

**Sunday 4th February 2018**

**2nd Sunday before Lent**

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

**10.00am: Service of  
Holy Communion**

*President and Preacher: Revd Mike Aston*

*Crucifer: Hilary Selwood*

*Server: Janette Tadman*

*Chalice: Hilary Selwood*

*Readings:*

Proverbs 8:1, 22-31 Jane Chambers

Colossians 1:15-20 Mike Tadman

John 1:1-14

*Intercessions: Revd Bridget Jenkinson*

*Sidesmen: Louise Whitehead and Sue Davies*

*Sound: Dave Thomas*

*Coffee: Dave and Jane Chambers*

*Counters: Janette Tadman and Dave Thomas*

*Duty Churchwarden: Mike Tadman*

*Organist: Alan Arnot*

### **PCC News**

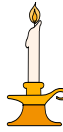
The PCC met on Wednesday evening.  
The key points of discussion included:

- 1) We reviewed the Christmas services, which were largely well received although there are lessons to learn for the future.
- 2) We agreed that focused giving during Lent will be in support of CHESSE, the homeless service in Chelmsford.
- 3) We agreed that Sue Davies will replace Richard Field as one of our Lynchpins liaising across SW Chelmsford MMU.
- 4) We discussed our responsibilities under, and the impact of, the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), which come into place in May 2018.

If you have any items for the Newsletter (including requests for prayer) please contact Janette Tadman 01245-469124;  
e-mail [janettetadman@gmail.com](mailto:janettetadman@gmail.com)  
Deadline: Wednesday evening.

### **LIVING LIGHT**

The Aumbry Light for January  
has been sponsored in memory  
of Colin Marshall



### **Message from Lynchpins**

SW churches are organising a coach trip to Ely on the 9th June and transport (possibly a mini bus) to the Bradwell festival on the 7th July. If you are interested please make a note in your diary. Details and sign up list to follow.

### **Wednesday Communion - A Note from Gemma**

I have been working with the PCC to look at our worship pattern and in particular the Midweek Communion Service. Numbers have been low for a period of time. In response to this we have made a decision to change the pattern of services for a trial period of 6 months.

There will be one Midweek Communion Service a month on the first Wednesday at 9.45 am. The service will be a Communion but will also include a short discussion on a Bible passage or theme and we will have tea/coffee together afterwards. The service will retain its quiet and meditative approach. We will review this pattern in the summer but we are hoping the smaller commitment of a monthly service, alongside the opportunity to explore faith and fellowship together (still taking under an hour) will encourage more people to join us at this service.

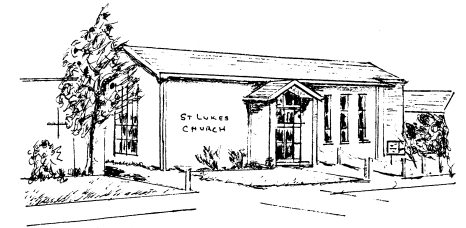
*In February there will be an additional service on Ash Wednesday (14th). This will be a joint MMU service which Gemma and Stephanie will be leading.*

### **Contacts**

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## **St Luke's Weekly News**

**28th January 2018**



Website: [www.stlukemoulsham.co.uk](http://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 28th January 2018**

**4th Sunday of Epiphany  
(Candlemas)**

8.00am: Holy Communion at St. John's

**10.00am: Christingle Service**

*Led by Lucy Bubb and Revd Gemma Fraser*



*Reading: Matthew 5:13-20 Chris Fawcett*

*Intercessions: Louise Whitehead*

*Sidesman: Louise Whitehead and Helen Field*

*Sound: Janette Tadman*

*Coffee: Mary Marshall and Maxine Buck*

*Counters: Helen Field and Mike Tadman*

*Duty Churchwarden: Richard Field*

*Organist: Michael Davis*

### **COLLECT**

God our creator,  
who in the beginning  
commanded the light to shine out of  
darkness:  
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel  
of Christ may dispel the darkness of  
ignorance and unbelief,  
shine into the hearts of all your people,  
and reveal the knowledge of your glory in  
the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Generous Lord,  
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed  
the mystery of your love:  
help us so to live out our days  
that we may be signs of your wonders in the  
world;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
**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.**

## READING:

### Matthew 5:13-20

#### You Are Like Salt and Light

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its salty taste, it cannot be made salty again. It is good for nothing. It must be thrown out for people to walk on.

