

Sunday 24th December 2017

4th Sunday of Advent

8.00am: Holy Communion at St. John's

10.00am: 4th Sunday Service

Leader and Speaker: Revd Bridget Jenkinson

Sidesman: Maxine Buck

Sound: Janette Tadman

Coffee: Mike and Janette Tadman

Duty Churchwarden: Mike Tadman

Organist: John Kingham

11.30pm: Midnight Mass

President and Preacher: Canon Edward Carter

Crucifer: Lucy Bubb

Server: Hilary Selwood

Chalice: Hilary Selwood

Intercessions: Lucy Bubb

Sidesman: Volunteer please

Sound: Volunteer please

Duty Churchwarden: Lucy Bubb

Organist: Philippa Penkett

Monday 25th December

Christmas Day

10.00am: Service of Holy Communion

President and Preacher: Revd Gemma Fraser

Crucifer: Dave Thomas

Server: Janette Tadman

Chalice: Maxine Buck

Intercessions: Revd Gemma

Sidesman: Helen Field

Sound: Mike Tadman

Duty Churchwarden: Richard Field

Organist: Alan Arnot

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:

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.

Saturday Coffee
23rd December 2017

On duty: Brenda Hudson



LIVING LIGHT

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



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St Luke's Weekly News

17th 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.

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 1:6-8, 19-28

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
Organist: Fay Hepworth

COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your
Messenger to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of
your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready
your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to
the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the
world we may be found an acceptable
people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these
heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever
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 61:1-4, 8-end

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;

² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

⁸ For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

I Thessalonians 5:16-24

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil.

²³ May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

John 1:6-8, 19-28

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

¹⁹ This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' ²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' ²¹ And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' ²² Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' ²³ He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord"', as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' ²⁶ John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷ the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' ²⁸ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

PLEASE PRAY ESPECIALLY THIS WEEK



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

for those named on the prayer request board;

This week, we remember:
Revd John Gravelle (17.12.2000)
Ray Moody (18.12.2009)
Joan Church (18.12.2015)
Margaret Farrell (22.12.1998)

Headlines from PCC on 13th December

Property matters dominated this meeting...

* An electrical survey is complete and a report is being considered. A few small repairs have been made and a full re-wire is recommended.

* The cost of the electrical and gas work undertaken in 2017 will be charged to General Fund balances.

* A deficit budget of £8,225 was agreed for 2018. The congregation will be asked to consider levels of giving in the new year and the Finance Committee will be monitoring the situation carefully.

* The Posada is underway and photographs appearing on our St Luke's facebook page.

Crisis At Christmas

At our Carol Service this year we are supporting Crisis, donations can also be accepted throughout December. **Please gift aid if you can, envelopes are available.**

Give someone who's homeless all this for £26.08; hot, delicious, nutritious Christmas dinners for over 4,700 homeless people over nine days; advice on housing, benefits, finances, employment, as well as legal matters; healthcare, including TB and hepatitis screenings; dental treatment and eye tests, including glasses; hairdressing and massage treatments; learning and skills opportunities, internet cafés and IT workshops; specialist centres providing safe accommodation to rough sleepers, women and people with dependency issues.

THIS WEEK:

Monday 18 December

Pray for religious communities

9.15am: Informal Morning Prayer at St. John's Vicarage

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

Tuesday 19 December

Pray for Bunting Close

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

Wednesday 20 December

Pray for Atheists and Agnostics

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

Thursday 21 December

Pray for Peace in Syria & The Middle East

9.00am: Morning Prayer at St. John's

Friday 22 December

Pray for Guides, Brownies and Rainbows

Saturday 23 December

Pray for Ash Grove

4.00pm: Crib Service

Little Havens Hospice

At our Crib Service on Saturday we are supporting Little Havens. **Please gift aid if you can, envelopes are available.**

Little Havens Hospice cares for children and young people up to the age of 19 and their families, from Essex and the surrounding London Boroughs.

They aim to make the journey as comfortable as possible, by offering planned respite stays, managing symptoms, for example controlling pain and adjusting medications and caring for children at the end of their lives.