

Sunday 25th November 2018

Sunday next before Advent

8.00am: Holy Communion at St. John's

Christ the King

10.00am: 4th Sunday Service

Leader and Speaker:
Revd Bridget Jenkinson

Reading: Psalm 93 Richard Field
Revelation 1:4-8

Sidesman: Hilary Few
Sound: David Millward
Coffee: Jane and Dave Chambers
Counters: Richard Field and Hilary Few
Duty Churchwarden: Richard Field

Organist: Rita Roscoe

4.00pm: MMU Service
'Advent Reflections'

Led by Revd Gemma Fraser
and
Lucy Bubb

Christmas Giving

As the Harvest appeal for Kiriribu Street Children Project was so successful and we have raised almost the £500 that we had committed to raise, we have decided that the giving during the Community Carol Service on 16th December will also be for CRISIS.

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

A prayer for changing times

Please use this prayer as part of your personal prayers each day as we discern God's plan for us here at St Luke's.

**Lord, you are our helper, our rock,
our salvation.**

**You are with us when we face challenge
and opportunity.**

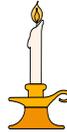
**As we enter this time of discernment,
help us to feel your presence with us
and to trust in you.**

**We know that you have plans for us;
plans to prosper and not to harm,
plans to give us hope and a future.**

**Guide us Lord,
show us the path you have set before
us,
give us wise and discerning hearts
that long for your Kingdom
here on earth. Amen**

LIVING LIGHT

The Aumbry Light for November
has been sponsored in memory
of Neil Chambers



Harvest Giving - Kiriribu

Once Gift Aid has been added, we will have raised £444 for the Kiriribu Street Children Project from our Harvest appeal, which is great news.

Saturday Coffee
24th November

On duty: Mary Marshall

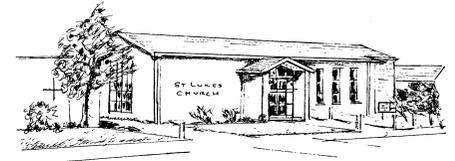


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St Luke's Weekly News

18th November 2018



Website: www.stlukemoulsham.co.uk
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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.

18th November 2018

2nd Sunday before Advent

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

Stewardship Sunday

**10.00am: Service of
Holy Communion**

President and Preacher: Revd Gemma Fraser

Crucifer: Mike Tadman

Server: Hilary Selwood

Chalice: Mike Tadman and Helen Field

Readings: Deuteronomy 14:22-29 Dave
Chambers

2 Corinthians 8:1-15 Val Bliss

Luke 21:1-4

Intercessions: Revd Gemma

Sidesmen: Sue Davies

Sound: Richard Field

Coffee: Maxine Buck and Mary Marshall

Counters: Mike Tadman and Lucy Bubb

Duty Churchwarden: Lucy Bubb

Organist: Alan Arnot

COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy
the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and
heirs of eternal life:

grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and
great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and
glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
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.

READINGS:

Deuteronomy 14:22-29

²² Set apart a tithe of all the yield of your seed that is brought in yearly from the field. ²³ In the presence of the LORD your God, in the place that he will choose as a dwelling for his name, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, your wine, and your oil, as well as the firstlings of your herd and flock, so that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always. ²⁴ But if, when the LORD your God has blessed you, the distance is so great that you are unable to transport it, because the place where the LORD your God will choose to set his name is too far away from you, ²⁵ then you may turn it into money. With the money secure in hand, go to the place that the LORD your God will choose; ²⁶ spend the money for whatever you wish—oxen, sheep, wine, strong drink, or whatever you desire. And you shall eat there in the presence of the LORD your God, you and your household rejoicing together. ²⁷ As for the Levites resident in your towns, do not neglect them, because they have no allotment or inheritance with you. ²⁸ Every third year you shall bring out the full tithe of your produce for that year, and store it within your towns; ²⁹ the Levites, because they have no allotment or inheritance with you, as well as the resident aliens, the orphans, and the widows in your towns, may come and eat their fill so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work that you undertake.

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; ² for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints—⁵ and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, ⁶ so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. ⁷ Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹ For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰ And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹ now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹² For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³ I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴ your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵ As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Luke 21:1-4

He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; ² he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³ He said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; ⁴ for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.”

PLEASE PRAY ESPECIALLY THIS WEEK



For: Brian, Joan, Bob, Margaret, June, Tammy, Kath, Emma, Basil, Greta and George;

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

This week, we remember:
Marjorie Betts (20.11.2000)
Gladys Smiles (24.11.2003)

St Luke's "Posada" 2018

This year, St Luke's will have their own travelling Holy Family again as we celebrate the Posada and we want you to join in! Starting at the children's workshop on 24th November until Christmas, our Mary and Joseph knitted figures will travel from one home to another and will be given room for the night. The figures will come back to St Luke's at the Christmas Eve Crib Service ready to celebrate with us. Along with the figures there will be a sheet of prayers to use at home and a candle to light. There will also be a book to keep a diary of Mary and Joseph's time with you – and there is a special Facebook page where you can post and keep up with Mary and Joseph's adventures.

Posada is about community and care for each other. We hope that those who are bringing the figures to another person's home will be invited in at least for a few minutes chat, perhaps to have a cup of tea. Posada helps us think about the hope and promise of Advent and Christmas and to share God's message and promise of love given to us in Jesus with others.

If you would like to host the Holy Family for a night, please sign up on the notice or check out the special Posada Facebook page; search "Moulsham Lodge and Tile Kiln Posada 2018"

THIS WEEK:

The church is open daily for prayer.

Monday 19 November

Pray for Essex Fire and Rescue

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

Tuesday 20 November

Pray for Brian Close

Wednesday 21 November

Pray for Atheists and Agnostics

9.15am: Morning Prayer at St. Luke's using Common Worship Liturgy

1.15pm: Edward Bear Club

7.30pm: PCC Meeting

Thursday 22 November

Pray for Peace in Syria and The Middle East

Friday 23 November

Pray for the Edward Bear Club

Saturday 24 November

Pray for Hornbeam Close

10.00am: Festive Fun and Saturday Coffee

Festive Fun – 24th November 10am

We're hosting our next event on Saturday 24th November as we start to prepare for Christmas, including sending our Posada on their journey – could you come along and help? Or provide some cakes or biscuits?

If so, please speak to Lucy or Richard.