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light that gives light to the world. A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden.<sup>15</sup> And people don’t hide a light under a bowl. They put the light on a lampstand. Then the light shines for all the people in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do. Live so that they will praise your Father in heaven.

#### The Importance of the Law

<sup>17</sup> “Don’t think that I have come to destroy the law of Moses or the teaching of the prophets. I have not come to destroy their teachings but to do what they said. <sup>18</sup> I tell you the truth. Nothing will disappear from the law until heaven and earth are gone. The law will not lose even the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter until all has happened. <sup>19</sup> Whoever refuses to obey any command and teaches other people not to obey that command will be the least important in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys the law and teaches other people to obey the law will be great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> I tell you that you must do better than the teachers of the law and the Pharisees. If you are not better than they are, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

#### The Children’s Society

Our Christingle service will be raising funds in support of The Children’s Society, a children’s charity which works to support this country’s most vulnerable children and teenagers. They help families trapped in debt, support young carers, runaways and victims of sexual exploitation through their programmes across the country.

As well as working directly with children and young people, the charity campaigns and lobbies the government to make changes at a national level. In recent months, their campaigning work has resulted in changes to council tax and debt collection policies of many councils and seen five major energy companies change their practices to improve the lives of children in families with problem debt. In addition to this, they worked directly with more than 18,000 children and young people last year, supporting them during life’s most desperate moments.

**Please make a donation if you can and remember to ‘gift aid’ your donation if you are a taxpayer.**

#### 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:  
Lance Silver (30.01.1991)

#### Facebook

Do you use Facebook - or have family and friends who use Facebook? If so, have you and they ‘liked’ our St Luke’s Facebook page? Since launching our page, 54 people have ‘liked’ our page and are getting daily updates about things that are happening at St Luke’s, including the weekly newsletter - can you help us spread the news about what we’re doing? Just search for **St Luke’s Church Moulsham Lodge and Tile Kiln** on Facebook and click the ‘like’ button!

We have also started streaming parts of our services live on Facebook, so even if you can’t get to Church you’ll be able to see and hear what’s going on - isn’t that amazing!

#### For Your Diary - Lent Groups

This year we will be joining with Churches Together in Moulsham Lodge and Tile Kiln for our Lent Groups. We will be using one of the York courses, written by Bishop John Pritchard, called “On the Third Day”.

The groups will be starting w/c 19 Feb and will run through Lent:

Weds at 2pm, at Holy Name  
Thurs at 8pm, at Tile Kiln Church.

#### Saturday Coffee 3rd February

On duty: Brenda Hudson



#### THIS WEEK:

The church is open every day for prayer.

#### Monday 29 January

Pray for people with physical disabilities or chronic illness

9.15am: Informal Morning Prayer at St. John’s Vicarage using a collection of liturgy including Iona and Northumbria Community

#### Tuesday 30 January

Pray for Dove Lane

#### Wednesday 31 January

Pray for the United Reformed Church

9.15am: Morning Prayer at St. Luke’s using Common Worship liturgy

1.15pm: Edward Bear Club

#### Thursday 1 February

Pray for Peace in Syria & The Middle East

9.15am: Morning Prayer at St. John’s using Common Worship Liturgy

#### Friday 2 February

Pray for the Edward Bear Club

#### Saturday 3 February

Pray for Donald Way

#### Return of the Posada

Our Posada (the knitted Mary, Joseph and flock of sheep) returned to St Luke’s during the Crib Service in December. By all accounts they had a superb time, meeting all sorts of people including some that have never been inside St Luke’s.

Why not read for yourselves in the diary that was kept during their travels? The diary can be found at the back of Church and will be available to read during January.