> or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

# PLEASE PRAY ESPECIALLY THIS WEEK



For: Win Jellicoe, Brian Roscoe, Joyce Stockwell, Joan Scrivener, Bob Wood, Margaret Judd, Tammy Thomas and June Page;

for the Pastoral Team on Monday as they hold a service of Holy Communion at Manor Lodge;

for those named on the prayer request board;

This week, we remember: Nonny Siseman (07.12.2005) Adrian Pudney (08.12.1994)

#### St. Luke's Carol Service

Sunday 17th December 4pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Our giving at this service will be for Crisis.

If you can help by donating wine or mince pies/ festive cakes please add your name to the list on the noticeboard by next weekend 10th Dec. Thank you, Janette.

If you would like transport arranged for this service please also speak to Janette by Friday

15th Dec

### **New Rotas**

If you have not done so already, please let Lucy know your availability for rotas for the period January - April.

Please can you help her by providing your availability **in writing** (either pop a note into the churchwarden tray in the Sacristy or email to <a href="mailto-lucy.bubb@btinternet.com">Lucy.bubb@btinternet.com</a>) by 4th December.

If you would like to join a rota - there's always room - then please speak to Gemma or the Churchwardens for more info.

St Luke's now has a **Facebook** page! If you are on Facebook search for St Luke's Church Moulsham Lodge and Tile Kiln. Please like and share the page and help us make this a way of reaching as many people as we can.

#### THIS WEEK:

# Monday 4 December

Pray for the choir and music group 9.15am: Informal Morning Prayer at St. John's Vicarage using a collection of liturgy including Iona and Northumbria Community

7.30pm: Advent Prayer at Moulsham St. John's

### Tuesday 5 December

Pray for Lime Walk

9.15am: Morning Prayer at CHS Widford. joining with Widford and Galleywood

### Wednesday 6 December

Pray for Methodists

There will be no Morning Prayer or Holy Communion this morning, all are welcome at the service of Holy Communion at St. John's 10.00am on Thursday

1.15pm: Edward Bear Club

# Thursday 7 December

Pray for Peace in Syria & The Middle East

9.00am: Morning Prayer at St. John's

# Friday 8 December

Pray for the schools in our parish

# Saturday 9 December

Pray for Mallard Road

#### **Advent prayer sessions**

During Advent Gemma will be running prayer and meditation sessions on "Watching and Waiting".

If you would like some space in all of the busyness of Christmas preparation to reconnect with God and with yourself then join us each Monday evening; 4th, 11th and 18th December at 7.30pm at St John's. The service will last about 45 minutes. For more information please talk to Gemma.