

2nd December 2018

1st Sunday of Advent

8.00am: Holy Communion at St. John's

**10.00am: Service of Holy Communion**

*President and Preacher: Revd Gemma Fraser*

*Crucifer: Mike Tadman*

*Server: Hilary Selwood*

*Chalice: Hilary Selwood and Mike Tadman*

*Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16*

Jane Chambers

Thessalonians 3:9-13

Dave Chambers

Luke 21:25-36

*Intercessions: Dave Thomas*

*Sidesmen: Hilary Few and Janette Tadman*

*Sound: Janette Tadman*

*Coffee: Jane and Dave Chambers*

*Counters: Richard Field and Janette Tadman*

*Duty Churchwarden: Mike Tadman*

*Organist: Michael Davis*

### Carol Service

On Sunday 16th December we will be hosting our first Community Carol Service at 4.00pm. We are inviting individuals and groups from the communities of Moulsham Lodge and Tile Kiln to join us for an early celebration of Christmas and all that this means. This will be a short, lively and informal service with carols and other Christmas songs.

Rumours are growing that there will be mulled wine and mince pies! More details to follow - please get this in your diaries and tell your family, friends and neighbours.

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.

### 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**

### Christmas at St Luke's: #FollowTheStar

We're using the Church of England advertising campaign like we did last year (remember #GodWithUs?).

Our services in **December** are:

**2nd**, 10am Advent Sunday, Holy Communion, Revd Gemma

**9th**, 10am, Morning Worship, Richard

**16th**, 10am, Holy Communion, Revd Gemma

**16th**, 4pm, Rockin' around the Christmas

Tree Carol Service with stalls from 3pm

**23rd**, 10am, Morning Worship, Mike

**24th**, 4pm, Crib Service

**24th**, 11.30pm, Midnight Mass, Revd Gemma

**25th**, 10am, Family Communion, Archdeacon Elizabeth

**30th**, No service at St Luke's, 10am St Mary's, Widford

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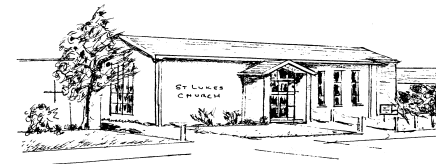
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## St Luke's Weekly News

25th November 2018



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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Stlukesmoulshamlodge](https://www.facebook.com/Stlukesmoulshamlodge)

**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 25th November 2018**

**Sunday next before Advent**

8.00am: Holy Communion at St. John's

**Christ the King**

**10.00am: 4th Sunday Service**

*Leader: Chris Fawcett*

*Speaker: Revd Bridget Jenkinson*

*Reading: Psalm 93 Richard Field*

Revelation 1:4-8

*Intercessions: Louise Whitehead*

*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 Lucy Bubb*

*Sidesman: Dawn Thomas*

*Sound & Duty Churchwarden: Mike Tadman*

*Coffee: Mary Marshall & Maxine Buck*

### COLLECT

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King;

keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; 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.

### **Please review your giving...**

We have much to be thankful for at St Luke's including our building, a rich mix of services and activities and the generosity of past and present members of the congregation.

However, Last Sunday we learnt that we face two problems...

Firstly, we are spending more than we receive on day to day expenses such as heat, insurance and our contribution to Diocesan costs. In 2018, our estimated deficit is £2,500 – this will be much higher in 2019. Despite taking other measures we urgently need to increase our regular giving.

We are also tackling a significant programme of building work. This year £41,000 has been spent on rewiring with a further £42,000 allocated to meet the cost of a ramp, fire alarm, repairs to the car park wall etc.

On behalf of the PCC can we all please consider increasing our regular giving and if possible make a one-off contribution to the building projects.

Please see Dave Chambers if you need direct debit and/or gift aid forms and Lucy or Richard if you have any queries.

### **Key messages from PCC**

PCC met on Wednesday evening and discussed the following:

- 1) agreed an increase for the Cleaner's hourly rate to be in line with the National Living Wage for 2019;
- 2) various local organisations will have stalls in the large hall before the Carol Service on 16th December. We would like to have a 'St Luke's home-made gifts' stall - can you help? Could be anything like cakes, sweets, jams, craft;
- 3) the Christmas mailings are going out, huge thank you to everyone who is helping;
- 4) the revitalisation bid has been submitted, expect to hear if successful in December, and will need to start discussing governance arrangements.

### **Advent Meditations**

We will be having Advent meditations again this year as follows:

Wednesday 5th December, 7.30pm at St Luke's

Thursday 6th December, 10.30am at St Johns - including craft activities

Monday 10th December, 7.30pm at St John's

Saturday 15th December, 11am at St Luke's - including craft activities

### **PLEASE PRAY ESPECIALLY THIS WEEK**



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

for those named on the prayer request board;

This week, we remember:  
Margaret Lant (25.11.2010)  
Daisy Swadling (01.12.1996)

### **St Luke's "Posada" 2018**

Our Posada (knitted Mary and Joseph) set off on their travels yesterday around Moulsham Lodge and Tile Kiln but it's not too late to offer them a bed for the night! If you'd like to host them please sign up on the sheet on the noticeboard or speak to Kirsty Davies.

### **Farleigh Light Up A Life Service Saturday 1st December 4.00pm**

Donations of cakes would be appreciated.  
Please speak to Hilary Selwood if you can help.

### **Church Rotas**

It's Rota time again!

If you would like to join one of the rotas for services between January and April, or are a regular rota-ite and know dates that you're not available, please let Lucy know by 9th December (either in writing in my tray or by email) - the more on our rotas, the merrier!  
Lucy Bubb

### **THIS WEEK:**

The church is open daily for prayer.

#### **Monday 26 November**

*Pray for dental surgeons and nurses*

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

#### **Tuesday 27 November**

*Pray for Skylark Walk*

#### **Wednesday 28 November**

*Pray for people of other faiths*

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

1.15pm: Edward Bear Club

#### **Thursday 29 November**

*Pray for Peace in Syria and The Middle East*

#### **Friday 30 November**

*Pray for the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows*

#### **Saturday 1 December**

*Pray for Laburnum Drive*

11.00: Saturday Coffee

### **Saturday Coffee 1st December**

*On duty: Brenda Hudson*

***Join us for coffee and fellowship***



### **LIVING LIGHT**

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

