

17th December 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent

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

10.00am: Service of Holy Communion

President and Preacher: Revd Gemma Fraser

Crucifer: Dave Thomas

Server: Hilary Selwood

Chalice: Lucy Bubb

*Readings: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-end Dave Chambers
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Jane Chambers
John 1:1-14*

Intercessions: Richard Field

Sidesmen: Helen Field

Sound: Richard Field

Coffee: Mary Marshall and Maxine Buck

Duty Churchwarden: Richard Field

Organist: Michael Davis

4pm: St. Luke's Carol Service

followed by
mulled wine and mince pies

Giving at this service will go to CRISIS

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.

Saturday Coffee 16th December 2017

On duty: Louise Whitehead



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.

Christmas Services and Giving

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

11 Dec. 7.30pm Advent Prayer at St. John's

17 Dec. 10am Holy Communion

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

18 Dec. 7.30pm Advent Prayer at St. John's

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

31 Dec. 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.

LIVING LIGHT

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



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St Luke's Weekly News

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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.

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

COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the
humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

READINGS:

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

⁶ A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. ⁹ Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

¹⁰ See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Mark 1:1-8

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;

³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ',

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

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 PCC as they meet on Wednesday; for those named on the prayer request board;

This week, we remember:
Audrey Dunmall (10.12.2013)
May Wade (12.12.1990)
Revd Gordon Law (14.12.2010)

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.



Toe-Nail Cutting Service

Thursday 14th December 2017
in the Small Hall:

1.30-3.30 p.m. Please phone for an appointment: 01245 423333

There is a £15 charge for this service

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 11 December

Pray for Lifeboat crews

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 12 December

Pray for Maple Drive

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

Wednesday 13 December

Pray for Orthodox Christians

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

7.30pm: PCC Meeting

Thursday 14 December

Pray for Peace in Syria & The Middle East

9.00am: Morning Prayer at St. John's

1.30pm: Age UK nail cutting

Friday 15 December

Pray for the Edward Bear Club

Saturday 16 December

Pray for Linden Close

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.